

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

Wednesday, April 8, 2009
7:00 P.M.

- Article 1.** Supervisor Beahan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Present: Supervisor Beahan, Trustee Koessel, Goldberg, Lewis and Clerk Goodyke.
Absent: Trustee Fox and Treasurer Dood.
Also Present: Manager Cousins
- Article 2.** Supervisor Beahan led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
- Article 3.** Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Clerk Goodyke To approve the agenda with the revision to remove the naming policy item and take it up at the next regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 4.** **Approval of Consent Agenda**
- a. Receive and File Various Meeting Minutes
 - 1. Regular Board Meeting Minutes of 03/25/2009.
 - 2. Kent County Road Commission Minutes of 03/10/09.
 - 3. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of 02/17/2009.
 - 4. Infrastructure Committee Meeting Minutes of 02/12/09 and 04/01/09.
 - 5. Building Authority Meeting Minutes of 03/17/09.
 - b. Receive and File Communications
 - 1. Letter from Comcast re: Service Changes.
 - 2. Letter from Michigan Community Blood Centers re: Blood Drive results.
 - 3. Letter from Debbie Stabenow re: Public Transportation funding.
 - c. Receive and File Various Reports
 - 1. Building Department Monthly Report for March, 2009.
 - d. Education Requests
 - 1. Larry Moore – Fire Investigation School – Tustin, MI April 13 – 24, 2009.
- Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Goldberg to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 5.** **Financial Actions**
- a. Consider Approval of 2009 Budget Adjustment.
Manager Cousins reviewed the proposed budget adjustment. If the adjustment is approved, it essentially means postponing the work on the soccer field at the Cascade rec park. The committee felt with declining revenues and some uncertainty in our economy...and we have a budget that was initially adopted that was not a balanced budget that maybe we would be best off putting this project on hold, possibly for a few months or a year. In achieving the goal of being able to weather the storm and balance the budget at the same time. Discussion followed. Motion by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve the 2009 General Fund Budget adjustment of \$113,000.
Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.
- Article 6.** **Public Actions (None)**
- Article 7.** **Public Comments**
- a. State Representative Justin Amash
Representative Amash was not present.
- Article 8.** **Unfinished Business (None)**

Article 9. New Business
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Consider Approval of Repair to Burton Street Drainage (at Candlestick).

Manager Cousins stated we have had an issue on Burton at Candlestick with the drainage off the road and pathway since the completion of the sewer and water project. Talking with our engineer, we think part of the problem is that the road is wider than it was before. That may have added to the runoff. The other is with all the equipment there, that spot may have just settled just right, now it doesn't accept the water like it did. It has been recommended to dig out some of the soil that is in that area between the pathway and the road. Make the trench deeper and fill it with stone. This should allow the water to drain away a little bit faster.

The estimate to do the project is expected to be less than \$3,000.

Clerk Goodyke queried whether or not the Infrastructure Committee had looked into our own staff doing the project with our tractor. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve the infrastructure committee's recommendation to spend the money to repair the situation on Burton St. subject to allowing our own Building and Grounds personnel to take a look at it to determine if it is a job that they can do. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 10.

Manager's Comments

Manager Cousins offered the following comments:

- I expect to have the results of our Bond ratings by noon on Friday. We will know exactly where we stand. We don't have an exact date set, but it looks like May 6th or 7th would be the public meetings for the pre-sale of the bonds so that local residents can find out how and all the particulars of the bond sale. The Bond sale would most likely be the next week of May 11th.

Article 11.

Board Member Comments

Trustee Koessel offered the following comments:

- We talked awhile ago about Personnel getting together reviewing policy. How close are to doing that?

Supervisor Beahan offered the following comments:

- We have the scheduled Garlic Mustard Pull...on the Bolt Grand River property on Thursday, April 30th from 6:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.

Article 12.

Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise M. Biegalle
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Ron Goodyke, Clerk

Robert Beahan, Supervisor