

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

Wednesday, January 28, 2009
7:00 P.M.

Article 1. Supervisor Beahan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Present: Supervisor Beahan, Trustees Lewis, Koessel, Fox, Goldberg, Clerk Goodyke and Treasurer Dood.
Absent: None
Also Present: Manager Cousins, Firefighter Korhorn, Grand Rapids Press Reporter Wilson and those listed on Supplement #1.

Article 2. Supervisor Beahan led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Article 3. The Agenda was revised to include the following:

- **Article 5d** – Consider Approval of the Purchase of a Snow Blower for the B&G Tool Cat.

Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Treasurer Dood to approve the revised agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 4. Approval of Consent Agenda

- a. Receive and File Various Meeting Minutes
 1. Regular Board Meeting Minutes of 11/19/08, 12/10/08 and 01/14/09.
 2. Special Board Meeting Minutes of 11/19/08.
 3. Regular Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of 12/15/08 and 01/05/09.
 4. Building Authority Meeting Minutes of 12/15/08, 01/06/09 and 01/13/09.
 5. Kent County Road Commission Meeting Minutes of 12/09/2008.
- b. Receive and File Communications
 1. Letter from the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Kent – re: Budget for Winter Maintenance.
- c. Receive and File Various Reports
 1. Treasurer’s Department Bank Balances November, 2008 and Office Report November 2008.
 2. Fire Department Month End Report for December 2008.

Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Fox to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 5. Financial Actions

- a. Consider Approval of Public Utilities Funds for December 2008.
Motion was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve the Public Utilities Funds for December 2008. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Consider Approval of General/Special Funds for December 2008.
Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Clerk Goodyke to approve the General/Special Funds for December, 2008. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Consider Approval of Pay Application for 28th St. Landscaping to Twin Lakes Nursery, Inc.
Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Trustee Koessel to Approve the Pay Application for 28th St. Landscaping to Twin Lakes Nursery, Inc. in the amount of \$4,011.93. Motion carried unanimously.

- d. Consider Approval of the Purchase of a Snow Blower for the B&G Tool Cat.
Manager Cousins reviewed the request from the B&G Department. Manager Cousins stated the cost for the snow blower attachment was \$3,781.00 and the hydraulic motor package (required) will cost \$936.00. Motion was made by Trustee Fox and supported by Trustee Goldberg to approve the purchase of a Snow Blower in the amount of \$4,717.00. Clerk Goodyke expressed his concerns on the need for the attachment. Discussion followed. Trustee Fox withdrew her motion with Trustee Goldberg withdrawing his support. Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Fox to have B&G and Manager Cousins to explore options for the purchase of a used piece of equipment of this nature, and if a used one is available that seems like a reasonable deal to buy that. If a used one can't be found (within a couple of weeks) authorize the purchase of a new one. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 6. Public Actions (None)

Article 7. Public Comments

County Commissioner Sandi Parrish was present to give the Board an update on what is going on at the County Level.

Article 8. Unfinished Business (None)

Article 9. New Business

008-2009 Consider Resolution to Approve the Kent County Solid Waste Management Plan Amendment.

Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Clerk Goodyke to approve the Kent County Solid Waste Management Plan Amendment. Motion carried unanimously.

009-2009 Consider Approval of Fourth of July Street Fair Contract for Rides and Amusements.

Firefighter Korhorn was present to address any questions from the Board. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve the Fourth of July Street Fair Contract for Rides and Amusements with Funny Business Agency in the amount of \$47,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 10. Manager's Comments

Manager Cousins offered the following comments:

- Have been working on stimulus package to see what we can garner for Cascade Township. As you know, I sent a long letter to our Congress people in Lansing and also at the State level. I am in the final process of submitting a more formalized application that the Governor wants from all communities in Michigan. This should be finished by Thursday morning. Also working with the MTA on the same thing.
- Have spoke with the Road Commission regarding some of the items on our list. Because the road projects have to go thru the Road Commission or MDOT.
- Also looking into the possibility of an Energy Grant.
- Finishing up on the Administrative Review/Update of the Personnel Manual. Will get that to the Personnel Committee for review and hopefully bring it to the Board for adoption.

Article 11. Board Member Comments

Trustee Lewis offered the following comments:

- Looking at putting something in our newsletter regarding the assessments (i.e., article in the Grand Rapids Press on Sunday, January 25, 2009) and how they are figured relative to Proposal A.
- At a request from the Library, looking at the possible purchase of a portable defibrillator for the cost of \$1,400.00.

Trustee Koessel offered the following comments:

- Asked Bill about the house on Laraway Lake and Cascade Rd. We had talked about the ability to park vehicles. I thought the vehicles that were parked and not used needed to be back behind the front of the house. Other than out in the side yard. I can understand if there are vehicles that come and go during the day you can park them. There is one vehicle now that is covered with snow that has been there for I don't know how long and it is just barely off Laraway Lake Dr. They are not using the car and I thought those vehicles need to be stored back beyond the front of the house like the boat and the other "trash" is that they have. Is that not true?

Manager Cousins stated it wasn't true...

Trustee Koessel thought it was time we have to take a look about We might have to take a look at things in our ordinance because ...if we allow that to happen it is going to continue elsewhere. It is quite unsightly... as you know.

Vehicles that aren't going to be driven (if they are going to be parked) they have to be parked someplace rather than the front yard/side yard that is right next to the street. Whether it has a license on it or not...if it is just going to sit there for the whole winter then they ought to move it someplace where it is not right by the street.

Discussion pursued at length...Trustee Goldberg suggested that it ought to come up in an orderly process to our Planning Commission where somebody has looked at it...figure out a way to address the problem and then brought a recommendation to us and then we will figure out if we like what they recommend to us.

Trustee Goldberg offered the following comments:

- Look forward to our Goal Setting Meeting ... all of us are working hard at that and will come up with some pretty good goals. Part of the nice things about turn over on a board, and new faces is you get different ideas and different perspectives.

Supervisor Beahan offered the following comments:

- About three weeks ago, I had called an ambulance service for my mom...and who showed up first was the Cascade Fire Department. It was Stephen Korhorn and Andrew Marsman. I would like to thank you guys for your professional work that you did there and ease of putting everybody to calm. I was very impressed and so was my mother.

Article 12. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise M. Biegalle
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Ron Goodyke, Clerk

Robert Beahan, Supervisor