

**CASCADE CHARTER TOWNSHIP**  
**CITIZENS PFAS COMMITTEE MEETING**

April 14, 2022 at 4:00pm  
Kent District Library– Wisner Center  
2870 Jacksmith Ave SE  
Grand Rapids, MI 49546

**Members Present:** Supervisor Grace Lesperance, Patti Baldwin, John Lipford, Kris White, Chris Noordyke, Ben Greemann

**Others Present:** Township Manager (TM) Ben Swayze; Members of the Public

**ARTICLE 1. Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm.

**ARTICLE 2. Approval of the Agenda:** Motion by Member Noordyke, Supported by Supervisor Lesperance to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

**ARTICLE 3. Acknowledge Visitors & Public Comment:** Several members of the public were in attendance. Introductions of both committee members and members of the public.

**ARTICLE 4. Update on Public Water Extension Project:** TM Swayze gave the committee an update on what is going on with the water extension project. Kamminga & Roodvoets were awarded the contract by the City of Grand Rapids. It is unknown what the project schedule looks like, but preliminary conversation with the City indicates a significant lead time for water main procurement. TM Swayze is meeting with the project team the following week to get an update.

Project engineers are still working on developing the Plumber “list” for the project. Update will be given at the next meeting.

Question was asked regarding the interim water solutions (whole house filters and bottled water). Discussion was held on whether bottled water should be extended to the entire neighborhood rather than just those with a PFAS detection. Discussion ensued>

*Motion by Member Noordyke, supported by Member Lipford, to recommend the Township Board extend the bottled water service to the entire effected area. Motion carried unanimously.*

Discussion was opened to members of the public. Several questions were asked. TM Swayze indicated he would seek answers and/or invite the project engineers to the next meeting.

**ARTICLE 5. Update on Ground Water Use Ordinance:** TM Swayze gave an update on the proposed Ground Water Use Ordinance. Conversations are ongoing with EGLE and KCHD regarding the structure of the ordinance. The ordinance is being

constructed with an appeal process in order to keep wells for irrigation purposes, but TM Swayze also indicated that given the parameters it will be difficult for residents to keep their wells for irrigation purposes. TM Swayze indicated the Township special counsel, in partnership with the Township Attorney, continue to pressure the Airport and Attorney General on a resolution with the airport. The Township is aware of and will maintain its legal remedy rights.

**ARTICLE 6. Roundtable/Q&A:** Various discussions among Committee members and members of the public.

**ARTICLE 7. Public Comment:** Various discussions among Committee members and members of the public.

**ARTICLE 8. Adjournment:** Motion by Member Lipford, Supported by Member Baldwin, to adjourn at 5:12. Motion carried.

**Approved by the Citizens PFAS Committee – 5/5/2022**