

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

Wednesday, May 24, 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: Parks and Recreation Director Manion, Parks Committee Chair Ginny Wanty, Planning Director Hilbrands, Wayne Harrall-Kent County Road Commission (KCRC), 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 Noordhoek to approve the agenda.
Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 4.** **Presentations**
1. Parks Committee – Quarterly Parks Presentation
Parks Committee Chair Wanty introduced new Parks and Recreation Director Melanie Manion who presented the Quarterly Report.
- Article 5.** **Public Comments-Anything on the Agenda not scheduled for a public hearing. (limit comments to 3 minutes)**
1. Dorothy Cribbs-1980 Deerfield Ct-Re appointments to Personnel/Finance Committee: Important to have this committee. Was the conflict-of-interest form approved? It needs to be used for transparency.
2. Scot VanSolkema-2570 Orange Ct-The Personnel/Finance Committee is important. He applied for three (3) jobs and said he received no response.
3. Badrie Shahbodaghloo & Babak Shahbodaghloo-5070 28th St-Owners of Backyard Restaurant. They were told the Township would be awarding a liquor license to one business whose application was submitted. They are waiting for a response.
- Article 6.** **Approval of Consent Agenda**
a. Receive and File Minutes
1. Township Board Meeting – 5/10/23
2. Planning Commission – 3/6/23 & 3/20/23
b. Receive and File Reports
None
c. Receive and File Education Requests
1. Paul Westhouse – IAEI Michigan Chapter 2023 Summer Educational Meeting – June 15-16, 2023 – Bay City, MI

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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

None

Supervisor Lesperance requested New Business item 048-2023 be discussed before Unfinished Business.

048-2023 Consider Cascade Pedestrian Bridge Improvements

Wayne Harrall-KCRC, presented and answered questions.

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

Article 8. Unfinished Business

004-2023 Consider Supervisor Appointments to Various Boards and Commissions

Motion by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Trustee Koessel to approve. Motion carried 6-1 by roll call vote. In favor: Trustees McDonald, Koessel, Shipley, and Noordhoek, Treasurer Korstange, and Supervisor Lesperance. Opposed: Clerk Slater.

Article 9. New Business

045-2023 Consider Resolution for Amendments to Parks Committee By-Laws

(Roll Call)

Motion by Trustee Koessel, seconded by Treasurer Korstange to approve. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

046-2023 Consider Approval of Type II Special Use Permit for a Trucking Terminal Facility at 5610 and 5620 Kraft Avenue

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

047-2023 a.) Public Hearing for Camping & Storage of Personal Property Ordinance

Motion by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Treasurer Korstange to open Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Scot VanSolkema-Requested clarification that this Ordinance is only for public property; is in support.

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

b.) Consider Approval of Camping & Storage of Personal Property Ordinance *(Roll call)*

Motion by Trustee Koessel, seconded by Trustee Noordhoek to approve. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

049-2023 Consider a Search Firm for Township Manager Recruitment

Considerable discussion.

Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee McDonald to direct staff to post the position of Township Manager. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 10. Discussion
None

Article 11. Public Comments
1. Brian Holcomb-3415 Glenstone Ct-Re Egypt Creek Landscaping: The owner is in violation of the Planned Unit Development (PUD), and the Township needs to do something. Properties are depreciating.

Article 12. Manager Comments
None

Article 13. Board Member Comments
1. Trustee Shipley-Thanked those in attendance for coming to the meeting.
2. Trustee Koessel-Asked for clarification re Class C Liquor License availability.

Article 14. Adjournment
Motion by Clerk Slater, seconded by Trustee Shipley to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm.

Krissi Brott
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Grace Lesperance, Supervisor

Susan B. Slater, Clerk