

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

Wednesday, November 16, 2016

7:00 P.M.

- Article 1.** Supervisor Beahan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Present: Supervisor Beahan, Clerk Bell, Treasurer Peirce, Trustee Lewis,
Koessel and McDonald
Absent: Trustee Goldberg
Also Present: Manager Swayze, DDA/ED Director Korhorn and those listed in
Supplement #1.
- Article 2.** Supervisor Beahan led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
- Article 3.** Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Trustee McDonald to
approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried.
- Article 4. Presentations/Public Comments (limit comments to 3 minutes)**
- Article 5. Approval of Consent Agenda**
- a. Receive and File Reports
 - 1. Building Department Monthly Report for October 2016.
 - 2. Fire Department Monthly Report for October, 2016
 - 3. Rapid 28th St. – FY 2016 3rd Quarter Ridership Data
 - 4. Kent County Sheriff East Precinct 3rd Quarterly Report
 - b. Receive and File Various Meeting Minutes
 - 1. Regular Township Board Minutes for 10/26 and 11/02/16.
 - c. Receive and File Communications
 - 1. Letter from Comcast – re: Channel Lineup.
 - 2. Letter from Comcast – re: New billing vendor.
 - 3. Letter from Charter – re: Channel Lineup.
 - 4. Letter from Kent County Board of Commissioners – re: Humane Pet
Acquisition Ordinance.
- Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve
the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried.
- Article 6. Financial Actions**
- a. **Consider Approval of October, 2016 Payables, Payroll and
Transfers.**
Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Trustee Koessel to
approve the October 2016, Payables, Payroll and Transfers. Motion
carried.
 - b. **Consider Approval of Pay No. 3 for Cascade Road and Burton St.
PRV Reconstruction.**
Motion was made by Trustee McDonald and supported by Trustee Lewis
to approve Pay No. 3 for Cascade Road and Burton St. PRV
reconstruction. Motion carried.
- Article 7. Unfinished Business**

Article 8. New Business

- 086-2016 Consider Approval of Cascade Dam Lease Agreement.**
Ryan Cook from Clear Energy Brokerage and Consulting was present to provide a presentation and some insight to the Board. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee McDonald to approve the Cascade Dam Lease Agreement contingent upon approval of the lease amendment language by the Township Attorney. Motion carried.
- 087-2016 Consider Approval of an Agreement to Join the West Michigan Health Insurance Pool.**
Manager Swayze reviewed the Agreement with the Board. Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee McDonald to approve the Resolution authorizing Public Entity Member ship in the Est Michigan Health Insurance Pool “WMHIP” for a minimum three year period and designate Township Manager Ben Swayze as the Trustee and HR Director Denise Biegalle as the Alternate Trustee representing Cascade Township. Motion carried by roll call vote.
- 088-2016 Consider Approval of Special Assessment Roll for 2016.**
Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee McDonald to approve the Resolution for the Special Assessment Roll for 2016. Motion carried by roll call vote.
- 089-2016 Consider Approval of Resolutions for VAI Purple Community Run to close public streets for 5K run/Walk on April 29, 2017.**
Motion was made by Treasurer Peirce and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve the Resolution for VAI Purple Community Run to close public streets for 5K run/walk on April 29, 2017. Discussion followed. Motion carried by roll call vote.
- 090-2016 Consider Approval of 2017 Poverty Exemption Guidelines.**
Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve the Resolution for 2017 Poverty Exemption Guidelines. Motion carried by roll call vote.

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

Article 10. Manager Comments

Manager Swayze offered the following comments:

- Swearing in of all new Trustees at the Dec. 14th Board meeting. We will be doing a joint swearing-in ceremony before the meeting starts.
- Have ordered the MERS study done for our Defined Benefit Plan.
- I have been appointed to the Board of Directors for the Right Place.
- Getting ready to release a Press Release, we have been honored again by the University of Michigan’s E-Cities program as a 5-star community. We are recognized for our work to foster entrepreneurial growth and economic development.

Article 11. Board Member Comments

Trustee Koessel offered the following comments:

- Wishing all a Happy Thanksgiving.

Trustee Lewis offered the following comments:

- Happy to again serve the Township for the next 4 years.
- Would like to have a group picture of the Board after the swearing in.

Clerk Bell offered the following comments:

- Thanks for a good 8 mos.

Supervisor Beahan offered the following comments:

- Congratulations to Ben on his appointment to the Right Place.
- Thank Clem for the last 8 mos.

Article 12. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise M. Biegalle
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Clem Bell, Clerk

Robert S. Beahan, Supervisor