

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

Wednesday, January, 25, 2012  
7:00 P.M.

- Article 1.** Supervisor Beahan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.  
Present: Supervisor Beahan, Trustees Janes, Goldberg, Lewis, Koessel, Clerk Goodyke and Treasurer Peirce.  
Absent: None  
Also Present: Manager Cousins 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 approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 4. Presentations/Public Comments**  
**a. Public Comments (Please limit comments to 3 minutes)**  
No public comments received.
- Article 5. Approval of Consent Agenda**  
**a.** Receive and File Various Meeting Minutes  
1. Regular Board Meeting Minutes of 12/12/11 and 01/11/12.  
**b.** Receive and File Communications  
1. Public Hearing Notice from the State of Michigan – re: Consumers Energy Company – Case No. U-16924 & U-16938.  
**c.** Receive and File Various Reports  
1. Building Department Monthly Report for December, 2011.  
2. Planning Department 2011 Annual Report.  
Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 6. Financial Actions**  
**a. Consider Approval of December, 2011 General/Special Funds. (pre-audit)**  
Motion was made by Trustee Janes and supported by Clerk Goodyke to approve the December, 2011 General/Special Funds (pre-audit). Motion carried unanimously.  
**b. Consider Approval of December, 2011 Public Utilities Fund. (pre-audit)**  
Motion was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Goldberg to approve the December, 2011 Public Utilities Fund (pre-audit). Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 7. Unfinished Business**  
**100-2011 Consider Reduction of Unfunded MERS Liability.**  
Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Goldberg to not fund the unfunded MERS liability at this time. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 8. New Business**  
**007-2012 Consider Finance Committee Recommendation to Continue Allocation from General Fund to Fire Fund.**  
Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Treasurer Peirce to continue to fund the Fire Fund in accordance to the 2004 Resolution. Motion carried unanimously.  
**008-2012 Consider Approval of the Strategic Plan Update for January.**  
Manager Cousins reviewed the updates to the Objectives stated in the Strategic Plan. Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Trustee Janes to accept the Strategic Plan Update for January. Motion carried unanimously.

**009-2012**      **Consider Approval of Resolution to Support KCRC Request for Transportation Economic Development Fund (TEDF) funding for Kraft Ave. Between 52<sup>nd</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> St.**  
Manager Cousins reviewed the Resolution with the Board. Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Clerk Goodyke to approve the Resolution to Support KCRC Request for Transportation Economic Development Fund (TEDF) funding for Kraft Ave. between 52<sup>nd</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> St. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**010-2012**      **Consider Approval of Resolution to Petition the Kent County Drain Commission to Abandon a Portion of the Patterson Drain. (roll call)**  
Manager Cousins reviewed the recommendation of the Township Engineer and the Kent County Drain Commission. Motion was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Janes to approve the Resolution to Petition the Kent County Drain Commission to Abandon a Portion of the Patterson Drain. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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

**Article 10.      Manager's Comments**

Manager Cousins offered the following comments:

- Attended a Right Place meeting this morning...gave the 2011 Annual Report.
- A plaque has been installed outside of the Wind and Solar Generator at the Library to acknowledge the entities that donated funds/in kind contributions to make that project happen.
- State of Michigan 175<sup>th</sup> birthday is tomorrow.

**Article 11.      Board Member Comments**

Trustee Janes offered the following comments:

- There is a new executive director officially at Metro Council...John Weiss.

**Article 12.      Adjournment**

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise M. Biegalle  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Ron Goodyke, Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Robert S. Beahan, Supervisor