

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

Wednesday, May 10, 2017

7:00 P.M.

- Article 1.** Supervisor Beahan called the meeting to order.
Present: Supervisor Beahan, Treasurer Peirce, Clerk Slater, Trustee Koessel, Shipley, and McDonald.
Absent: Trustee Lewis
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 Koessel and supported by Trustee McDonald to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried.
- Article 4.** **Presentations/Public Comments (limit comments to 3 minutes)**
Scot VanSolkema, 2570 Orange Ct., addressed the Board regarding the speed signs and requested on future agenda items to please list business names and addresses.
Nick Katsarelas, 2985 Burrwick Dr., also addressed the issue with the business names/addresses listed on the agenda.
- Article 5.** **Approval of Consent Agenda**
- a. Receive and File Various Meeting Minutes
 - 1. Regular/Township Board Minutes for 4/26/17.
 - b. Receive and File Reports
 - 1. Building Department Monthly Report for April, 2017.
 - 2. Kent County Sheriff Office – East Precinct 2017 Quarterly Report.
 - c. Education Request
 - 1. Roger McCarty/Jennifer Genter – Michigan Assessor Association Conference – July 30 – August 2, 2017 – Kalamazoo, MI.
 - d. Receive and File Communications
 - 1. State of Michigan – Public Service Commission – Case No U-17771.
 - 2. Charter Communications – Channel Lineup
- Motion was made by Treasurer Peirce and supported by Trustee Shipley to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried.
- Article 6.** **Financial Actions**
- a. **Consider Pay Draw #2 for the Thornapple River Dr. Utility Extension Project.**
Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Shipley to approve the Pay Draw #2 for the Thornapple River Dr. Utility Extension Project in the amount of \$203,264.14. Motion carried.
- Article 7.** **Unfinished Business**
- Article 8.** **New Business**
- 022-2017 Consider Approval of a Resolution of Support for Redevelopment Liquor License.**
DDA/ED Director Korhorn reviewed the request from Mr. Scott Minke, X-Golf at 5761 28th St. This business is a virtual golf

and entertainment venue. This is simply support of the liquor license. Discussion followed. Jason Perras on behalf of X-Golf was present to address questions from the Board. Motion was made by Clerk Slater and supported by Trustee McDonald to approve the Resolution of support for a Redevelopment License for X-Golf, 5761 28th St. Motion carried by roll call vote.

023-2017

Discussion/Consideration of Redevelopment Ready Communities (RRC) Program.

DDA/ED Director Korhorn introduced Ryan Kilpatrick for the MEDC CATeam. Mr. Kilpatrick presented the certification process to the Board. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Trustee McDonald and supported by Trustee Shipley to have staff begin going through the best practices and submit for certification for the Redevelopment Ready Communities Program. Motion carried.

024-2017

Consider Approval of Township Hall/Station #1/Station #2/ Rehabilitation – Preliminary Engineering and Integrated Services Agreement.

Manager Swayze reviewed the history of the rehabilitation projects. Representatives from Fishbeck were present to give an overview of their recommendations. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Clerk Slater to table. Motion carried.

025-2017

Consider Approval of 2017 Local Road Improvements.

Manager Swayze reviewed the potential roads for improvement within the Township. Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Shipley to approve the FY 2017 Cascade Township local road program in the amount of \$300,500. Motion carried.

026-2017

Consider Approval of Speed Limit Digital Display Signs.

Manager Swayze reviewed the quotes with the Board. Motion was made by Treasurer Peirce and supported by Trustee Shipley to purchase (2) Elan City Evolis Radar Speed Signs for \$4,900. Motion carried.

027-2017

Consider Approval of Road Closure Request from the Hidden Hills Neighborhood Association.

Motion was made by Trustee Shipley and supported by Trustee McDonald to approve the Road Closure Request from the Hidden Hills Neighborhood Association. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Article 9.

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

Ron McCowan, 1400 Dewberry Place addressed the Board regarding the design/engineering cost of the rehabilitation of Township Hall.

Ken Carey, 2929 Thornapple River Dr., addressed the Board regarding the cross walk on Cascade Rd.

Scot VanSolkema, 2570 Orange Ct., addressed the Board regarding building & grounds at Station #2. He also commented that Stephanie Fast is doing a good job. He also commented on our engineering firm and what they do (i.e., Township Hall Roof/parking lot).

Nick Katsarelas, 2985 Burrwick Dr. addressed the Board regarding public comments vs. agenda items.

Article 10. Manager Comments

Manager Swayze offered the following comments:

- Thank you to the Board members for indulging me on the beginning of the Fire Chief search.

Article 11. Board Member Comments

Trustee McDonald offered the following comments:

- Regarding Mr. VanSolkema's comments on what Fishbeck does, in their analysis there is detailed notes in the board packet.
- Communicated his thoughts on the vote from the "Gathering Place" at the last Board meeting. Felt it was an excellent vote and an excellent process. The vote is going to lead us down a path of looking at a "bigger" and "better" vision.

Trustee Shipley offered the following comments:

- Thanked the public for coming.
- Commented on the Township's communication: "it sucks."

Trustee Koessel offered the following comments:

- Addressed comments made by Trustee Shipley regarding "communication."

Treasurer Peirce offered the following comments:

- Attended the Active Shooter Training last week was well done by Deputy Roe and I appreciate Ben allowing the employees to sit in on it.

Article 12. Adjournment

Motion was made by Treasurer Peirce and supported by Clerk Slater to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise M. Biegalle
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Susan B. Slater, Clerk

Robert S. Beahan, Supervisor