

**MINUTES CASCADE CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, August 23, 2006

7:00 P.M.

**Article 1.** Supervisor Julien called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.  
Present: Supervisor Julien, Clerk Goodyke, Treasurer Carpenter, Trustees Beahan, Koessel, Parrish and Currier.  
Absent: None  
Also Present: Manager Cravens, Senior Appraiser McCarty, Deputy Clerk Biegalle, Reporters from the GR Press and Advance, and those listed on Supplement #1.

**Article 2.** Supervisor Julien led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Article 3.** The agenda was approved on a motion by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Parrish. Motion carried unanimously.

**Article 4. Approval of Consent Agenda**

- a. Approval of Township Board Minutes
  - 1. Regular Meeting Minutes of 08/09/06.
- b. Receive and File Various Meeting Minutes
  - 1. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of 7/17/06.
  - 2. Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting Minutes of 7/11/06.
- c. Receive and File Communications
  - 1. Letter from Northbrook Energy, LLC – re: Recent transaction
  - 2. Letter from Kent County Road Commission – re: “Lunch on the Grill”.
  - 3. Memo from Sandra Otey – re: Thornapple Elementary Water Main Costs.
  - 4. Letter from Life EMS Ambulance – re: Camp 911
- d. Receive and File Various Reports
  - 1. Kent County Sheriff Department/East Precinct Quarterly Report for April – June 2006.
- e. Education Requests
  - 1. Jay Cravens – re: 2006 Michigan Association of Planning Annual Conference, October 11 – 14, 2006, Detroit, MI.

The Consent Agenda was approved on a motion by Trustee Parrish and supported by Clerk Goodyke. Motion carried unanimously.

**Article 5. Financial Actions (None)**

**Article 6. Public Actions**

- a. **Public Hearing – Request for Approval of IFT District and Exemption Certificate for New Facility for Specialty Tube.**  
Motion by Trustee Parrish and supported by Clerk Goodyke to open the Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously.  
Senior Appraiser McCarty reviewed the request by Specialty Tube LLC for abatement for a new facility to be located at 3515 Raleigh Dr.

The project is for Automatic Laser Tube Cutting System equipment. The amount of the exemption request is \$410,000. Sr. Appraiser McCarty recommended that the certificate be granted for a period of 12 years.

Mr. Rick Watson a representative from Specialty Tube was present to answer any questions/concerns regarding the IFT. Discussion followed.

Motion to close the public hearing was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Beahan. Motion carried unanimously.

**Article 7. Public Comments (None)**

**Article 8. Unfinished Business (None)**

**Article 9. New Business**

**068-2006 Consider Approval of Request for Approval of IFT District and Exemption Certificate for New Facility for Specialty Tube.**  
Motion by Trustee Parrish and supported by Clerk Goodyke to approve the request for approval of an IFT District and Exemption Certificate for a New Facility for Specialty Tube for 12 years.  
Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**069-2006 Discussion of Township Board Goal of Performing a Historical Building & Farm Inventory and the Consideration of Other Historic Preservation Options.**

Manager Craven's interpretation of this goal is the Township would conduct an inventory or survey of all the historic properties or structures older than 50 years to determine their historical or architectural significance to the community and/or state. The inventorying or surveying could lead to other historic preservation efforts option if the Board wishes to continue further. Manager Cravens recommended that we identify where they are at and just have a list rather than cataloging them. Manager Cravens stated that there were approximately 147 homes to look into. It would be probably be best for an intern to do. An intern could most likely do the work in 150-200 hours. The estimate would be no more than \$2,500.00 to do.

Treasurer Carpenter added that they were trying to think how this survey would best serve the community. From time to time a resident would call the office looking for the history of the home. The thought was getting a list of homes that might qualify as being "historical", and checking with the property owner to find out some information about it. This information would then be put into a categorized file.

Trustee Beahan stated that he felt it was important to have an inventory of the older homes in the area.

Trustee Koessel questioned whether the Board had ever considered postponing a goal until a future year. Trustee Koessel felt there were some of our goals that were a little bit more critical. Trustee

Koessel asked what will we do with this information...what will be the purpose of it. Discussion followed.

Motion was made by Trustee Parrish and supported by Trustee Beahan to amend the 2006 Budget to include \$2500 for an intern/and other expenses for a historical inventory. Motion was carried unanimously.

**070-2006 Discussion of Township's Industrial Facility Tax Exemption Abatement Policy.**

Senior Appraiser McCarty addressed the concern the Board had on the length of the abatements they had been issuing. Senior Appraiser McCarty also asked if the requirement on the limits on the boundaries on the IFT district could be changed. It was the opinion of the Board that the limits on the boundaries of the IFT District could be changed.

Discussion followed regarding the length of the abatements.

Trustee Parrish recommended that a sub-committee be formed to discuss this issue at length. Supervisor Julien appointed Trustee Parrish, Koessel and Clerk Goodyke to this specific sub-committee.

**Article 10. Manager's Comments**

Manager Cravens submitted the following:

- Special Meeting on Wednesday 9/30/06 at 7:30 a.m. to deal with the bids for the sidewalk on 28<sup>th</sup> St. The last summer concert is tomorrow. The first concert to be held at the Wisner center (due to weather) went very well.
- Held the first Gun Discharge sub-committee meeting last week. A second meeting is scheduled on September 6, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

**Article 11. Board Member Comments**

Clerk Goodyke submitted the following:

- Tuesday afternoon Cascade hosted the Senior Picnic at the Wisner Center

Trustee Parrish submitted the following:

- Inquired where the meeting was going to be held on Wednesday the 30<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Currier submitted the following:

- Inquired how long the meeting would last on Wednesday the 30<sup>th</sup>. He is scheduled at the fire department that day.

Supervisor Julien submitted the following:

- Received a letter from the Board of County Commissioners that requested a recommendation for the board opening at the Kent District Library by Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Received a letter from a resident of Maraciabo Shores asking if we would consider extending the pedestrian pathway trail along Cascade Road from 36<sup>th</sup> St. to Buttrick, when that section is re-constructed next year.

- The next Board meeting on September 13<sup>th</sup> Mike will not be in attendance, as they will be traveling outside the country.

**Article 12. Adjournment**

Motion was made by Trustee Parrish and supported by Trustee Currier to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise M. Biegalle  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

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Ron Goodyke, Clerk

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Michael R. Julien, Supervisor