

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

Wednesday, January 26, 2022

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 McDonald, Shipley and Noordhoek
Absent: Trustee Koessel (excused)
Also Present: Township Manager Swayze, Fire Chief Magers, Fire Marshal Poolman, Mary Ann Sabo and Hunter Zuk-Sabo P.R., Attorney Mike Homier-Foster Swift, Mark Bushhouse, Scott Lange, and Natalie Clemens-Williams Architects, John VerPlank-Prein & Newhof, Brianne Pitchford-Triangle Associates, Inc., Deputy Clerk Brott, and those listed on 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 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)**
1. Kris Taylor-6027 Champagne Ct-Was told that the Township would notify the residents via postcard when there is an expenditure greater than \$500k. Can you assure that this will happen re the new fire station?
 2. Scot VanSolkema via Zoom-The firefighters need and deserve new quarters. Is in support of the new fire station.
- Article 6. Approval of Consent Agenda**
- a. Receive and File Minutes
 1. Township Board – 01/12/22
 2. Citizens PFAS Committee – 12/02/21
 3. Thornapple River SAD Ad-Hoc Committee – 12/27/21
 - b. Receive and File Reports
None
 - c. Receive and File Education Requests
 1. Liz Thompson – GFOA 2022 Annual Conference – Austin, TX – June 3-8, 2022

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2. Todd Stevenson – Fire Officer III & IV – Alabama Fire College, Tuscaloosa, AL
– March 12-26, 2022

d. Receive and File Communication

1. Liquor License Request Notification – Osaka Steakhouse

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

Article 7. Financial Actions

a. Consider Approval of December 2021 Payroll, Payables and Transfers

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

Article 8. Unfinished Business

128-2021 Consider Appointments to Various Boards and Commissions

Supervisor Lesperance presented the Standing Committee appointments and advised that they are advisory only.

Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee Noordhoek to approve. Motion failed by roll call vote. In favor-Supervisor Lesperance, Trustees Noordhoek and Shipley. Opposed-Clerk Slater, Treasurer Peirce, and Trustee McDonald. Absent-Trustee Koessel.

Article 9. New Business

006-2022 Review and Consider the Design Alternatives and Budgets for Fire Station #1

Mark Bushhouse, Scott Lange, and Natalie Clemens-Williams Architects, John VerPlank-Prein & Newhof, and Brianne Pitchford-Triangle Associates, with Chief Magers, presented via Zoom the design options and budget. Questions were answered by the group. Considerable discussion and public comment.

1. Wendy Sturm-2570 Hunter Green Ct SE-Prefers Design 1 because it reflects the current community.
2. Richard Marshall-7465 Sheffield Dr-The Board should allow the advisory committee of firefighters to decide. Thanked the firefighters for what they do for Cascade.
3. Chuck Whitley via Zoom-5030 Sequoia Dr-Shared thoughts about parking, asked questions about the choice of doors and the slope roof over the exit.
4. Candace Poolman-6667 60th St-Agreed with others. Asked the Board to think about those who will be using it every day. Taxpayers and firefighters want Design 1.

Motion by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Supervisor Lesperance to approve Design 2 and authorize Williams Architects to move forward. Motion carried 4-2 by roll call vote. In favor-Supervisor Lesperance, Clerk Slater, Trustee McDonald, and Trustee Noordhoek. Opposed-Treasurer Peirce and Trustee Shipley. Absent-Trustee Koessel.

007-2022 Consider the Issuance of a Request For Proposals for Thornapple River Aquatic Weed Management Program

Manager Swayze presented and answered questions.

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

Article 10. Closed Session

Pursuant to MCL 15.268 (e) – To consult with its attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation.

Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee McDonald to adjourn to closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268 (e) to discuss trial or settlement strategy in certain pending civil litigation in the cases of Mayer v Township of Cascade (MTT Docket No. 21-003690-TT), Kenny v Township of Cascade)MTT Docket No. 21-003748-TT), and Clapp v Township of Cascade (MTT Docket No. 21-003758-TT) because discussion in public would have a detrimental financial effect on the Township’s trial or settlement strategy. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Absent-Trustee Koessel
Adjourned to Closed Session at 8:55 pm.

Motion by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Trustee Shipley to resume Open Session. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Absent-Trustee Koessel
Open Session resumed at 9:16 pm.

Motion by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Trustee Shipley to direct legal counsel to proceed as discussed in Closed Session. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Absent-Trustee Koessel.

Article 11. Discussion
None

Article 12. Public Comments – Any comments...whether it is on the Agenda or not. (limit comments to 3 minutes)

1. Lisa Berger-Thanked the Board for moving forward re the fire station. Disappointed that the Board did not listen to the public, citizens, nor firefighters. Hopes it doesn’t turn out to be a disaster.
2. Candace Poolman-To Supervisor Lesperance: Did not do what you said you would. Very disappointed.
3. Ken VanDerKolk-7200 Leyton-Re the fire station design choice, everyone said they wanted Design 1, and you picked Design 2. This is a waste of \$600k.

Article 13. Manager Comments

1. Sabo PR report is available, and feedback is requested.
2. Manager Swayze met with Kent County Sheriff’s Department regarding increasing police patrols.
3. Discussed the Alaska Ridge internet issue. Still hoping to collaborate with Kent County or another jurisdiction to lower the cost.
4. The PFAS Community Meeting is Feb. 3, 6-8 pm at the Wisner Center.

Article 14. Board Member Comments

1. Trustee Shipley-Thanked everyone for coming.

Article 15. Adjournment
Motion by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Clerk Slater to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 9:31 pm.

Krissi Brott
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Grace Lesperance, Supervisor

Susan B. Slater, Clerk