

MINUTES
CASCADE CHARTER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, February 8, 2006
7:00 P.M.

Article 1. Supervisor Julien called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Present: Supervisor Julien, Trustee Beahan, Koessel, Currier, Parrish,
Clerk Goodyke and Treasurer Carpenter.
Absent: None
Also Present: Manager Cravens, Deputy Clerk Biegalle and those listed
on Supplement #1.

Article 2. Supervisor Julien led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Article 3. The Agenda was revised to include the following:

- Article 4c.2. – Fire Department Month End Report for January 2006.
- Article 4d.1. – Phil Monterusso/Andy Albright – Juvenile Arson Seminar.
- Article 9. 010-2006 – Consider Approval of Setting Meeting Dates for the Year 2006 Board of Review.
- Article 9. 011-2006 – Consider Approval of Resolution Amending the Policies and Guidelines to Grant Poverty Exemptions.
- Article 9. 012-2006 – Consider Approval of Resolution regarding a Liquor License for 5220 28th St., S.E.
- Article 9. 013-2006 – Consider Approval of Resolution regarding a Liquor License for 5088 28th St., S.E.

The revised agenda was approved on a motion by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Treasurer Carpenter. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 4. Approval of Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Township Board Minutes
 1. Regular Meeting Minutes of 01/25/06.
 2. Special Meeting Minutes of 01/30/06.
- b. Receive and File Communications
 1. Letter from Cascade Friends of the Library re: Naming of Main Programming Room.
 2. Resolution from Kent Intermediate School District re: Summer Property Tax Levy in 2006.
 3. Resolution from Caledonia Community Schools re: Summer Property Tax Levy in 2006.
- c. Receive and File Various Reports
 1. Treasurers Department Bank Balances December 2005.
 2. Fire Department Month End Report for January 2006.
- d. Education Requests
 1. Phil Monterusso/Andy Albright – Juvenile Arson Seminar

The consent agenda was approved on motion by Trustee Parrish and supported by Trustee Koessel. Discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 5. Financial Actions

- a. Consider Approval of Public Utilities Financial Reports for December, 2005.
Motion by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Beahan to approve the Public Utilities Financial Reports for December, 2005. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Consider Approval of General/Special Funds Financial Reports for December, 2005.
Motion by Trustee Parrish and supported by Treasurer Carpenter to approve the General/Special Funds Financial Reports for December, 2005. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Consider Approval of Bills, Transfers, and Payroll For January, 2006.
Motion by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Parrish to approve the Bills, Transfers, and Payroll for January, 2006. Trustee Koessel questioned fuel costs for the B&G Department, the Nextel bill for B&G, COBRA costs, and a Fire Department expenditure for furniture. Discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Consider Approval of a Petition of Cascade Township Treasurer to Strike Personal Property Taxes from the Rolls for the year of 2000. Treasurer Carpenter reviewed the petition. Motion by Treasurer Carpenter and supported by Trustee Beahan to authorize the Cascade Township Clerk to sign the petition to strike personal property taxes from the rolls for the year of 2000. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 6. Public Actions (None)

Article 7. Public Comments

Supervisor Julien noted there were none present.

Article 8. Unfinished Business (None)

Article 9. New Business

06-2006 Consider Rules for the Wisner Center.

Librarian Diane Cutler was present to review the proposed Rules for the Wisner Center. Discussion followed. It was asked by the Board to make a couple of changes to the proposed rules.

- Under the Section of Availability and Scheduling it was recommended to add Cascade Residents and Neighborhood/Condo Associations to the groups. It was asked that in the list of priorities that they follow Kent District Library sponsored events.
- It was also recommended that the Township Manager be added to be consulted regarding cleaning fees, etc...

Motion to approve the proposed rules with the recommended changes was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Parrish. Motion carried unanimously.

- 07-2006 Discussion and Consideration of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) monies.**
Manager Cravens reviewed the purpose of the CDBG monies. Manager Cravens stated the monies for Cascade Township have accumulated over the past few years. There is approximately \$43,000 allocated to Cascade Township. It was recommended that the monies be put into our Housing Rehabilitation Program. Supervisor Julien recommended that some additional research be done to see how the Township can get the word out regarding the Housing Rehabilitation Program. Trustee Koessel asked if the monies could be used to build a Habitat for Humanities home. Manager Cravens will look into. Motion by Trustee Koessel and supported by Clerk Goodyke to allocate the 2006 CDBG monies to our Housing Rehabilitation Program. Motion carried unanimously.
- 08-2006 Consider Adoption of 2006 Township Board Goal Statements.**
Motion by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Beahan to adopt the 2006 Township Board Goal Statements. Discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously.
- 09-2006 Consider a Per Diem for Board Members for Attending Subcommittee, Board and Commission Meetings.**
Supervisor Julien presented an alternative “per diem” pay scale based on the number of meetings of the Board, subcommittee and commission meetings. This was presented with the thought that the 2006 approved budget would not be altered. Discussion followed.
Trustee Beahan stated the Trustees should be paid when others on the Commission/Board are being paid.
Trustee Koessel made a motion supported by Trustee Currier to compensate Board Trustees that serve on the Planning Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals on a per meeting basis. Discussion followed.
Motion failed by roll call vote.
Ayes – 3 (Beahan, Koessel, Currier)
Nays – 4 (Carpenter, Julien, Goodyke, Parrish)
Supervisor Julien suggested the Personnel Subcommittee address the issue of alternate compensation and bring their recommendation back to the Board.
- 010-2006 Consider Approval of Setting Meeting Dates for the Year 2006 Board of Review.**
Motion by Trustee Parrish and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve the meeting dates for the 2006 Board of Review to be Monday, March 13th and Tuesday, March 14th. Motion carried by roll call vote.

011-2006 Consider Approval of Resolution Amending the Policies and Guidelines to Grant Poverty Exemptions.
Motion by Treasurer Carpenter and supported by Clerk Goodyke to approve the Resolution Amending the Policies and Guidelines to Grant Poverty Exemptions. Motion carried by roll call vote.

012-2006 Consider Approval of Resolution regarding a Liquor License for 5220 28th St., S.E.
Motion by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve the Resolution regarding a Liquor License for 5220 28th St., S.E. (Longhorn Steakhouse). Motion carried by roll call vote.

013-2006 Consider Approval of Resolution regarding a Liquor License for 5088 28th St., S.E.
Motion by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Beahan to approve the Resolution regarding a Liquor License for 5088 28th St., S.E. (Spring Hill). Motion carried by roll call vote.

Article 10. Manager's Comments

Manager Cravens reported on the following:

- Consideration of the cancellation of the next Board meeting, February 22, 2006.
- Wi-Fi/Broadband – spoke with Bob Homan from Plainfield Township for information.
- FDAC – need to schedule a meeting regarding one of the Boards Goals addressing Emergency Tornado Sirens.

Article 11. Board Member Comments

Trustee Beahan commented on the following:

- Grand Rapids Press article regarding Wi-Fi in Plainfield Township.

Treasurer Carpenter commented on the following:

- The Historical Society reimbursed the Township \$2,000 for the afaghans
- Winter Taxes are due February 14th.

Trustee Parrish commented on the following:

- Notified the Board she was running for a County Commission seat.

Supervisor Julien commented on the following:

- Commended Trustee Parrish on her commitment to her community.

Article 12. Adjournment

Motion by Trustee Parrish and supported by Treasurer Carpenter to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise M. Biegalle
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Ron Goodyke, Clerk

Michael R. Julien, Supervisor