

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

Wednesday, February 8, 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 Peirce, Trustees Koessel, McDonald, Shipley and Noordhoek
Absent: None
Also Present: Township Manager Swayze, Planning Director Hilbrands, Lt. Albright-Fire Department, Mary Ann Sabo-Sabo PR, Hunter Zuk-Sabo PR, 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 McDonald to approve. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 5.** **Public Comments-Anything on the Agenda not scheduled for a public hearing. (limit comments to 3 minutes)**
None
- Article 4.** **Presentations**
None
- Article 6.** **Approval of Consent Agenda**
- a. Receive and File Minutes
 - 1. Township Board – 1/25/2023
 - 2. Downtown Development Authority – 11/15/22
 - 3. Planning Commission – 11/4/22 & 12/5/22
 - b. Receive and File Reports
 - 1. Treasurer’s Department Report – December 2022
 - 2. Downtown Development Authority – 2022 Annual Report
 - 3. Building Department Report – January 2023
 - 4. Snow Cemetery Oak Wilt Project Report
 - 5. Burton Park Oak Wilt Project Report
 - c. Receive and File Education Requests
 - 1. Fire Chaplain Dieffenbach-1st Responder Mental Health & Wellness Conference- May 15-16, 2023-Elkhart, IN
 - d. Receive and File Communication
 - 1. GVMC Airport Access Study Postcard
- Motion by Trustee Koessel, seconded by Trustee Shipley to approve the Consent Agenda.
Motion carried unanimously.

Article 7. Financial Actions
None

Article 8. Unfinished Business
None

Article 9. New Business

012-2023 a.) Public Hearing – Consider Ordinance for Floodplain Management
Motion by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Trustee Koessel to open Public Hearing.
Motion carried unanimously.

No comments made.

Motion by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Trustee Shipley to close Public Hearing.
Motion carried unanimously.

b.) Consider Ordinance for Floodplain Management (Roll Call)
Motion by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Trustee Shipley to approve. Motion carried
unanimously by roll call vote.

013-2023 Consider Contract for Spongy Moth Spray
Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee McDonald to approve. Motion carried
unanimously.

014-2023 Consider a Metro Act Permit Request from Uniti Fiber
Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee McDonald to approve. Motion carried
unanimously.

**015-2023 Consider Budget and Funny Business Contract for Cascade Township
July 4th Celebration**
Motion by Trustee Koessel, seconded by Trustee Shipley to approve. Motion carried
unanimously.

**016-2023 Consider Resolution for Road Closures for Cascade Township July 4th
Celebration (Roll Call)**
Motion by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Trustee Shipley to approve. Motion carried
unanimously by roll call vote.

**017-2023 Consider ~~Resolution~~ Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Ordinance to
Revise the Major Street Plan (Roll Call)**
Motion by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Trustee Koessel to approve. Motion carried
unanimously by roll call vote.

018-2023 Township Manager Annual Performance Evaluation
No action taken.

Article 10. Discussion

1. Township Communication Services

Manager Swayze advised that Hunter Zuk of Sabo PR is being promoted. The Board needs to decide whether to keep things the way they are when a replacement is hired by Sabo PR, hire someone permanently as a Township employee, or put out a bid for other options. Considerable discussion held about prioritizing in-house capabilities. Manager Swayze and Mary Ann Sabo will meet to discuss options. Mary Ann Sabo thanked the Board; said it's been an honor to work with Cascade Township.

Article 11. Public Comments – Any comments...whether it is on the Agenda or not. (limit comments to 3 minutes)

1. Dale VanDerSchaaf-5667 Snow Ave-Re paving Snow Ave: Wants it paved, and wants the Township to do their part.
2. Matt Buckhold-5776 Snow Ave-Was promised when he bought his house that the road would be paved. He is willing to give up a tree, if needed. Ten (10) of the 13 residents are in favor of paving the road.

Article 12. Manager Comments

1. Egypt Creek update: Received replies from EGLE. They have ordered them to stop moving earth.
2. Attorney Van Essen: Meeting with Kent County re PFAS. Closed session will be scheduled for 2/22/23 Board Meeting to discuss cost.

Article 13. Board Member Comments

1. Trustee Shipley-Thanked everyone in attendance.
2. Trustee Noordhoek-Requested an update on a deer hunting report. Manager Swayze advised that an update will be presented to the Board soon.
3. Treasurer Peirce-Announced his resignation. Board members thanked him for his service.

Article 14. Adjournment

Motion by Treasurer Peirce, seconded by Trustee McDonald to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm.

Krissi Brott
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Grace Lesperance, Supervisor

Susan B. Slater, Clerk