

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

Wednesday, August 24, 2011

7:00 P.M.

**Article 1.** Supervisor Beahan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.  
Present: Supervisor Beahan, Trustees Goldberg, Fox, Koessel, Lewis,  
Clerk Goodyke and Treasurer Peirce.  
Absent: None  
Also Present: Manager Cousins, Fire Chief Sigg, Assistant to the  
Manager Korhorn, Cascade Branch Librarian Diane Cutler  
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 Koessel and supported by Trustee Fox to  
approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Article 4. Presentations/Public Comments**

**a. Presentation to Deputy Fire Chief Shipley**

Deferred to the end of the meeting.

**b. Public Comments (Please limit comments to 3 minutes)**

Ken Carey, 2929 Thornapple River Dr., was present to express  
run-off issues onto his property from a newly built home on  
Overlook Summit. Mr. Carey stated that Planning Director  
Peterson assured him that the house being built with all the proper  
steps being taken to tie into the original storm sewers and that they  
were doing everything to code. I currently have a “mess” at his  
home. Everything is dumping off the back of the property and  
even the drains that were supposed to run out the other end of the  
property are coming out the back. Discussion followed.

**Article 5. Approval of Consent Agenda**

- a. Receive and File Various Meeting Minutes
  - 1. Regular Board Meeting Minutes for 08/10/11.
  - 2. Zoning Board of Appeals Regular Meeting Minutes of  
07/12/11.
  - 3. Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of 07/08/11 &  
08/08/11.
  - 4. Kent County Road Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of  
06/28/11, 07/12/11 & 07/26/11.
- b. Receive and File Communications
  - 1. Letters from Charter – re: New channels
- c. Receive and File Various Reports
  - 1. Treasurer’s Department Report for July, 2011.
  - 2. Building Department Report for July, 2011
- d. Education Requests
  - 1. Sandra Korhorn – Michigan Downtown Conference – Sept.  
14-15<sup>th</sup> – Kalamazoo, MI

Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Trustee  
Koessel to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion

carried unanimously.

**Article 6. Financial Actions**

- a. **Consider Approval of July, 2011 Public Utilities Funds.**  
Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve the July, 2011 Public Utilities Funds. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. **Consider Approval of July, 2011 General/Special Funds.**  
Motion was made by Trustee Fox and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve the July, 2011 General/Special Funds. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. **Consider Approval of Adjustments to the 2011 Budget.**  
Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Goldberg to approve the Adjustments to the 2011 Budget. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**Article 7. Unfinished Business (None)**

**Article 8. New Business**

**057-2011 Consider Approval of Resolution to Approve the Levy of the 2011 Millage Rates for Cascade Township.**

Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Goldberg to approve the Resolution to Approve the Levy of the 2011 Millage Rates for Cascade Township. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**058-2011 Consider Approval of Bid for the Centennial Park Project.**

Assistant to the Manager Korhorn was present to review the bids for the project. Motion was made by Trustee Fox and supported by Trustee Goldberg to award the bid for the Centennial Park Project to Cascade Cement Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$447,449.50. Motion carried unanimously.

**059-2011 Consider Approval of Contractor for Paving the Rear (east) Parking Lot at the Cascade Recreation Park.**

Assistant to the Manager Korhorn was present to review the bids for the project. Motion was made by Trustee Fox and supported by Trustee Koessel to award the bid for the paving of the rear (east) parking lot at the Cascade Recreation Park to Katerberg Verhage, Inc. in the amount of \$37,300. Motion carried unanimously.

**060-2011 Consider Approval of Resolution to Recognize Friday, September 16, 2011 as "Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Recognition Day".**

Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Trustee Goldberg to approve the Resolution to Recognize Friday,

September 16, 2011 as “Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Recognition Day. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**061-2011 Consider Approval to Designate Manager Cousins as MERS Officer Delegate for the MERS Annual Meeting.**

Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Fox to approve Manager Cousins as MERS Officer Delegate for the MERS Annual Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**062-2011 Consider Approval of Revised Cascade Library Literacy Room Rules.**

Cascade Branch Librarian Diane Cutler explained the reason behind the new rules. Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Fox to approve the revised Cascade Library Literacy Room Rules. Discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**Article 9. Public Comments on any other matters. (limit comments to 3 minutes)**  
Chief Sigg read the Letter of Appreciation for Deputy Chief John Shipley.

**Article 10. Manager’s Comments**

Manager Cousins offered the following comments:

- Remind everyone about the picnic on September 11<sup>th</sup> at the Rec Park.

**Article 11. Board Member Comments**

Trustee Koessel offered the following comments:

- Thank you to Bill for opening his home last weekend for a Township staff picnic.
- A citizen called and asked about the left hand turn lane on Thornapple River Dr. at Cascade Road. Would like to check with Kent County Road Commission if they could re-line that intersection to accommodate another lane.

Trustee Lewis offered the following comments:

- Recommended a sign to explain the “wind turbine/solar panel” outside the Library. Supervisor Beahan asked Bill and Clerk Goodyke to work on the sign.

Clerk Goodyke offered the following comments:

- Commended Steve Peterson on his achievement of completing his Masters. It was the consensus of the Board to present Steve with a commendation to be presented by the Board.

Trustee Goldberg offered the following comments:

- Appreciated the comments by the resident at the beginning of the meeting. I would like to have a report back at the next meeting as to what discussions have resulted in and what was the source of the confusion and how we can avoid that confusion again. What can we do to assist this gentleman in taking care of what is obviously

an unfortunate situation that he finds himself in. If staff can put their heads together and figure out what happened, why it happened and why it won't happen again and then what we can do about the situation that now exists, I'd appreciate that. Discussion followed.

Supervisor Beahan offered the following comments:

- Thursday night at Family Fare Plaza is the Forest Hills Business Association is sponsoring a Metro Cruse Warm-Up from 6-9 p.m.
- Thursday is also the quarterly MTA Chapter Meeting at Algoma Township Park at noon.

**Article 12. Adjournment**

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise M. Biegalle  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

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Ron Goodyke, Clerk

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Robert Beahan, Supervisor