

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

Wednesday, November 4, 2009
7:00 P.M.

- Article 1.** Supervisor Beahan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Present: Supervisor Beahan, Trustees Fox, Goldberg, Lewis, Koessel and Clerk Goodyke.
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 Lewis and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 4.** **Approval of Consent Agenda**
a. Receive and File Various Meeting Minutes
1. Special Township Board Meeting Minutes of 10/21/09.
2. Regular Township Board Meeting Minutes of 10/28/09.
b. Receive and File Various Reports
1. Treasurer's Department Report – re: August, 2009.
Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Fox to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 5.** **Financial Actions (None)**
- Article 6.** **Public Actions (None)**
- Article 7.** **Public Comments**
Richard Gottlieb, 7100 Hidden Ridge Dr., addressed issues that were raised at the last Board Meeting held on October 28, 2009, regarding Burton St. Park.
- Article 8.** **Unfinished Business (None)**
- Article 9.** **New Business**
073-2009 Consider Legal Fees regarding Velting Sand Mining Case.
Manager Cousins stated that the Velting case was affirmed in our favor last month. The Court of Appeals issued costs to the plaintiff in our favor in the amount of \$383.30. Our attorney for the case does not believe it is worthwhile to collect this amount as the legal fees most likely would exceed the amount collected. Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Fox not to pursue the fee of \$383.30. Motion carried unanimously.

074-2009 Consider Approval of Agreement with Arcadis U.S. regarding Monitoring Wells at the Thornapple River Drive/Cascade Road Pocket Park.

Manager Cousins reviewed the agreement with the Board. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Trustee Fox and supported by Trustee Goldberg to Approve the Agreement with Arcadis U.S. regarding Monitoring Wells at the Thornapple River Drive/Cascade Road Pocket Park. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 10. Interim Township Treasurer Candidate #1 Interview.

Interview of Julie Bohrmann conducted by the Board for the Interim Treasurer's position.

Article 11. Interim Township Treasurer Candidate #2 Interview.

Interview of Ken Peirce conducted by the Board for the Interim Treasurer's position.

**Article 9 (con't). 075-2009 New Business (con't)
Selection of a New Interim Treasurer.**

Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Koessel to offer the position of Interim Treasurer to Ken Peirce. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 12. Manger Comments

Manager Cousins offered the following comments:

- Have been working with the STS HydroPower and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission regarding our Dam. There is a difference of opinion on safety at the Dam. FERC is quite concerned about Dam's all over the USA that are involved with Hyrdro Power because of some failures, primarily in Indiana and Illinois. Those two are working out their issues, but as the owner of the Dam, obviously Cascade Township needs to be overseeing what is going on. I am getting more involved with that process. There may be a meeting that would be requiring my attendance between the first of December and the 15th in Chicago.

Article 13. Board Member Comments

Trustee Koessel offered the following comments:

- Inquired about the status of the house on Laraway Lake. The side yard is now "dumped with junk". Is the property being foreclosed?

Trustee Lewis offered the following comments:

- Inquired if we were going to have another budget meeting. The consensus has been that we didn't need one. Discussion followed regarding the contribution that the Township would or would not make to the Employees Health Insurance Deductible for 2010 or beyond.

Clerk Goodyke offered the following comments:

- Have been working on Hall St. Improvement Project. There will be a meeting with the neighbors on Hall St., coming up in December to discuss the Improvements to the road and the possible sidewalk/pedestrian path.

Supervisor Beahan offered the following comments:

- Bill and Rob went to a dinner last night with the Kent County Road Commission where they presented their new budget for 2010. They also gave some indication there may be some grant money available for a right turn lane on Cascade Rd. and Hall St. Their Board approved us to keep looking at the round-about at Cascade and 28th St. They seem very excited about the potential of this happening.
- There is also a meeting with the Supervisors and Managers this Friday at Cannon Township talking about Collaborative Efforts within various Townships.

Article 14.

Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise M. Biegalle
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Ron Goodyke, Clerk

Robert Beahan, Supervisor