

**MINUTES CASCADE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, July 12, 2006

7:00 P.M.

- Article 1.** Supervisor Julien called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Present: Supervisor Julien, Treasurer Carpenter, Trustees Parrish, Currier, Beahan and Koessel.
Absent: Clerk Goodyke
Also Present: Manager Cravens, Deputy Clerk Biegalle, Planning Director Peterson, Senior Appraiser Roger McCarty, Reporter Wilson and those listed on Supplement #1,
- Article 2.** Supervisor Julien led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Article 3.** The revised agenda was approved on a motion by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Parrish.
- **Article 4d. Education Request – Roger McCarty re: 34th Annual Conference of the MI Assessors Association in Crystal Mountain on August 7th – 9, 2006.**
- Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 4. Approval of Consent Agenda**
- a. Approval of Township Board Minutes
 1. Regular Meeting Minutes of 06/28/06.
 - b. Receive and File Various Meeting Minutes
 1. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of 06/05/06.
 - c. Receive and File Communications
 1. Letter from Kodak re: Business Name Change
 - d. Education Requests
 1. Roger McCarty – re: 34th Annual Conference of the MI Assessors Association in Crystal Mountain on August 7th – 9, 2006.
- The consent agenda was approved on a motion by Treasurer Carpenter and supported by Trustee Parrish. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 5. Financial Actions**
- a. Consider Approval of Bills, Transfers and Payroll for June, 2006. Motion to approve Bills, Transfers and Payroll for June, 2006 was made by Treasurer Carpenter and supported by Trustee Parrish. Discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously.
 - b. Consider Approval of Public Utilities Financial Reports for June, 2006.
Motion to approve the Public Utilities Financial Report for June, 2006 was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Parrish. Motion carried unanimously.
 - c. Consider Approval of General/Special Funds Financial Reports for June, 2006.

Motion to approve the General/Special Funds Financial Reports for June, 2006 was made by Trustee Parrish and supported by Treasurer Carpenter. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 6. Public Actions

a. Public Hearing – Request for approval of IFT District and Exemption Certificate for new facility for Concept Industries.

Motion to open the Public Hearing was made by Trustee Parrish and supported by Trustee Beahan. Motion carried unanimously. Senior Appraiser McCarty reviewed the request for the IFT District and Exemption Certificate for Concept Industries. Concept Industries applied for an abatement for new personal property to be located at 4950 Kraft Ave. Presently Concept Industries has 112 employees and the this project 66 jobs will be created. The amount of the exemption request is \$3,010,000. Mr. Eshragh was present to answer any questions. Discussion followed.

b. Public Hearing – Request for approval of IFT District and Exemption Certificate for new facility for Allsteel Inc.

Senior Appraiser McCarty reviewed the request for the approval of an IFT District and Exemption Certificate for Allsteel Inc. Allsteel, Inc has applied for abatement for new personal property to be located at 4950 Kraft Avenue. Presently they have no employees in Cascade. IN partnership with Concept Industries, with this project 66 jobs will be created. The amount of the exemption request is \$4,000,000. Mr. Eshragh was present to answer any questions. Discussion followed.

c. Public Hearing – Request for approval of IFT District and Exemption Certificate for new facility for McCarthy Group.

Senior Appraiser McCarty reviewed the request for approval of an IFT District and Exemption Certificate for a new facility for McCarthy Group. McCarthy Group has applied for abatement for new real property to be located at 5505 52nd Street. The project is for a new building. Presently they have 25 employees in Cascade. This project will create 25 new jobs. The amount of the exemption request is \$2,800,000. Pete Colvin from Grooters Developers was present to answer any questions. Discussion followed.

d. Public Hearing – Request for approval of IFT District and Exemption Certificate for new facility for Citation Corporation.

Senior Appraiser McCarty reviewed the request for approval of the IFT District and Exemption Certificate for a new facility for Citation Corporation. Citation Corporation has applied for abatement for new personal property to be located at 3559 Kraft Avenue. The project is for Die Cast Equipment. Presently, they have 85 employees and with this project 37 jobs will be created. The amount of the exemption request is \$2,700,000. Jack Robbins the controller for Citation Corporation was present to address any questions/concern. Discussion

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

Article 7. Public Comments (None)

Article 8. Unfinished Business (None)

Article 9. New Business

056-2006 Consider Approval of IFT District and Exemption Certificate for new facility for Concept Industries.

Motion by Treasurer Carpenter and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve the IFT District and Exemption Certificate for new facility for Concept Industries for a period of 12 years. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

057-2006 Consider Approval of IFT District and Exemption Certificate for new facility for Allsteel Inc.

Supervisor Julien stated that the policy that was crafted in the 1980's (i.e., IFT Policy) may no longer be relevant 20 years later. Would like to consider granting the full 12 year abatement. Discussion followed.

Motion by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Parrish to approve the IFT District and Exemption Certificate for a new facility for Allsteel, Inc. for a period of 12 years. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

058-2006 Consider Approval of IFT District and Exemption Certificate for new facility for McCarthy Group.

Motion by Treasurer Carpenter and supported by Trustee Beahan to approve the IFT District and Exemption Certificate for new facility for McCarthy Group for a period of 12 years. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

059-2006 Consider Approval of IFT District and Exemption Certificate for new facility for Citation Corporation.

Motion by Trustee Beahan and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve the IFT District and Exemption Certificate for new facility for Citation Corporation for a period of 12 years. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

060-2006 Consider Cascade Community Foundation Request to Allow for Sponsors and Sponsor Recognition at the River Beat Concert Series.

The Community Foundation is looking to increase their charitable contribution revenue wishes to provide recognition at various donor levels. Treasurer Carpenter had a suggestion regarding the newsletter by putting it on the back of the programs that we have as an insert for the River Beat so that people would connect the two...the River Beat was being sponsored by these sponsors and

that it would be something that they would hopefully pull out and attach to their refrigerator. Treasurer Carpenter also brought up a concern regarding banners and signs. Discussion followed. Motion by Trustee Parrish and supported by Trustee Beahan to approve the sponsorship package for the Cascade Community Foundation. Motion carried unanimously.

061-2006 Consider Insecticide Treatment to Control Emerald Ash Borer for Township-Owned Ash Trees.

Motion by Trustee Beahan and supported by Trustee Currier to approve the amount of \$2,280 from Emerald Tree Service for an Insecticide Treatment to control Emerald Ash Borer for Township-Owned Ash Trees. Motion carried unanimously.

062-2006 Consider Hiring a Consultant to Undertake a Classification, Compensation and Staffing Level Study.

Motion by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Parrish to approve the Hiring of the Michigan Municipal League to conduct a Classification, Compensation and Staffing Level Study at the cost of \$17,750. Motion carried unanimously.

063-2006 Consider Request from American Cancer Society for Outdoor Gathering Permit and Overnight Event at the Cascade Recreation Park.

Planning Director Peterson reviewed the request from the American Cancer Society. They are essentially applying for the same thing they had last year. The 2006 event went off very well. There was a concern regarding the parking on both sides of the street. The request is the same, with the exception of moving the parking for their volunteers to the dead end section of Thornapple River Drive and shuttle them in. Motion by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Beahan to approve the request from the American Cancer Society for an Outdoor Gathering Permit and Overnight Event at the Cascade Recreation Park. Discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously.

064-2006 Consider Distribution of Request for Proposals for the Centennial Park Land Use and Design Plan Project.

Motion by Trustee Parrish and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve the distribution of request for proposals for the Centennial Park Land Use and Design Plan Project. Discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 10. Manager's Comments

Township Manager Cravens submitted the following:

- Meeting with the Centennial Park Property Association on July 20th regarding the Emerald Ash Borer.
- There will be no meeting regarding the Gunderson firearm issue, as they are going on vacation.

- The 4th of July Street Fair/Parade....bigger venue??

Article 11. Board Member Comments

Trustee Beahan reported on the following:

- Congratulations to Township on the July 4th Celebration
- Reminder...Concert in the Park on Thursday

Trustee Koessel reported on the following:

- Brought up the issue regarding the house on Laraway Lake (i.e. nuisance ordinance) to the Planning Commission and they did not seem to be interested in taking up the issue at this time.
- Personnel Committee...will Ron be able to serve. Supervisor Julien requested Manager Cravens to review/report on the committees Ron is presently serving on and bring to next meeting.

Treasurer Carpenter reported on the following:

- Tax bills have been mailed...Great response on E-Z pay sign up

Trustee Parrish reported on the following:

- 4th of July was Fabulous!!

Article 12. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise M. Biegalle
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Ron Goodyke, Clerk

Michael R. Julien, Supervisor