

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

Wednesday, November 5, 2008

7:00 p.m.

- Article 1.** Supervisor Julien called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.  
Present: Supervisor Julien, Trustees Beahan, Koessel, Fox, Goldberg,  
Treasurer Dood and Clerk Goodyke.  
Absent: None  
Also Present: Manager Cousins, Planning Commission Chairperson Tom  
McDonald, Deputy Assessor McCarty and those listed on Supplement #1.
- Article 2.** Supervisor Julien led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
- Article 3.** Motion was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Fox to  
approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 4. Approval of Consent Agenda**
- a. Approval of Township Board Minutes
    - 1. Regular Board Meeting Minutes of 10/22/08
  - b. Receive and File Various Reports
    - 1. Kent County Sheriff Department East Precinct Quarterly  
Report  
July 1 – September 30, 2008
    - 2. Treasurer's Department Report – August 2008
  - c. Receive and File Communications
    - 1. Letter from Comcast 10/23/08 re: Installation Price  
Adjustments
    - 2. Letter from Comcast 10/28/08 re: Changes to Channel Lineup
    - 3. Letter from Comcast 10/17/08 re: Digital TV Transition
    - 4. Letter from Senator Carl Levin 10/20/08 re: FCC Cell Tower  
Zoning Regulations
  - d. Education Request
    - 1. Denise Biegalle – COBRA Compliance – December 11, 2008,  
Grand  
Rapids, MI  
Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee  
Koessel to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion  
carried unanimously.
- Article 5. Financial Actions**
- a. Consider Approval for Change Order No. 5 re: Sanitary Sewer and  
Watermain in Burton St.  
Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee  
Beahan to approve the Change Order No. 5 re: Sanitary Sewer and  
Watermain in Burton St. Motion carried unanimously.

- b. Consider Approval for Final Payment No. 7 for the Sanitary Sewer and Watermain in Burton St. for the period ending October 23, 2008.  
Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Treasurer Dood to approve Final Payment No. 7 for the Sanitary Sewer and Watermain in Burton St. for the period ending October 23, 2008 in the amount of \$41,761.18. to include the \$2,000.00 hold back. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Consider Approval of October 2008 Payables, Payroll and Transfers.  
Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Goldberg to approve the October 2008 Payables, Payroll and Transfers. Motion carried unanimously.

**Article 6. Public Actions**

- a. Public Hearing - Request for Approval of an IFT Exemption Certificate for Davidson Plyforms  
Motion was made by Trustee Beahan and supported by Trustee Koessel to recess the regular meeting and go into Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously.  
Deputy Assessor McCarty was present to ask that the Board table the approval of the Certificate until the next Board Meeting due to some issues with the dollar amount of the equipment as stated on the certificate.

**Article 7. Public Comments**

Planning Commission Chairperson Tom MacDonald was present to thank the Board for the passage of the millage proposal at the election yesterday.

**Article 8. Unfinished Business (None)**

**Article 9. New Business**

- 092-2008 Consider Approval of Request for Approval of an IFT Exemption Certificate for Davidson Plyforms**  
Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Goldberg to table the above item per the applicants request.. Motion carried unanimously.
- 093-2008 Consider Resolution for the Removal of a Streetlight at Kraft Avenue and 28<sup>th</sup> Street**  
Motion was made by Trustee Beahan and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve the Resolution for the Removal of a Streetlight at Kraft Avenue and 28<sup>th</sup> St. Discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously.
- 094-2008 Consider Resolution for MERS**  
Clerk Goodyke reviewed the Resolution. The Resolution addresses the employee's portion of the contribution to be made to MERS. The employee's contribution is changing from 4.82% to

4.99% for 2009. Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Clerk Goodyke to approve the Resolution adopting the new contribution percentage for the employees for 2009. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**Article 10. Manager Comments**

Manager Cousins offered the following comments:

- I will coordinate with the Finance Committee for the minor but very satisfying change to our 2009 Budget with the increase revenues for our Open Space. That will be in the packet for the next meeting.
- I am meeting tomorrow morning with the Historical Society. They are working at being a lot more active with the Museum building and with collection and preparation and display of artifacts in the Community.

**Article 11. Board Member Comments**

Trustee Goldberg offered the following comments:

- Seeing the Millage effort as a “circular” process that really started at the “grass roots” level.

Clerk Goodyke offered the following comments:

- Deputy Clerk Denise Biegalle was elected as Trustee in Spencer Township.
- Congratulations to everyone for being elected. It was a fun election yesterday...things went relatively smoothly. We ended up at 85.5% participation in the election...the only municipality that beat us in Kent County was Grand Rapids Township at 85.6%.
- We believe that we should probably hold a Truth in Taxation meeting at our next meeting due to the new millage passed yesterday.

Treasurer Dood offered the following comments:

- At the next Regular Meeting I will be bringing forward (2) Resolutions...one is an annual housekeeping item; the addition of delinquent utilities to the tax roll. The second one would be a resolution reducing the administration fee from 1% to .85% for the year 2009.
- Will be meeting with some bankers in the morning regarding being the underwriters for the Bonds.

Trustee Koessel offered the following comments:

- Thanked Mike for all the hard work on the Open Space Millage. Everything really went smoothly.

Trustee Beahan offered the following comments:

- My congratulations and thanks to everybody that worked on this campaign. I would also like to thank all the people in the office, the Clerk Department with all the extra effort that was put in.

**Article 12. Adjournment**

Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Beahan to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise M. Biegalle  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

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Ron Goodyke, Clerk

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Michael R. Julien, Supervisor