

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

Wednesday, February 12, 2025

Wisner Center

2870 Jacksmith Dr SE

Grand Rapids, MI 49546

And Virtual Zoom Meeting

7:00 P.M.

HYBRID FORMAT

- Article 1.** Supervisor Lesperance called the meeting to order.
Present: Supervisor Lesperance, Clerk Slater, Treasurer Korstange, Trustees Shipley, Rissi, Noordyke and Noordhoek
Absent: None
Also Present: Community Planning & Development Director Hendrick, Manager Smith, Parks & Facilities Director Zwick, Engineer Thorne, Deputy Clerk Jager, Finance & Budget Director Nenciarini (virtual) and those listed in the Supplement
- Article 2.** Supervisor Lesperance led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Article 3. Approval of Agenda**
Supervisor Lesperance amended the agenda adding second reasoning for Article 12 Closed Session MCL 15.268 Sec 8 (1)(h) and (1)(e) pending litigation Miller vs. Cascade Township. Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee Noordyke to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 4. Presentations**
None
- Article 5. Public Comments-Anything on the Agenda not scheduled for a public hearing. (Limit comments to 3 minutes)**
1. Miller Johnson Attorneys submitted written comment on Item 011-2025
 2. Doug Lee-8613 52nd St-requested budget examination and cuts.
 3. Nick Katsarelas-2985 Burrwick SE-expressed concern on Item 14-2025; thinks compensation should be frozen; officers should abstain from voting on their compensation.
- Article 6. Approval of Consent Agenda**
- a. Receive and File Minutes
 1. Township Board Meeting-1/22/25
 2. Planning Commission-1/6/25
 - b. Receive and File Reports
 1. Building Department Report-Jan 2025
 2. Planning Department Annual Report 2024
 - c. Receive and File Communication
- Motion by Trustee Rissi, seconded by Treasurer Korstange to approve Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 7. Financial Actions**
- a. Request for Invoices to be paid on 2/13/25

Director Nenciarini requested two invoices for Kentwood Office Furniture be removed. Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee Noordyke to approve with requested exemptions. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 8. Unfinished Business
None

Article 9. New Business

011-2025 Consider Approval of Resolution for Adoption of Ordinance Amendment to Chapter 282 Parks and Recreation Areas (Roll Call) Motion by Trustee Rissi, seconded by Trustee Shipley to approve. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

012-2025 Consider Approval of Award of Three Year Contract for Township Tree Plantings Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee Noordyke to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

013-2025 Consider Approval of Resolution for Authorizing Depositories for Township Funds (Roll Call) Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee Noordyke to approve. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

014-2025 Consideration of Resolutions to Approve Elected Officials Compensation Adjustment (Roll Call)

- a. Motion by Trustee Noordhoek, seconded by Trustee Shipley to approve resolution for Treasurer salary to be set at \$43,000. Motion carried 5-2 by roll call vote.
Approved: Shipley, Noordhoek, Korstange, Lesperance, Slater
Opposed: Rissi, Noordyke
- b. Motion by Trustee Noordhoek, seconded by Treasurer Korstange to approve resolution for Clerk salary to be set at \$43,000. Motion carried 5-2 by roll call vote.
Approved: Shipley, Noordhoek, Korstange, Lesperance, Slater
Opposed: Rissi, Noordyke
- c. Motion by Trustee Noordhoek, seconded by Clerk Slater to approve resolution for Supervisor salary to be set at \$48,000. Motion carried 5-2 by roll call vote.
Approved: Shipley, Noordhoek, Korstange, Lesperance, Slater
Opposed: Rissi, Noordyke

Article 10. Discussion
None

Article 11. Public Comments

- 1. Molly Webb-6799 Burton St-public comment was made.
- 2. Walter Bujak, County Commissioner District 21-6639 Thornapple River Dr-welcomed the new Board members.
- 3. Jeff Dionne-2984 Thornapple River Dr-expressed support for the Board's decisions tonight and thanked them for their services. He requested help dealing with the compression braking in front of his home.
- 4. Ken Van Der Kolk-7200 Leyton-requested a picnic table near the dam; signs needed for zoning ordinance to aid enforcement.
- 5. Doug Lee-8613 52nd St-addressed hardships on residents and his business due to Township Board decisions.

6. Scot VanSolkema-2570 Orange Ct-questioned fishing privileges in parks and thinks Township should sell off vacant parcels.

Motion by Trustee Noordyke, seconded by Trustee Rissi to move Items 13 & 14 before Closed Session. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 13. Manager Comments

1. Responded to public comment that park hours and changes are reviewed by legal counsel. Traffic concerns will be followed up with Kent County Road Commission. Fishing is allowed at parks.

Article 14. Board Member Comments

1. Trustee Shipley thanked those in attendance and for their participation.
2. Trustee Noordyke thanked Commissioner Bujak for his work and requested a Cascade representative, specifically Supervisor Lesperance, be submitted to the Airport Authority Committee.
3. Trustee Rissi confirmed fishing is allowed at parks and thanked those in attendance.
4. Supervisor Lesperance addressed public comment on park easement decisions, business loss and Township land ownership.

Article 12. Closed Session Information subject to the attorney-client privilege pursuant to ~~MCL 15.243 Sec 13(1)(g)~~ MCL 15.268 Sec 8 (1)(h) and MCL 15.268 Sec 8(1)(e) pending litigation.

Motion by Trustee Rissi, seconded by Trustee Noordyke to enter closed session at 8:27 pm. Motioned carried unanimously by roll call vote. Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee Noordyke to return to open session at 9:19 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 15. Adjournment

Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee Noordyke to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Jennifer Jager
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Grace Lesperance, Supervisor

Susan B. Slater, Clerk