

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

Wednesday, March 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: Manager Smith, Planning Admin Asst Govan, Finance & Budget Director Nenciarini, Deputy Chase, Deputy Dieppa, and those listed in the Supplement
- Article 2.** Supervisor Lesperance led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Article 3. Approval of Agenda**
Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee Rissi to approve the Agenda.
Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 4. Presentations**
Kent County Sheriff's Deputies Chase and Dieppa presented an update on their work with Cascade Township.
- Article 5. Public Comments-Anything on the Agenda not scheduled for a public hearing. (Limit comments to 3 minutes)**
Public Comment was made by the following:
1. Ken Van Der Kolk-7200 Leyton Dr
2. Rich Schaafsma-2471 Burton Woods Ct
3. Marianne Schaafsma-2471 Burton Woods Ct
- Article 6. Approval of Consent Agenda**
a. Receive and File Minutes
 1. Township Board Meeting & Closed Session-2/12/25
Supervisor Lesperance requested the following correction to 2/12/25 minutes:
Article 13, #3: Supervisor Lesperance surmised how the range for salaries was reached; agreed with Mr. Katsarelas that retroactive compensation is not legal for elected officials, and that its effective date is at the time of Board approval.
b. Receive and File Reports
c. Receive and File Communication
Motion by Treasurer Korstange, seconded by Trustee Shipley to approve Consent Agenda with correction. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 7. Financial Actions**
a. Request for Invoices to be paid on 3/13/25
b. Financial Statements-Jan 2025

Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Treasurer Korstange to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 8. Unfinished Business
None

Article 9. New Business
019-2025 Consider Approval of 2025 Independence Day Activities
Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Treasurer Korstange to approve.
Motion carried unanimously.

020-2025 Consider Approval of Petition to Strike Delinquent Personal Property Taxes and to Authorize Township Clerk to sign Waiver and Consent Form
Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee Rissi to approve.
Motion carried unanimously.

Article 10. Discussion
None

Article 11. Public Comments
Public Comment was made by the following:
1. Melissa Engle-2485 Burton Woods Ct
2. Randy Goble-2841 Hayward Dr
3. Scot Van Solkema-2570 Orange Ct
4. Rich Schaafsma-2471 Burton Woods Ct

Article 12. Manager Comments
County has a website for updates on deer control. Working to get compliance on meeting attendance for various commissions. He has met with Kent County Road Commission regarding placement of signs re "jake brakes." Library Refresh furniture bids will be submitted for Board approval.

Article 13. Board Member Comments
1. Trustee Shipley thanked residents for attending. He would like a report on mutual aid with surrounding Fire Departments. Reminded residents lane changes on Cascade Road Bridge begin on Monday 3/17.
2. Trustee Rissi requested a report of complaints re zoning and their status.

Article 14. Adjournment
Motion by Clerk Slater, seconded by Trustee Rissi to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Sue Slater
Clerk

Approved by:

Grace Lesperance, Supervisor

Susan B. Slater, Clerk