

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

Wednesday, May 11, 2011

7:00 P.M.

Article 1. Supervisor Beahan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Present: Supervisor Beahan, Trustees Lewis, Fox, Goldberg, Clerk Goodyke and Treasurer Peirce.
Absent: None
Also Present: Manager Bill Cousins, Planning Director Peterson and those listed on Supplement #1.

Article 2. Supervisor Beahan led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Article 3. Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Fox to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 4. Presentations/Public Comments

- a. Public Comments (Please limit comments to 3 minutes)**
No public comment.

Article 5. Approval of Consent Agenda

- a. Receive and File Various Meeting Minutes
1. Regular Board Meeting Minutes for 04/27/11.
b. Receive and File Communications
1. Letter from Comcast – re: Channel Line-up effective June 28, 2011.
Motion was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 6. Financial Actions

- a. Consider Approval of April, 2011 Payables, Payroll and Transfers.
Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve the April, 2011 Payables, Payroll and Transfers. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 7. Unfinished Business (None)

Article 8. New Business

024-2011 Consider Approval of Zoning Ordinance Amendment to Eliminate Term Limits for Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals.

Planning Director Peterson reviewed the information sent to the Board. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and support by Treasurer Peirce to approve the Zoning Ordinance Amendment to Eliminate Term Limits for Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Ayes – 6 Nays – 1 (Goodyke)

025-2011 Consider Approval of Zoning Ordinance Amendment for Height Exceptions for Parapet Walls and Similar Structures.

Planning Director Peterson stated that Cascade is kind of the exception as our Ordinance does not allow for height exceptions for parapet walls. The recommendation from the Planning Commission is we have an allowance for height exceptions for parapet walls. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Clerk Goodyke

to approve the Zoning Ordinance Amendment for Height Exceptions for Parapet Walls and Similar Structures. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

026-2011

Consider Approval of Sign Ordinance Amendments.

Planning Director Peterson stated these amendments have been discussed as part of a larger discussion relative to changes being proposed for the B1 zoning district. The Planning Commission has made a recommendation to amend several sections of the Sign Ordinance. (i.e., directional signage, light pole signs, sandwich board signs, electronic signs, special signage for village and industrial signage) Motion was made by Trustee Fox and supported by Clerk Goodyke to approve the Sign Ordinance Amendments as presented. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Discussion followed. Trustee Goldberg questioned an item on page 13 (top) of the proposed sign ordinance to change the word “place making for” to “identity of”.

Trustee Lewis questioned the sandwich board sign wording regarding “removed at the end of the day”. What does that mean...the Board stated “when the business closes.” Trustee Lewis asked that it be clarified...it depends on interpretation.

Supervisor Beahan asked Director Peterson if at any point we were going to address the issue of “human beings” out there holding signs (i.e., inflatable gorillas, statues of Liberty). Director Peterson stated that he felt it was already prohibited. We haven’t had a big problem with that here. Discussion followed.

Motion was amended by Trustee Fox and supported by Clerk Goodyke to change the wording in Section 6.03 (9) from “place making for” to “identity of”. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

027-2011

Consider Allowing Bicycles in Burton Park.

Planning Director Peterson stated the Parks Committee is requesting that the Board reconsider their position on the prohibition on bikes in Burton Park on the paved surfaces as originally recommended. The Committee is asking the Board to revisit this issue. Motion to table was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Fox, Motion carried unanimously.

028-2011

Consider Approval of Proposal for Strategic Planning for the Township Board.

Township Manager Cousins reviewed the 6 proposals that met the requirements of the RFP. After reviewing the proposals and talking with customers of all the applicants, Manager Cousins stated that all of the proposals would serve the needs of the Boards. Manager Cousins also stated that it appears the results the Board are seeking in the most cost-effective manner will be attained by accepting the proposal from Mr. Lew Bender at \$8,500.00. Motion was made by Treasurer Peirce and supported by Clerk Goodyke to accept the proposal from Lew Bender in the amount of \$8,500.00. Discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 9.

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

No public comments.

Article 10. Manager's Comments

Manager Cousins offered the following comments:

- Rules for Tassell Park reservations for the pavilion allow (2) per month. We are finding a little more pressure/requests from people to reserve the pavilion.
- Attended Michigan State last week for a 2 day in-depth class.

Article 11. Board Member Comments

Treasurer Peirce offered the following comments:

- I will be gone next week to Mt. Pleasant attending the Treasurer's Institute.

Trustee Lewis offered the following comments:

- A simple thank you to our planner...what we covered tonight took about a year's worth of meetings etc...would like to compliment him on how it was handled through the Planning Commission process and through this Board. It takes quite a lot of work and extra effort and I appreciate it on behalf of the Planning Commission.

Supervisor Beahan offered the following comments:

- Would like to mention Ken, myself, Ron and Cindy were able to attend the Kent County Road Commission luncheon yesterday. It was a nice event and able to have some good conversations with some of the Board members there.
- Talked with Diane Cutler, the head of the Library here...prior to our meeting tonight, she is splitting her time between here and Caledonia filling in for the head of the Library in Caledonia that is on maternity leave. She wanted to reiterate how thankful she is that she has Cascade to work with on the Library and how responsive Butch, Bill and everyone is on regarding repairs or anything to do with the Library.
- This Saturday is the Statewide Michigan Stewardship Garlic Mustard Pull at various parks throughout the whole State. We do have one at Peace Park from 10:00 until 12:00 on Saturday.

Article 12. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise M. Biegalle
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Ron Goodyke, Clerk

Robert Beahan, Supervisor