

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

Thursday, September 23, 2009
7:00 P.M.

- Article 1.** Supervisor Beahan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Present: Supervisor Beahan, Trustee Lewis, Koessel, Fox, Treasurer Dood and Clerk Goodyke.
Absent: Trustee Goldberg
Also Present: Manager Cousins and those listed on Supplement #1.
- Article 2.** Supervisor Beahan introduced Dan Luckenbaugh from Troop 311 who led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Article 3.** Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Clerk Goodyke to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.
- Article 4.** **Approval of Consent Agenda**
- a. Receive and File Various Meeting Minutes
 - 1. Regular Township Board Meeting Minutes of 09/10/09 .
 - 2. Regular Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of 08/17/09.
 - b. Receive and File Various Reports (None)
 - 1. Building Department Monthly Reports for July, August, 2009.
 - 2. Fire Department Monthly Report for August, 2009.
 - 3. Treasurers Department Monthly Tax Accounts Report for June, 2009.
 - c. Education Requests
 - 1. Larry Moore – Vehicle Fire Investigation School – Michigan State Police – October 5 – 9 – Tustin, Michigan.
- Motion was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Fox to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried.
- Article 5.** **Financial Actions**
- a. Consider Approval of General/Special Funds for August, 2009.
Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve the General /Special Funds for August, 2009. Motion carried.
 - b. Consider Approval of Public Utility Funds for August, 2009.
Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve the Public Utility Funds for August, 2009. Motion carried.
 - c. Consider Approval of Payables, Payroll, and Transfers for August, 2009.
Motion was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve the Payables, Payroll, and Transfers for August, 2009. Motion carried.
- Article 6.** **Public Actions (None)**
- Article 7.** **Public Comments**
Joanne King, 6820 Burton St., questioned the use of “defoliating spray” around the telephone poles on 28th St. Ms. King was under the impression that 15 years ago it had been decided in Kent County that we wouldn’t do that anymore.
- Article 8.** **Unfinished Business (None)**
- Article 9.** **New Business**
065-2009 Consider Approval of Pay-Off of the Forest Shores Bond.
Manager Cousins reviewed the request. Motion was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Treasurer Dood to Pay-Off the Forest Shores Bond. Motion carried.

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Consider Approval of Gypsy Moth Spray Program for 2010.

Manager Cousins reviewed the contract from Aquatic Consulting Services, LLC. Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Trustee Fox to approve the contract from Aquatic Consulting Services, LLC in the amount of \$8,500 for the 2010 Spraying Program. Motion carried.

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Personnel Manual Update

Manager Cousins stated there were (2) copies of the Manual in the Agenda Packet: (1) draft copy of everything that has been added/removed (1) copy of "ready for adoption". A few sections have had some substantive changes. Manager Cousins reviewed those sections with the Board. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Trustee Fox to approve the Personnel Manual Update as presented. Motion carried.

Article 10.

Manager's Comments

Manager Cousins offered the following comments:

- Congratulate the Board...they have won another court case today. The State of Michigan Court of Appeals called and stated that we won our appeal on the Velting Case. They do have the option of appealing to the Michigan Supreme Court.
- Administration/Staff have been working on the 2010 Budget. Expect to have a rough draft or first draft for the Finance Committee next Monday.
- Grand Valley Metro Council is working on a Transit needs assessment for the entire region.
- Tomorrow, Steve Peterson and I will attend a long-range road planning meeting for the County.
- The Historical Society is working on coming up with a computerized method for keeping track of all their records, storage items and photographs. I expect a request for some computer hardware and software for 2010.

Article 11.

Board Member Comments

Clerk Goodyke offered the following comments:

- Just thinking of the Historical Society...since that Museum is dedicated solely to them, should the maintenance and the cost of maintain that building somehow or another be reflected in what we contribute to the Historical Society.

Trustee Koessel offered the following comments:

- Kudos to the Road Commission on Thornapple River Drive.
- A quick update...the Finance Committee in addition to doing budget adjustments, we have also been looking at the possibility of an investment manager, which we have talked about in the past. We had a meeting with one potential investment manager a couple weeks ago. We met this morning and talked about a second possibility and then we received a couple of other options. It is a kind of unique type of function that everybody does. We have a couple of more to pursue. We would like to have 2-3 to choose from. Does the Board want an opportunity to speak with the committee's final candidates, or is it something that the Board would feel comfortable having the committee to make a recommendation.

Treasurer Dood offered the following comments:

- On the personal front my life is changing a little bit...I am now employed by Bethany Christian Services as the Finance Director. This does impact on my ability to continue on the Board. I have brought a letter of Resignation. I am feeling that the best thing for the Township is this evening be my final meeting with the Township, with my resignation effective tomorrow. I have talked with Ron and I believe my requirement is to provide the resignation is writing and that the Board needs to accept the resignation...you can either do that as part of this meeting or put it on an agenda meeting for a future meeting. Have enjoyed serving with you and thank you for really wonderful 18 months. I had a great opportunity to learn a lot of wonderful things.

Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Trustee Fox to regrettably accept the resignation of Treasurer Dood effective Thursday, September 24, 2009. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

Supervisor Beahan offered the following comments:

- An event coming up on Friday...the Nature Conservancy is planning a walk at 9:30 at the Bolt Grand River Property that we acquired. They opened it up to this invitation to a tour of a number their properties that they acquired. They will have two representatives from the Nature Conservancy there at 9:30 this coming Friday. They will go from 9:30 -11:30 for a walk on the property.

Manager Cousins offered additional comments:

- We will miss Treasurer Dood...but congratulations. Procedurally, I am wondering if so we have it in the minutes, in case there are any issues with our banks or otherwise within these 45 days if the Board shouldn't pass a motion to allow the Deputy Treasurer to handle all items that now relate to the Treasurer or the Manager and the Deputy Treasurer in case there are CD's that come due or anything...that we make sure if we need to we can show them the minutes of the meeting, so that we wouldn't have any "hang-ups" in this transition period. Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Lewis to appoint Oxana Sourine as authorized on behalf of the Township to accept/make decisions until our new Treasurer can be found to act on any of our investments that might come due prior to the Treasurer's replacement. Motion carried.

Article 12. Adjournment

Motion was made by Trustee Fox and supported by Clerk Goodyke to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise M. Biegalle
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Ron Goodyke, Clerk

Robert Beahan, Supervisor