

MINUTES
CASCADE CHARTER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, November 29, 2006
7:00 P.M.

Article 1. Supervisor Julien called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Present: Supervisor Julien, Trustees Beahan, Koessel, Currier and Treasurer Carpenter.
Absent: Trustee Parrish and Clerk Goodyke.
Also Present: Manager Cravens, Planning Director Peterson, Engineer Brian Vilmont, Attorney Wendt, Deputy Clerk Biegalle and those listed on Supplement #1.

Article 2. Supervisor Julien led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

- **Article 4a. 4** – Special Board Meeting Minutes for 11/15/06
- **Article 4b. 3** – Treasurer’s Analysis of Invested Funds as of September 30, 2006.
- **Article 4d. 2** – Mary Carpenter – MTA Fall Conference Registration – Detroit – January 23-26, 2007.
- **Article 4e. 1** – Resolution from Forest Hills Public Schools re: Continuing Summer Tax Collections.
- **Article 5a.** – Consider Resolution to Amend 2006 Improvement Revolving Fund Budget.
- **Article 9. 098-2006** – Consider Approval of Resolution to warrant to the 2006 Tax Roll the Hydrant Roll, the Street Lighting Roll, the Delinquent Sewer and Water Assessments, and the Delinquent Sewer and Water Usages.
- **Article 9. 099-2006** - Consider Fire Department Salary Projections.

The agenda was approved with the above stated revisions on a motion by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Beahan. Motion carried.

Article 4. Approval of Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Township Board Minutes
 1. Budget Work Session Minutes for 10/18/06.
 2. Regular Board Meeting Minutes for 10/25/06.
 3. Regular Board Meeting Minutes for 11/08/06.
 4. Special Board Meeting Minutes for 11/15/06.
- b. Receive and File Various Reports
 1. Fire Department Month end Report for October 2006
 2. Building Department Month end Report for October 2006
 3. Treasurer’s Analysis of Invested Funds as of September 30, 2006.
- c. Receive and File Various Meeting Minutes
 1. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes for 10/16/06.
- d. Education Requests

1. Ron Goodyke – MTA Fall Conference Registration – Detroit – January 23 – 26, 2007.
 2. Mary Carpenter – MTA Fall Conference Registration – Detroit – January 23 – 26, 2007.
- e. Receive and File Various Communications
1. Resolution from Forest Hills Public Schools re: Continuing Summer Tax Collections.

The consent agenda was approved on motion by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Beahan. Motion carried.

Article 5. Financial Actions

- a. Consider Resolution to Amend 2006 Improvement Revolving Fund Budget.
 Motion to approve the Resolution to amend 2006 Improvement Revolving Fund Budget was made by Trustee Beahan and supported by Trustee Currier. Motion carried.

Article 6. Public Actions (None)

Article 7. Public Comments

Article 8. Unfinished Business

093-2006 Consider Widening Cascade Road from Beard Farm Drive to Forest Shores Drive.

Manager Cravens reviewed the proposal to widen Cascade Road. The Kent County Road Commission (KCRC) has committed to participate in the cost sharing of the widening and resurfacing of Cascade Road, from Mont Rue Drive to Beard Farm Drive. The KCRC declined the offer of matching funds for the widening of Cascade Road beyond the limits already approved for funding. Discussion continued on possible contributions from the residents of Forest Shores regarding the left turn lane.

Motion to direct Manager Cravens to write a letter to the residents of Forest Shores advising them the Townships willingness to budget \$50,000 for next year to widen Cascade Road from Mont Rue to Forest Shores with the understanding that if they were interested that they would commit the other \$50,000 necessary to cover the costs with a decision by January 15th was made by Trustee Beahan and supported by Trustee Currier. Motion carried.

Ayes – 4 Nays – 1 (Carpenter)

Article 9. New Business

095-2006 Consider approval of Cascade Charter Township 2007 Meeting Schedule.

Motion to approve the Cascade Charter Township 2007 Meeting schedule was made by Trustee Beahan and supported by Trustee Koessel. Motion carried.

096-2006 **Consider Resolution Granting Approval of Third Amendment to Water & Sewer Agreement with the City of Grand Rapids.**
Attorney Dick Wendt was present to further explain the technique and the resolution. The third amendment was developed through the efforts of all communities within the Utility Advisory Board membership. The proposed amendment would allow for communities to take advantage of a “rate smoothing” technique that is designed to eliminate sharp rate increases. Discussion followed. Motion by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Currier to approve the Resolution Granting approval of Third Amendment to Water & Sewer Agreement with the City of Grand Rapids. Motion carried.

097-2006 **Discussion of Proposed Forest Drain**
Planning Director Peterson and Engineer Vilmont went over the issues and what options the Township have for this area. Engineer Vilmont went through some pictures of the area.
Discussion continued with Board and public questions/input.

098-2006 **Consider Approval of Resolution to warrant to the 2006 Tax Roll the Hydrant Roll, the Street Lighting Roll, the Delinquent Sewer and Water Assessments, and the Delinquent Sewer and Water Usages.**
Motion by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Beahan to Approve the Resolution to warrant to the 2006 Tax Roll the Hydrant Roll, the Street Lighting Roll, the Delinquent Sewer and Water Assessments, and the Delinquent Sewer and Water Usages. Motion carried unanimously.

099-2006 **Consider Fire Department Salary Projections.**
Township Manager Cravens reviewed the proposed salaries and wages for the fire department from the FDAC. Manager Cravens stated that it appears the Fire Department can afford to fill the two vacancies and maintain a positive fund balance. Discussion followed.

Article 10. Manager’s Comments

Manager comments included the following:

- Health Insurance alternative – HSA
Manager Cravens reviewed the costs related to the change. Discussion followed with Trustee Koessel recommending that the issue go back to the Personnel Committee for further discussion. Consensus among the board members was to take the issue back to the Personnel Committee.

Article 11. Board Member Comments

Treasurer Carpenter reported on the following:

- Winter Tax bills will be coming out soon.

Article 12. Adjournment

Motion by Trustee Beahan and supported by Trustee Koessel to adjourn.
Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise M. Biegalle
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Ron Goodyke, Clerk

Michael R. Julien, Supervisor