

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

Wednesday, January 26, 2011

7:00 P.M

- Article 1.** Supervisor Beahan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Present: Supervisor Beahan, Trustees Fox, Koessel, Lewis, Goldberg, and Treasurer Peirce.
Absent: Clerk Goodyke (excused)
Also Present: Manager Cousins, Fire Chief Sigg, Planning Director Peterson, Deputy Clerk Biegalle 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 Lewis and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.
- Article 4. Presentations/Public Comments**
- a. Public Comments (Please limit comments to 3 minutes)**
Tom MacDonald, 7287 Dennison was present to convey his support for the Hall St. Project. Mr. MacDonald stated that it would be a great investment in the communities. He was also in favor of the pathway system going to the schools.
Steve DeWitt from DeWitt Packaging addressed the Board regarding the Sewer & Water in Kraft Ave. from 60th to ½ mile north. Mr. DeWitt owns 23 acres on the NE corner of Kraft and 60th St. Mr. DeWitt stated that he was in support of the project.
- Article 5. Approval of Consent Agenda**
- a. Receive and File Various Meeting Minutes
1. Regular Board Meeting Minutes for 01/12/11.
- b. Receive and File Communications
1. Letter from Treasurer Peirce – re: List of Current Depositories and Investment Advisors.
 2. Public Hearing Notice – re: State of Michigan –Gas Customers of Consumers Energy Company – Case No. U-16485.
- c. Receive and File Various Reports
1. Planning Department Annual Report for 2010.
 2. Building Department Monthly Report for December, 2010.
- d. Education Requests
1. David Cooley – Mechanical Inspectors Association of Michigan Spring Conference – Clare, MI, March 24–25, 2011.
 2. Bill Cousins – Adaptive Leadership – Lansing, MI, May 4-5, 2011.
 3. Doug Poolman – Juvenile Firesetter Seminar – Mt. Pleasant, MI, March 1-2, 2011.
 4. Todd Stevenson/Jeff Knowles – Fire Officer Prerequisite Class – Grattan Township, Jan. – March, 2011 (4 classes).
 5. Doug Poolman – Michigan Fire Inspectors Conference – East Lansing, MI, Feb. 8-9, 2011.
- Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve the consent agenda as presented.
Treasurer Peirce questioned if the Education request made by Manager Cousins had been approved by the Personnel Committee. His concern was the cost of the seminar. Trustee Koessel stated the request had gone thru the Personnel Committee and it was recommended to take to the Board. Motion carried.

Article 6. Financial Actions (None)

Article 7. Unfinished Business

Article 8. New Business

007-2011 Consider Approval of Preventative Maintenance Agreement for Warning Sirens.

Fire Chief Sigg reviewed the Preventative Maintenance Agreement for the Townships Warning Sirens to the Board. Trustee Goldberg questioned the warranty on the warning sirens. Chief Sigg stated that he did not remember what the warranty period is. Motion by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Goldberg to approve the Preventative Maintenance Agreement for the Warning Sirens from West Shore Services subject to review of the existing warranty on them...if not yet expired, to start the contract at such time that the warranty does expire. Motion carried.

008-2011 Consider Installing Sewer and Water in Kraft Ave. from 60th St. to ½ Mile North with Road Improvements in 2013.

Planning Director Peterson stated that the Road Commission has put it in their plan for reconstruction in 2013. One of the purposes is to get this area ready for development. This project is basically \$650,000 for the sewer and water and road work is another \$500,000. The Infrastructure committee has been working on this project for quite some time. A lot of different options have been explored to pay for this project. Their recommendation is to have the Road Commission pay for their portion of the road, \$500,000.the \$278,000 that is coming in this August from Dennis Johnson will be used to pay for the sewer. The sewer work for this project will be about \$240,000. The remaining \$415,000 for the water to be paid for by the Township from the General Fund. Planning Director Peterson stated that all he is asking for is to approve the Infrastructures recommendation so we can have this plan laid out for the Board, so when we start to budget and do some things for this project as it is ramping up in 2013 we have this accounted for in the system. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Treasurer Peirce and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve installing Sewer and Water in Kraft Ave. from 60th St. to ½ Mile North with Road Improvements in 2013. Motion carried.

009-2011 Consider Work Order for Hall St. Improvements.

Planning Director Peterson reviewed the revised work order from the Kent County Road Commission regarding the Hall St. Improvements which include a left turn lane at Paradise Lake; reconstruct Hall St. from Cascade Rd. to Forest Hills High school and construct 5 foot sidewalks on both sides of the road. Discussion followed regarding the maintenance of the sidewalks. Planning Director Peterson stated the sidewalks would be maintained by the property owner just as they are in our other subdivisions. Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Trustee Fox to approve the revised work order in the amount of \$6,000 which would allow the KCRC to complete the design for the project. Motion carried.

Article 9. Public Comments on any other matters. (limit comments to 3 minutes)

Representative Ken Yonkers was in attendance and addressed the Board.

Article 10. Manager's Comments

Manager Cousins offered the following comments:

- The MTA Conference is in Grand Rapids this week and will report back to the Board in my weekly report.

Article 11. Board Member Comments

Trustee Goldberg offered the following comments:

- Sounded like revenue estimates are up a little bit for the State...hopefully this will make it a little easier for Gov. Snyder to close our 1.8 billion dollar budget gap. Have heard a lot of buzz about consolidation of services. Cascade has looked at it in the past...there may be some opportunities in other areas.
- Would like to suggest using a strategic planning process rather than just coming up with 6, 7, 8 goals. Putting together a strategic plan for the Township that could look at consolidated services and some of the other issues that are on the horizon out more than a year.

Trustee Fox offered the following comments:

- Gave an update on Grand Valley Metro Council. Cindy is the Vice-Chair of a committee called the Strategic Initiative. The task of this committee is to "dissect" the Metro Council...re-survey our members...get a matrix together of what services we provide. They are looking to getting something put together within the next 6 months.

Treasurer Peirce offered the following comments:

- Wanted to recognize a familiar face in the audience...Dr. Scott Korpak who is the prodigal son who has returned to Forest Hills as the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum. We are very fortunate to have him back in the area.
- I think we need to publically commend Mr. Goodyke (clerk) for "pushing us" on the caretaker house. In my mind they did a really nice job in placing it on the lot. It looks very comfortable in the neighborhood. I also want to give him a lot of credit for the wind project at the Library.
- We have not received the money on the Liquor license that we conditionally approved at the last meeting...I am still holding the paper in my office.

Trustee Lewis offered the following comments:

- Our Fire Dept. certainly gets the rose tossed their way. They had acted in a manner that literally saved someone's life. On behalf of the Board, I would like to personally compliment them on their job that they did on this particular occasion.
- I also spent time at the MTA Convention.

Trustee Koessel offered the following comments:

- I like the idea of a strategic plan. One of the things that I would like to mention, is in talking about goals, it is very difficult to get a time to get a planning session where everyone can get together. I think we need to figure out on how we can get those done earlier...if people are not able to get there; there is usually ample time to submit recommended goals. I think we need to start the process a little sooner than March.

Article 12. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise M. Biegalle
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Ron Goodyke, Clerk

Robert Beahan, Supervisor