

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

Wednesday, March 9, 2011

7:00 P.M.

- Article 1.** Supervisor Beahan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.  
Present: Supervisor Beahan, Trustees Goldberg, Koessel, Fox, Lewis, Treasurer Peirce and Clerk Goodyke.  
Absent: None  
Also Present: Manager 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)**  
Lisa Patou from the Crowne Plaza Hotel addressed the Board regarding the hotel hosting the American Dairy Goat Association Convention in October, 2011. Participants of the convention will be bringing their goats with them and the Crowne Plaza plans on housing the goats in the parking lot under full tented areas. The hotel wants to make sure that they are doing everything that the Township requires.  
Leanne Berglan-Fostic, 9989 Fleming Rd., Fowlerville, MI explained an event (Spotlight Sale) that will be held on the last day of the Convention. There will be between 17-20 animals that will be auctioned at the sale. They will be in a 3,000 sq. ft. tent in the parking lot behind the hotel.
- Carl Blough a farmer in Lowell Township thanked the Township for their participation/contribution in the PDR. He furthered explained some of the changes within the PDR.
- Article 5. Approval of Consent Agenda**
- a. Receive and File Various Meeting Minutes**
1. Special/Regular Board Meeting Minutes for 02/23/11.
  2. Regular Planning Commission Meeting Minutes for 12/20/10.
- b. Receive and File Communications**
1. Letter from Charter Communications – re: Fees.
  2. Letter from Comcast – re: Video-related prices.
  3. Notice from State of Michigan – re: Hearing for Electric Customers of Consumers Energy Company Case No. U-16536.
  4. Notice from State of Michigan – re: Hearing for Electric Customers of Consumers Energy Company Case No. U-16543.
- c. Receive and File Various Reports**
1. Building Department Monthly report for February, 2011.
  2. Fire Department Monthly reports for January and February, 2011.
- d. Education Requests**
1. Steve Peterson – Grand Valley State University – PA 612 – May, 2011 - Survey of Policies and issues in Human Resource Management in Public and nonprofit contexts. Focus is on human values, behavior, ethics and human interactions in organizations. – M.P.A. requirement

2. Steve Peterson – Grand Valley State University – PA 619 – Fall Semester – Structure and dynamics of organizations; problems of financing, staffing and program implementation; administrative reform and reorganization; qualitative and quantitative methods for managerial decision-making; goal-directed processes and effective planning. – M.P.A. requirement.

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 February, 2011 Payables, Payroll, and Transfers. Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve the February, 2011 Payables, Payroll and Transfers. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**Article 8. New Business**

**013-2011 Approval of Proposed 2011 Board Goals.**

Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Fox to approve the proposed 2011 Board Goals. Trustee Koessel questioned the goal regarding the “aggressive Economic Development campaign”. Discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Jerry Hampel, 7394 Cascade Woods asked the Board what the goals were. Trustee Goldberg recited/explained the goals for Mr. Hampel.

**Article 10. Manager’s Comments**

Manager Cousins offered the following comments:

- The MTA is hosting a meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> of March at Grand Rapids Township Offices at 10:30 a.m. to hear a presentation on the “One Kent” proposal.

**Article 11. Board Member Comments**

Trustee Goldberg offered the following comments:

- Commented on how he was in favor of Gov. Snyder’s idea that revenue sharing would be a tool to encourage Township’s to develop and adopt best practices and serve as models for other communities around the State. Would like to see Cascade do whatever we can as a Township to submit some of the things that we are doing and get ourselves in line for one of those grants.

Clerk Goodyke offered the following comments:

- Thursday morning we are going to have an audit of our passport acceptance procedures by the U.S. Department of State.

Trustee Lewis offered the following comments:

- Wanted to thank Steve Peterson who put together the meeting we just had earlier. I think it is a healthy situation when we get the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals and some of the other people that were there together under the idea of education to make us all better citizens serving the public. I think it was a good idea.

Trustee Koessel offered the following comments:

- Also agreed with Trustee Lewis, the only thing that would have been a little bit helpful is surprisingly enough we did not know everyone that

was in the room and what committee they were on...introducing ourselves would have been helpful.

**Article 12. Adjournment**

Motion was made by Treasurer Peirce and supported by Trustee Fox to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 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