

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

Wednesday, April 13, 2011

7:00 P.M.

- Article 1.** Supervisor Beahan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Present: Supervisor Beahan, Treasurer Peirce, Clerk Goodyke, Trustees Fox, Goldberg, Lewis, and Koessel.
Also Present: Manager Cousins 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 Fox and supported by Trustee Goldberg to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 4. Presentations/Public Comments**
- a. Public Comments (Please limit comments to 3 minutes)**
No comments.
- Article 5. Approval of Consent Agenda**
- a. Receive and File Various Meeting Minutes**
1. Regular Board Meeting Minutes for 03/23/11.
 2. Regular Planning Commission Meeting Minutes for 02/22/11.
 3. Kent County Road Commission Meeting Minutes for 02/08, 02/22, 03/08/2011.
- b. Receive and File Communications**
1. Letter from Charlotte Steigenga – re: Owning chickens
 2. Letter from Kent District Library – re: New KDL Director, Lance Werner.
 3. Public Hearing Notice Consumers Energy Company – Case No. U-16564 & 16566.
 4. Workshop Brochure from Asphalt Materials, Inc. – Pavement Preservation Techniques and Materials Workshop.
- c. Receive and File Various Reports**
1. Building Department Monthly Report for March, 2011.
- d. Education Requests**
1. Clem Bell – Medical First Responder Class – Middleville, MI – 4/12/2011.
- Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Treasurer Peirce to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
Trustee Goldberg inquired about the letter from the Steigenga. It was discussed that the Planning Commission might take a look at the request and come back to the Board with a recommendation. Discussion followed.
Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 6. Financial Actions**
- a. Consider Approval of March, 2011 Payables, Payroll and Transfers.**
Motion was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve the March, 2011 Payables, Payroll and Transfers. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Consider Approval of March, 2011 General/Special Funds.**
Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Trustee Goldberg to approve the March, 2011 General/Special Funds. Motion carried unanimously.

- c. Consider Approval of March, 2011 Public Utilities.
Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Fox to approve the March 2011, Public Utilities. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 7. Unfinished Business (None)

Article 8. New Business

022-2011 Informational Presentation on Medical Marijuana.

Lt. Greg Parolini from the Kent County Sheriff Department was present to answer questions/concerns from the Board.

Jeff Sluggett from Law Weathers was present to walk the Board thru a little bit of the history on how we got here and what options the Township has regarding medical marijuana. A handout was given to the Board regarding an update of specific developments regarding the Act. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Trustee Fox to put a Resolution on the next agenda addressing a moratorium regarding the Medical Marijuana Act. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 9. Public Comments on any other matters. (limit comments to 3 minutes)
No comment.

Article 10. Manager's Comments

Manager Cousins offered the following comments:

- Calendar is on the web site now.
- We had First Aid/CPR Training last week with staff. Excellent job done by Firefighter Walker.
- Hope Network Busing system brochure was passed out to all Board members. This goes into effect on July 1, 2011. The brochure will be mailed to the current users of the system and they will also be available in places like Sunrise Home Center and Sentinel Pointe.
- There is a Senate Bill 7 in the State House that would require communities to require their employees to pay at least 20% of their Health Care Premiums. That has come out of committee today and going to the Senate floor. It should have no problem passing there...and then goes to the House. The 80% is determined on the number of people working for that governmental unit.

Article 11. Board Member Comments

Trustee Koessel offered the following comments:

- Compliment Bill on the nice letter to Governor Snyder and advising him of all the various things that Cascade Township does with all of our partner communities to try to consolidate services.
- Always adopted a policy that our budget will be balanced and that we controlled our expenses. We continue to have a nice general fund balance. That always makes me feel good that we are in that position.
- Our Library parking lot is in pretty rough shape. We should look at doing something with that.
- We normally get an inventory list of local roads that Bill is recommending that we do some resurfacing on.
- I will not be in attendance at the next Board meeting.

Trustee Lewis offered the following comments:

- We talked about term limitations at our last meeting with every intention of having something from the Planning Commission at this meeting. Our last Planning Commission meeting was cancelled. Our next meeting will be before our next Board Meeting; at which time we should be coming up with a recommendation one way or the other from the Planning Commission regarding term limitations. With Jim not being at the next meeting, we should probably take it up at the following meeting.

Clerk Goodyke offered the following comments:

- Would like to also comment on the letter that Bill wrote and the response from Hildebrand. I would also like to suggest that we enter that into the record by putting it on the consent agenda. In case anyone wants to find it easily. I would also like to see Bill's weekly reports to the Board also should go on the consent agenda.
- There has been interest expressed to me and I think to others as well, for allowing bicycles to ride thru on Burton Park on the asphalt pavement only. It is spring time; people are starting to get out on their bikes. Riding a bike thru there is not much different than taking a walk thru there, it is quiet, it doesn't pollute...it just seems like a great place to ride bikes; I don't see that it does any harm.

Trustee Fox offered the following comments:

- Wanted to comment on the house on Laraway and how nice it looks.

Supervisor Beahan offered the following comments:

- Lance Korhorn started removing the out building at Burton Park. He does have a month time frame to move it.

Article 12. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise M. Biegalle
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Ron Goodyke, Clerk

Robert Beahan, Supervisor