

**MINUTES CASCADE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**
Wednesday, September 27, 2006
7:00 P.M.

Article 1. Supervisor Julien called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Present: Supervisor Julien, Clerk Goodyke, Treasurer Carpenter, Trustees Beahan, Koessel, Parrish and Currier.
Absent: None
Also Present: Township Manager Cravens, Senior Appraiser McCarty, Planning Director Peterson, Deputy Clerk Biegalle and those listed on Supplement #1.

Article 2. Supervisor Julien led the Pledge of Allegiance

Article 3. Supervisor Julien asked to add **Article 9 087-2006** regarding a nomination to Library Advisory Board. Motion to approve the revised Agenda was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Clerk Goodyke. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 4. Approval of Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Township Board Minutes
 - 1. Regular Meeting Minutes of 09/13/06.
- b. Receive and File Various Meeting Minutes
 - 1. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of 09/05/06
- c. Receive and File Communications
 - 1. Letter from Jones Johnson Family Ministry – re: Building Dept.
 - 2. Letter from Rev. Charles Fry – re: Library Board
 - 3. Letter from Maricaibo Shores Association – re: Walking Trail
 - 4. Letter from Whitneville Fellow Church – re: July 4th Celebration.
 - 5. Letter from Thomas J. Mills – re: Firearm Ordinance.

The consent Agenda was approved on a motion by Treasurer Carpenter and supported by Clerk Goodyke. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 5. Financial Actions (None)

Article 6. Public Actions

a. Public Hearing – IFT District and Exemption Certificate for new facility for L-3 Communications Avionics Systems.

Motion to open the public hearing was made by Trustee Beahan and supported by Trustee Koessel. Motion carried unanimously.
Senior Appraiser McCarty reviewed the abatement for personal property to be located at 5353 52nd Street. The project is for computer hardware, furniture, testing equipment and machinery. Presently, L-3 Communications has 519 employees and with this project no new jobs will be created. The amount of the exemption is for \$549,000. The abatement is recommended to be granted for a period of 12 years.

- b. **Public Hearing – Amending the existing Planned Unit Development to remove approximately 3.2 acres from the project and rezone it back to Agricultural Rural Conservation to allow for an additional home site off from Wood Duck Lane.**

Planning Director Peterson reviewed the request being made by Andy Dykema. The PUD property is located on the East side of Buttrick Avenue north of 36th Street. The area being removed is located at the NE corner of the Golf Course.

The applicant would like to remove approximately 3.2 acres from the PUD and rezone it back to ARC in order to add a home site to an adjacent private street, Wood Duck Lane. Wood Duck lane is a private street that has been upgraded to meet our standards as a result of lot splits in 2000. Adding this one new home site will not require any upgrades to that private street. Staff recommendation is to approve the removal approx. 3.2 acres. Discussion followed.

- c. **Public Hearing – Amend approved pylon signage plan to take square footage from one sign and move it to the other for property located on the south side of 28th St. between I96 and Patterson Ave.**

Planning Director Peterson reviewed the request by the Waterfall Shoppes to take square footage from one sign and move it to the other. Staff recommendation is to approve the proposal.

Motion to close the public hearing and reconvene into regular session was made by Trustee Beahan and supported by Treasurer Carpenter. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 7. Public Comments

Article 8. Unfinished Business

070-2006 Tabled Item - Discussion of Township's Industrial Facility Tax Exemption Abatement Policy.

Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Parrish to remove the item from the table. Motion carried unanimously.

Senior Appraiser McCarty reported on the proposed changes discussed by the sub-committee.

Statement 1. Make the boundary of the IFT District the parcel of parcels boundary.

Statement 2. Removes the graduated length of abatement based on years in the Township and replaces it with a straight 12 years for real and personal property.

Trustee Koessel stated that the sub-committee had learned a lot about what we can and can't do. Trustee Koessel was not aware that there is certain criteria people have to meet before they can even apply for a tax abatement. Discussion followed.

Motion by Trustee Koessel and supported by Clerk Goodyke to adopt the proposed changes to the Township's IFT Policy. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 9. New Business

079-2006 Consider approval of Resolution for IFT District and Exemption Certificate for new facility for L-3 Communications Avionics Systems.

Motion was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve the Resolution for IFT District and Exemption Certificate for new facility for L-3 Communications Avionics Systems. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

080-2006 Consider approval of Amending the existing Planned Unit Development to remove approximately 3.2 acres from the project and rezone it back to Agricultural Rural Conservation to allow for an additional home site off from Wood Duck Lane.

Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Beahan to approve amending the existing Planned Unit Development to remove approximately 3.2 acres from the project and rezone it back to Agricultural Rural Conservation to allow for an additional home site off from Wood Duck Lane. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

081-2006 Consider approval to Amend approved pylon signage plan to take square footage from one sign and move it to the other for property located on the south side of 28th St. between I96 and Patterson Ave.

Motion by Trustee Beahan and supported by Clerk Goodyke to approve to amend approved pylon signage plan to take square footage from one sign and move it to the other for property located on the south side of 28th St. between I96 and Patterson Ave. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

082-2006 Review and discuss Manufacturing Survey Results and Comments.

Manager Cravens reviewed the survey results which was one of the Township Board's Goals. This survey was to look at how Cascade could help business prosper. The survey went out in June, and received a fairly decent response rate (45 responses). Manager Cravens reviewed the responses with the Board.

It was determined to send the survey results to all businesses within the Township. It was also agreed upon that we would invite those that wish to attend a meeting with the sub-committee of the Township Board to discuss improving the business climate here in Cascade.

083-2006 Discussion with Township Engineer regarding Phase 2 of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) and Illicit Discharge Elimination Plan (IDEP) Follow Up.

Jim Smalligan from Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber, Inc. gave a brief history on where we have come over the past few and where we see this going the next three years. Aaron Gill from Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber, Inc. was present to explain the issues that are before the Board today regarding the Illicit Discharge Elimination Plan. Discussion followed.

084-2006 Discussion/Recommendation for Centennial Park Land Use and Design Study.

Planning Director Peterson reviewed the Land Use and Design Study and recommended the Township award the job to Becket and Raeder for a bid of \$74,226 (includes expenses). The Township has committed to spending \$35,000 for the work with the rest of the money coming from the Centennial Park Business Association. Motion was made by Treasurer Carpenter and supported by Trustee Parrish to award the contract to Becket and Raeder for a bid of \$74,226 with the Townships portion not to exceed \$35,000. Motion carried unanimously.

085-2006 Consider Approval to renew Contract with Assessor, Patricia Armstrong-Bolle.

Motion by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Parrish to renew our contract with Assessor, Patricia Armstrong-Bolle for one more year. Motion carried unanimously.

086-2006 Consider approval of Resolution to approve the Levy of an Additional Millage Rate of 0.0600 mills.

Motion by Trustee Koessel and supported by Treasurer Carpenter to approve the Resolution to approve the Levy of an Additional Millage Rate of 0.0600 mills. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

087-2006 Consider the appointment of Susan Roder to the Cascade Library Advisory Board.

Motion by Treasurer Carpenter and supported by Trustee Koessel to appoint Susan Roder to the Cascade Library Advisory Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 10. Manager's Comments

Manager Cravens offered the following:

- Reminder of Personnel sub-committee meeting following the meeting.
- Schedule a Fire Department advisory committee meeting.

Article 11. Board Member Comments

Trustee Beahan offered the following:

- Open Space Committee Meeting held on September 21st was fairly well attended. Next meeting scheduled for November 13, 2006.

Trustee Koessel offered the following:

- When will Board get report from MML?
Manager Cravens stated sometime in October.

Supervisor Julien offered the following:

- Glad to be back.....

Article 12. Adjournment

Motion by Trustee Parrish and supported by Trustee Beahan to adjourn.
Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise M. Biegalle
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Ron Goodyke, Clerk

Michael R. Julien, Supervisor