

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

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

7:00 P.M.

- Article 1.** Supervisor Beahan called the meeting to order.
Present: Supervisor Beahan, Clerk Slater, Treasurer Peirce, Trustees Koessel, Shipley, and McDonald.
Absent: Trustee Lewis.
Also Present: Township Manager Swayze, Assistant Township Manager Fast, DDA Director Korhorn.
- Article 2.** Supervisor Beahan led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Article 3. Approval of Agenda**
Motion was made by Clerk Slater and supported by Trustee Shipley to approve the Agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 4. Presentations**
- Article 5. Public Comments-Anything on the Agenda not scheduled for a public hearing. (limit comments to 3 minutes)**
Craig Meurlin - 6333 Thornhills Ave – addressed the board regarding his comments at the October 28, 2020 meeting.
Keely Shay – Alaska Ridge – addressed the board regarding internet connection issues and Comcast during the pandemic.
- Article 6. Approval of Consent Agenda**
- a. Receive and File Reports
 - 1. Inspectors Report – October 2020
 - b. Receive and File Minutes
 - 1. Township Board Minutes – October 21, 2020
 - 2. Township Board Minutes – October 28, 2020
 - 3. Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes – September 8, 2020
 - 4. Planning Commission Minutes – September 21, 2020
 - c. Receive and File Financial Statements
 - 1. Financial Statements – September 2020
 - 2. Payables, Payroll and Transfers – September 2020
- Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Shipley to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 7. Financial Actions**
- a. Kent County CARES Act
- Motion was made for approval of Financial Actions by Trustee McDonald and supported by Clerk Slater. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 8. Unfinished Business**
- Article 9. New Business**
- 072-2020 Public Hearing and Consider Resolution of Intent to Create and Provide for the Operation of a Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (BRA)**

Motion was made to open Public Hearing by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee McDonald. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made to close Public Hearing by Trustee McDonalds and supported by Trustee Koessel. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made for approval by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee McDonald. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

- 073-2020 Consider Approval of Special Assessment Resolution for the year 2020.**
Motion was made for approval by Trustee Shipley and supported by Clerk Slater. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.
- 074-2020 Consider Approval of Staff Report for 1370 Buttrick Ave.**
Motion was made for approval by Trustee Shipley and supported by Trustee Koessel. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.
- 075-2020 Consider Legal Services Request – Varnum.**
Motion was made for approval by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee McDonald. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.
- 076-2020 Consider MERS 457 Voluntary Retirement Savings Program.**
Motion was made for approval by Trustee Shipley and supported by Trustee McDonald. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.
- 077-2020 Reaffirm Purchase of 2894 Thornapple River Drive.**
Motion was made for approval by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee McDonald. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.
- 078-2020 Consider Approval of Resolution of Appreciation for Jack Lewis.**
Motion was made for approval by Supervisor Beahan and supported by Trustee Shipley. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.
- 079-2020 Consider Approval of Resolution of Appreciation for Rob Beahan.**
Motion was made for approval by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee McDonald. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Article 11. Public Comments – Any comments...whether it is on the Agenda or not. (limit comments to 3 minutes)
Craig Meurlin - 6333 Thornhills Ave – Addressed the board about the CARES Act budgeting/spending.

Grace Lesperance – 2573 Cascade Springs Dr. – addressed the board about concerns of the use of the Township Committees and Public Comment limitation.

Article 12. Manager Comments

Manager Swayze offered the following comment:

- Congratulated Supervisor Beahan on his retirement and announced the farewell open house for Supervisor Beahan.

Article 13. Board Member Comments

Trustee Shipley offered the following comments:

- Thanked the residents for attending the meeting.
- Asked residents to email him with any concerns that may arise.

Trustee Koessel offered the following comment:

- Commented on the effectiveness of the committee structure that has been used in the past in his experience.

Trustee McDonald offered the following comment:

- Agreed with Trustee Koessel on the effectiveness of the committee structure for the Township.

Supervisor Beahan offered the following comment:

- Appreciates his time spent serving with great staff and fellow board members.

Article 14. Adjournment

Motion was made by Supervisor Beahan and supported by Treasurer Peirce to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Padley Gallagher
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Susan B. Slater, Clerk