

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

Wednesday, July 12, 2023  
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 Koessel, McDonald, Shipley and Noordhoek  
Absent: None  
Also Present: Interim Township Manager Andrzejewski, Attorney Homier-Foster Swift, Deputy Clerk Brott, 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 Treasurer Korstange to approve the 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)**  
None
- Article 6.** **Approval of Consent Agenda**  
**a.** Receive and File Minutes  
**1.** Township Board Meeting – 6/26/23 & 6/28/23  
**b.** Receive and File Reports  
**1.** Building Department – June 2023  
**c.** Receive and File Education Requests  
None  
**d.** Receive and File Communication  
None  
Motion by Trustee Koessel, seconded by Trustee Shipley to approve the Consent Agenda.  
Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 7.** **Financial Actions**  
**a.** Consider Approval of May 2023 Financial Statements  
Motion by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Trustee Koessel to approve the Financial Actions. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 8.** **Unfinished Business**  
None

**Article 9. New Business**

**059-2023 Consider Approval of New Township Manager Contract**

Attorney Homier reviewed the Township Manager contract for Jade Smith. Considerable discussion.

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

**Article 10. Discussion**

None

**Article 11. Public Comments**

1. Kenneth Carey-2929 Thornapple River Dr-The noise levels from 18-wheelers compression braking is very high; Township should consider banning compression braking. Airport traffic has increased in the past three 3-4 weeks. Requested updates to the Redevelopment Ready Community process.
2. Jeff Dionne-2984 Thornapple River Dr-The Fourth of July event was great. A Scenic Drive marker needs to be used on Thornapple River Drive again; no semi-trucks allowed. Trucks should be routed to 28<sup>th</sup> Street.
3. Joseph Albright-5224 Pinta Ct-Re renters and absent landlords: Potential solutions are: allow only one (1) renter per block, no rentals across the street from each other, and limit single-family rentals at a percentage of total single-family homes. Trustee Koessel asked Attorney Homier what the Township can do. Attorney Homier gave several suggestions.
4. Rachel via Zoom-In favor of Wormies.
5. Scot VanSolkema-2570 Orange Ct-Sidewalks around the village are cracked. Cited in front of Harvest Health, the barbershop, and JT's Pizza as examples.
6. Jade Smith via Zoom-Thanked the Board for their support in selecting him for Township Manager.

**Article 12. Manager Comments**

1. Airport noise should subside when the repairs of a runway are completed around 8/6/23.
2. PFAS remediation is on schedule and within budget
3. Six (6) month budget reviews start next week. Budget reappropriations should occur every six months rather than year-end. Department Heads will start on 2024 budgets.
4. Zoning Administrator Smith-Jacoby is reviewing compression braking ordinances.

**Article 13. Board Member Comments**

1. Trustee Shipley-Thanked those in attendance for coming to the meeting. Re compression braking: Mufflers can be used.
2. Treasurer Korstange-Also noticed increased noise. Airport take-off times seem to have started earlier. Re compression brakes: Follow the ordinance.
3. Supervisor Lesperance-Complimented Interim Township Manager Andrzejewski.

**Article 14. Adjournment**

Motion by Clerk Slater, seconded by Trustee Shipley to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Krissi Brott  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

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Grace Lesperance, Supervisor

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Susan B. Slater, Clerk