

CASCADE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
CITIZENS PFAS COMMITTEE MEETING
July 15, 2021 at 4:00pm
Cascade Township Library – Wisner Center
2870 Jacksmith Ave SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49546

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

Others Present: Township Manager (TM) Ben Swayze

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

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

ARTICLE 3. Acknowledge Visitors & Public Comment: No public was in attendance

ARTICLE 4. Update from Township on Public Water Extension Project: TM Swayze reviewed the progress that has been made on the project. The City of GR has signed all of the necessary documents and the project is ready to move forward. It is anticipated that the City and Township will partner together to administer the project. The first step will be to bring on an engineer, the City is preparing an RFP to obtain engineering services. The RFP is important to demonstrate that the Township is taking care to control expenses once reimbursement is sought from the airport.

ARTICLE 5. Update from Township on Water Filters for Houses Above PFAS Action Level: TM Swayze updated the committee that the Township Board has approved funding for whole-house filters for all 40 homes that tested above the Part 201 PFAS levels, and bottled water service for all houses with any positive PFAS test. Work is being done to set up a meeting with a filter provider and those residents effected. The goal is for the customer relationship to be between the provider and the resident, Township will act as a fiduciary. Committee will be invited to meeting with residents,

ARTICLE 6. Roundtable / Q&A: Committee discussed costs that are being incurred by residents as a direct result of PFAS (i.e. extra cost for well repair or replacement) TM Swayze indicated he would follow-up with Township legal counsel on the ability to include those costs in the recuperation efforts. Question was asked regarding the river and the fish; TM Swayze indicated he would include the fish study on the next committee agenda.

ARTICLE 7. Discuss and Consider Future Meeting Format: TM Swayze indicated the Kent County Board of Commissioners did not extend the local state of emergency, so meetings will now be in-person.

ARTICLE 8. Public Comment: None

ARTICLE 11 Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 5:11pm

Approved by the Citizens PFAS Committee – 09.02.21