

**MINUTES OF THE CASCADE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, March 28, 2012

7:00 P.M.

- Article 1.** Supervisor Beahan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Present: Supervisor Beahan, Treasurer Peirce, trustee Lewis, Koessel, Janes and Goldberg.
Absent: Clerk Goodyke (excused)
Also Present: Manager Cousins, Deputy Clerk Biegalle, Assistant to the Manager Korhorn and those listed on Supplement #1.
- Article 2.** Supervisor Beahan led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
- Article 3.** Motion was made by Trustee Janes and supported by Trustee Goldberg to add an additional item to the agenda; which is allocating a liquor license application subject to the condition that the applicant would need to meet all the requirements for the license. This item would be addressed under Article 8. 025-2012. Motion carried.
- Article 4. Presentations/Public Comments**
a. Public Comments (Please limit comments to 3 minutes)
Don Faass, 7374 Grachen was present to address his concerns on the timely notification/information to the public regarding the Grand Rapids Triathlon which is scheduled for June 10, 2012.
- Article 5. Approval of Consent Agenda**
a. Receive and File Various Meeting Minutes
1. Regular Board Meeting Minutes of 03/14/12.
2. Regular Planning Commission Minutes of 03/05/12.
3. Regular Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes of 12/13/2011.
b. Receive and File Communications
1. Letter from Comcast – re: Addition to channel lineups.
2. Letter from Charter – re: Government Relations contact – Marilyn Passmore.
c. Education Request
1. Deputy Treasurer Oxana Sourine – MMTA Advance Institute – May 2-4, 2012 – Mt. Pleasant, MI.
Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Trustee Goldberg to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried.
- Article 6. Financial Actions**
a. Consider Approval of February, 2012 Public Utilities. (pre-audit)
Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Janes to approve the February, 2012 Public Utilities (pre-audit). Motion carried.
b. Consider Approval of February, 2012 General/Special Funds. (pre-audit)
Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve the February, 2012 General/Special Funds (pre-audit). Motion carried.
- Article 7. Unfinished Business (None)**

Article 8. New Business

019-2012 Consider Approval of Township Board portion of Centennial Park Sidewalk Project.

Assistant to the Manager Korhorn was present to review the project with the Board. Assistant Korhorn stated the DDA Board is moving forward with the sidewalk/streetscape project in Centennial Business Park in 2012. There is a small portion (approx 200 ft.) of this project that is located outside of the DDA district. The engineer has estimated the cost at \$27,150.00. Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve the portion of Centennial Park Sidewalk Project at an estimated cost of \$27,150.00. Motion carried.

020-2012 Consider Approval of Cascade Village Christmas Decorations.

Assistant to the Manager Korhorn presented the Board with a request from the DDA regarding the purchase of additional 14 snowflakes to Cascade Road area, and also string additional lights through the wreaths. The DDA cost for the decorations would be \$5,575.00. The project will be paid for from the DDA fund balance. Motion was made by Trustee Janes and supported by Treasurer Peirce to approve the recommendation by the DDA regarding this project. Motion carried.

The DDA was also proposing that the Township Board consider the purchase of snowflakes, red bows and garland to place on the Cascade Rd. bridge. The bridge is not part of the district; therefore, the DDA cannot pick up the cost of these decorations. Discussion followed regarding the feasibility of putting the decorations on the bridge. Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Goldberg to table action on the request pending staff's ability to research and come back with a plan and let us know what the costs would be. Motion carried.

021-2012 Consider Approval of the Strategic Plan Update for March.

Manager Cousins stated that he felt staff was making good progress on each of the four items. Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Janes to accept the update. Motion carried.

022-2012 Consider Approval for the Forest Hills Business Association to use various articles requested to hold the Metro Cruise Warm-up on August 23, 2012.

Laura McDowell, 6750 Cascade Rd. was present from the Forest Hills Business Association (FHBA) to update the Board on the Metro Cruise Warm-up with a request to use the Township's stage, generator and trash receptacles for the event as they have in the past. Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve that the FHBA be permitted to use the articles requested to hold their annual event. Motion carried.

023-2012 Consider Approval of the Proposed Management Agreement for the Cascade Museum and authorize the Township Supervisor to sign it on behalf of the Township.

Manager Cousins stated he has been working with the Historical Society over the last few months in an effort to simplify the way expenses for the operation of the Museum are disbursed. Also, a second goal of the meetings were to have the Society open up the Museum to the Public at various times throughout the year. Trustee Lewis asked if Paragraph 5 addressed the responsibility of snow removal. Discussion followed.

Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve the Management Agreement for the Cascade Museum with an addition to Paragraph 5 to allocate responsibility for snow removal on the property and to authorize the Township Supervisor to sign it on behalf of the Township. Trustee Koessel questioned specific donations to the Historical Society. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

024-2012 Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing a Settlement with Noto's Old World Italian Dining Regarding Certain Water and Sewer Hookup Fees and Related Matters.

Manager Cousins reviewed the settlement with Noto's. Manager Cousins also stated that the committee would recommend to the Board that we take another look at the REU schedule and expand it. Put in a factor for use of Banquet Facilities of 1.4 REU's.

The Infrastructure Committee has recommended to the Board that the Noto's REU calculation for the addition be 1.4 REUs, resulting in a refund of \$30,352.64. The Noto's also requested that there be an additional sum paid for interest on the \$30,352.64 and also that their attorney fees be paid. The committee did not feel that the attorney fee issue was one that had a lot of merit, as both parties had to hire/pay attorneys. On the interest question, the committee did not feel they had jurisdiction/power to make a recommendation on interest. The interest piece would be brought to the Board without recommendation one way or another. Treasurer Peirce made a "quick" calculation of 2% which would be a total amount of \$35,562.95. Treasurer Peirce stated that he would support that. Discussion followed.

Motion was made by Treasurer Peirce and supported by Trustee Koessel to pay interest at the rate of 2% on the \$30,352.64 for 8 years and add that amount to the resolution which would be a total of \$35,562.95 inclusive of interest. Motion carried by roll call vote.

025-2012 Consider Approval of the Allocation of the New Class C Liquor License.

Trustee Goldberg reviewed the findings of the Infrastructure Committee regarding the allocation of the new license. The recommendation of the Committee was to award the New Class C Liquor license to Osaka Sushi and Steak House. Trustee Koessel questioned whether or not the Committee had done what the Board had asked. Trustee Koessel referred back to the previous meeting minutes regarding the specific motion made. The motion was for the Infrastructure Committee to work on a process that would be brought back to the Board for approval. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Treasurer Peirce and supported by Trustee Koessel to table the item until the next regular meeting. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Ayes – 4(Koessel, Peirce, Beahan, Janes) Nays – 2(Lewis, Goldberg)

Article 9. Public Comments on any other matters. (limit comments to 3 minutes)

Dick Jasinski, Commercial Realtor from Wisinski of West Michigan, addressed the Board's concern on why his clients were not at the meeting, regarding the allocation of the New Class C Liquor License available in Cascade Township. Joanne & Tom Noto from Noto's thanked the Infrastructure Committee/Manager Cousins for meeting with them. Also thanking the Board for finally working with them to get this situation behind them.

Jodi Ann Dempsey, Standale, MI is a student at Grand Valley State University wanted to say that she really appreciated the questioning of each other and

discussing the matters to make sure that you were educated and understanding on the topics that you were approving/agreeing on. I'm majoring in Public and non-profit administration.

Article 10. Manager's Comments

Manager Cousins offered the following comments:

- We are moving forward with the refunding of Bond. The RFP will be mailed to the local banks within the next couple days. I expect to bring you more on that at the April 11th meeting, and finalize it at the April 25th meeting. With the lower interest rates, we should be able to save about \$80,000.00 over the next five years.
- The Forest Hills Business Association is having an Electronics Recycling and Document Shredding Day on April 21st on Lake Dr. It is free to the public.

Article 11. Board Member Comments

Trustee Lewis offered the following comments:

- He has received information on a MTA Workshop – “The Top 10 Legal Speed Bumps” the Township have. Would like to attend...if anyone else would like to come along with him.
- Driving around the Township seeing how pretty it is with all the flowering trees in bloom etc...it makes me proud being the 27years you are on the Planning Commission and you have to look at people and tell them that we want to have the Township look nice . There are a lot of ex-planning commission members that stood by their votes and they insisted on it and now we can see the fruits of our labor.

Trustee Koessel offered the following comments:

- With the warm weather becomes the recognition of how many crazy pot holes we have around. I know the county is going to get around to take care of the public roads...but one of the things we have talked about...I know there is not much we can do about it, other than maybe put it in the newsletter or something – and that's the private roads and some of the parking lots/driveways.

Supervisor Beahan offered the following comments:

- April 26th is the next date for the work session for the glycol issue at the Gerald R. Ford Airport. I will be attending that along with Steve Peterson.

Article 12. Adjournment

Motion was made by Treasurer Peirce and supported by Trustee Janes to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise M. Biegalle
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Ron Goodyke, Clerk

Robert S. Beahan, Supervisor