

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

Wednesday, July 26, 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, Trustees Koessel, McDonald, Shipley and Noordhoek
Absent: Treasurer Korstange (excused)
Also Present: Interim Township Manager Andrzejewski, Captain Stevenson, Planning Director Hilbrands, Assessor Genter, 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 Trustee Koessel to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 4. Presentations
1. Kent County Sustainability Project/Park – Jack Brown, Republic Waste
2. Kent County Sustainability Project/Park – Darwin Baas, Kent County Director of Public Works

Article 5. Public Comments-Anything on the Agenda not scheduled for a public hearing. (limit comments to 3 minutes)
1. Scot VanSolkema-2570 Orange Ct-Metro Cruise Warm-Up has already been announced on Facebook, yet the Board is voting on it during this meeting. In favor of Wormies-composting is a natural process.
2. Ken Van Der Kolk-7200 Leyton-During this heatwave, emergency calls have increased. Is the Township being reimbursed for emergency calls to hotels?
3. Rod Schultz-2562 Orange Ct- Re Wormies: If you own the land, you should be able to do what you want if it's zoned for it.

Article 6. Approval of Consent Agenda
a. Receive and File Minutes
1. Township Board Meeting – 7/12/23
2. Planning Commission Meeting – 6/5/23 & 6/19/23
b. Receive and File Reports
1. Treasurer's Department – May 2023
c. Receive and File Education Requests
None
d. Receive and File Communication
1. DIRECTV, LLC (DIRECTV) Annual Video Report

Motion by Trustee Koessel, seconded by Trustee McDonald to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 7. Financial Actions

a. Consider Approval of June 2023 Payables, Payroll and Transfers
Motion by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Trustee Koessel to approve the Financial Actions. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 8. Unfinished Business

052-2023 Consider Approval of Type II Special Use Permit for a Commercial Composting Operation at 5745 Whitneyville Avenue

Motion by Trustee Koessel, seconded by Trustee McDonald to remove item from table. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Noordhoek, seconded by Trustee McDonald to send item back to Planning Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 9. New Business

060-2023 Consider Resolution to Approve the Levy of the 2023 Millage Rates (Roll Call)

Motion by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Trustee Shipley to approve. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

061-2023 Consider Approval of the Furniture Bid for Fire Station #1

Motion by Trustee Koessel, seconded by Trustee Shipley to approve Custer's bid. Motion carried unanimously.

062-2023 Consider Resolution to Approve Rezoning of Approximately 10 Acres from PUD Ordinance to R-1 Residential for 7540 & 7550 Alaska Ridge (Roll Call)

Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee McDonald to approve. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

063-2023 Consider Approval of Outdoor Gathering Permit for the Cascade Metro Cruise Warmup

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

064-2023 Consider Resolution to Amend Ordinance No. 1B of 2020 (Roll Call)

Motion by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Trustee Noordhoek to extend the moratorium to October 1, 2023. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Article 10. Discussion

None

Article 11. Public Comments

1. Terri Riggle-2765 Orange Ave (Gaylord House)-Re Go Bus: Since it has been discontinued, residents who used the service only have Hope Network and Ride Link, which run Monday through Friday during business hours. Go Bus ran during the off hours. Asked the Board to reconsider contract or other options.

2. Frances Foley-2765 Orange Ave (Gaylord House)-Re Go Bus: Senior Citizens and those with disabilities should be taken care of. Grand Rapids is behind the times.
3. Jane Scholtens-2765 Orange Ave (Gaylord House)-Re Go Bus: Appreciated the service. It was not just a ride; it was a way to connect with others. Hopes the Board will reconsider.
4. Steve Faber-1845 Meadowfield Dr-Re Kent County Sustainability Project/Park: Works for Kent County Department of Public Works. Quoted Vern Ehlers. Supports the project and noted that Charlevoix does not have flow control.
5. Luis Chen-5745 Whitneyville-Re Wormies: Requested the Board resolve the issue quickly. Wormies helps the environment.
6. Rod Schultz-He hasn't received a response from Zoning Administrator Smith-Jacoby about Property Code 299-5.
7. Jarret Jakubowski-19 White Hills Ave-Re Parade Float Contest during Ada/Cascade Township Fourth of July Parade: Thinks the judges picked the wrong float.
8. Daniel Schoonmaker-Grand Rapids-Re Wormies: In support. Impressed with the diligence of the Board and Planning Commission. No one has anything bad to say about Wormies; it can also be a learning opportunity for elementary students. The State of Michigan has resources to support.
9. Kerry Gorsuch-3044 Thornapple River Dr-In support of traffic control on Thornapple River Drive. Please get more junk out of the river.
10. Scot VanSolkema-Who is responsible for the upkeep of sidewalks? Re Wormies: Why is it taking so long? Re Pathways on Peace Street: Extreme wash-out when it rains.
11. Chandler Michalsky-5745 Whitneyville-Re Wormies: There is very little traffic compared to the subdivisions. Spoke of the benefits of composting.

Article 12. Manager Comments

1. Personnel/Finance Committee is doing well.
2. The Rapid: They are very resistant to the Township's recommendations. The Township wants to find a solution and help workers, elderly and the disabled.

Article 13. Board Member Comments

1. Trustee Shipley-Thanked those in attendance for coming to the meeting and sharing ideas.
2. Supervisor Lesperance-Thanked everyone for attending. Thanked the Planning Commission and the Downtown Development Authority for their work.

Article 14. Adjournment

Motion by Clerk Slater, seconded by Trustee Shipley to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 9:08 pm.

Krissi Brott
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Grace Lesperance, Supervisor

Susan B. Slater, Clerk