

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

Wednesday, April 25, 2012

7:00 P.M.

- Article 1.** Supervisor Beahan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Present: Supervisor Beahan , Treasurer Peirce, Clerk Goodyke, Trustees Lewis, Goldberg, Koessel and Janes.
Absent: None
Also Present: Manager Cousins, Director Peterson, B&G Director Waugh, Attorney Dick Wendt and those listed on Supplement #1.
- Article 2.** Supervisor Beahan led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
- Article 3.** Motion was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Janes to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 4. Presentations/Public Comments**
a. Public Comments (Please limit comments to 3 minutes)
Deputy Ryan Roe with Community Policing was present to update the Board on what has been going on in the Township.
- Article 5. Approval of Consent Agenda**
a. Receive and File Various Meeting Minutes
1. Regular Board Meeting Minutes of 04/11/12.
2. Regular Parks Committee Minutes of 02/21/12.
3. Regular Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes of 03/13/12.
4. Regular Planning Commission Minutes of 03/19/12.
b. Receive and File Communications
1. Letter from Kent County Board of County Commissioners.– re: KDL Appointment process.
c. Receive and File Various Reports
1. Building Department Monthly Report for March, 2012.
2. Fire Department Monthly Report for March, 2012.
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 (None)**
- Article 7. Unfinished Business (None)**
- Article 8. New Business**
033-2012
a. Public Hearing – Request for approval of Rezone Property into the Meadowbrooke PUD/Amend Meadowbrooke Master Plan for Phase II.
Planning Director Peterson reviewed the request to rezone the property at 5801 Kraft Ave. from ARC to PUD #50 – Meadowbrooke. It would also amend the master plan for phase II of Meadowbrooke.
Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Trustee Koessel to open the Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Goldberg to close the

public hearing and re-convene into regular session.
Motion carried unanimously.

- b. Consider Ordinance for Approval to Rezone Property into the Meadowbrooke PUD/Amend Meadowbrooke Master Plan for Phase II. (roll call)**
Motion was made by Trustee Janes and supported by Clerk Goodyke to approve to Rezone Property into the Meadowbrooke PUD/Amend Meadowbrooke Master Plan for Phase II. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

034-2012 Consider Approval of Work Order for Hall St. and Sidewalk Improvements.

Planning Director Peterson reviewed the project. Planning Director Peterson's recommendation is that the Board approve \$210,110 for the entire project, with \$82,500 as the work order for the road portion and that staff works out the details with Ada on the sidewalk contract with the remaining \$118,610.00. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Goldberg to move forward with the work order for Hall St. sidewalk and street improvements. Motion carried unanimously.

035-2012 Consider Approval of Refunding of Capital Improvement Bond Issued 9/26/2002.

Trustee Koessel asked to be excused from this discussion just to relieve any conflict that might be perceived. Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Janes to excuse Trustee Koessel per his request. Motion carried unanimously. Manager Cousins reviewed the proposal received from Chemical Bank. Manager Cousins stated that it would save the Township about \$65,000.00 in interest. Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Treasurer Peirce to approve the Resolution of Refunding of Capital Improvement Bond Issued 9/26/2002. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Trustee Koessel re-entered the meeting.

036-2012 Consider Approval of Gathering Permit for Metro Cruise Warm-up for August 23, 2012.

Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Clerk Goodyke to approve the Gathering Permit for Metro Cruise Warm-up for August 23, 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

037-2012 Consider Approval of the Strategic Plan Update for April.

Manager Cousins stated that he felt staff was making good progress on each of the four items. Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Goldberg to accept the update. Motion carried unanimously.

038-2012 Consider Approval of Strategic Plan – Goal Area #3 – Rec. Park Master Plan Proposal.

B&G Director Waugh presented the proposal from Pat Cornelisse regarding the development of an updated Rec. Park

Master Plan. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Janes to approve the proposal from Pat Cornelisse not to exceed \$2,900.00. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Article 10. Manager's Comments

Manager Cousins offered the following comments:

- We have been looking at purchasing (2) new lawn mowers to replace the older Danes. These are the ones that you stand on to mow. Both of these mowers were part of the CIP for 2012. We are going to move forward to purchase (2) Toro mowers at a cost of \$12,953.76. We are well below of our budgeted amount.
- The MTA has put out a "Tout the Township Day" on June 6th in Lansing. This is an opportunity to meet with our Legislatures in a pre-arranged format of meetings.
- Had a meeting today with the Next Michigan Development Corporation. Seven communities are now in the Corporation. The next step is to have the application forwarded to the Governor. It will probably take about (2) months before we finally hear of approval. We are the only applicant "out there" so we do expect this to be moving forward. The next step for the Township is the signing of the application. I will come back to the Board with a recommendation for a representative and an alternate to serve on the Board of Directors for that Corporation...probably starting in early July.

Article 11. Board Member Comments

Trustee Koessel offered the following comments:

- The Finance Committee met last Friday morning. The Board will be pleasantly happy with the results of our audit this year. All and all it was "nice and clean".

Trustee Lewis offered the following comments:

- Had the opportunity last week to go up to Big Rapids and represent the Township at a function that was put on by the MTA. It was 10 Items regarding the legalities of being in a Township. One of the items was the issue of dealing with the marijuana situation. I was quite interested in seeing what the changes have been made since we took our stand on it. The program was presented by an attorney, and therefore; most of the program consisted of the legal process that is going thru in the courts. The conclusion was that they felt the major one is going to be the determination of State's rights vs. the Fed's. The bottom line is, of the (4) options that were presented on this area, we are in the right place.

Treasurer Peirce offered the following comments:

- I will be leaving after this meeting to head back to Mt. Pleasant to continue my week long meetings with the Michigan Municipal Treasurer's Institute.

Trustee Janes offered the following comments:

- Question – The area on Laraway Lake that the path is not in a desirable location removed from the road...it is basically that right shoulder of the road, where Laraway and Cascade Rd. sort of come together. There is probably a quarter mile section. Is there any way that we can have painted on that pavement...No Parking? Manager Cousins will check into this item.

Supervisor Beahan offered the following comments:

- We did have a DDA/MDOT meeting last night talking about the possibility of improving the roads across from COSTCO. This was to get feedback and see what interest there was from the property owners.
- Tomorrow at 10:00 there will be a meeting/workshop at the Airport regarding the de-icing issue.
- Bill had mentioned that he was planning on having some of the Fire Dept. helping out B&G...I noticed that B&G has a few "extra" hands occasionally spreading bark by one/two of the daytime firefighters.

Article 12. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:47.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise M. Biegalle
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Ron Goodyke, Clerk

Robert S. Beahan, Supervisor