

CASCADE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
March 25, 2022 at 9:00am
Large Conference Room at Township Hall
5920 Tahoe Dr. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546

Members Present: Trustee Noordhoek, Treasurer Peirce, Clerk Slater

Others Present: Township Manager (TM) Ben Swayze

Members of the Public: None

ARTICLE 1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 9:00am.

ARTICLE 2. Approval of the Agenda: Motion by Clerk Slater, Supported by Trustee Noordhoek to approve the agenda. Motion carried 3-0

ARTICLE 3. Approval of the Minutes of the February 23, 2022 Meeting: Motion by Clerk Slater, Supported by Trustee Noordhoek to approve the minutes as presented. Motion Carried.

ARTICLE 4. Review and Discussion on Kent County ARPA Program: Manager Swayze reviewed the latest information on the Kent County ARPA program including the community survey and opportunity to submit projects. TM Swayze reviewed the County timeline, culminating in the proposal deadline of July 15. Discussion ensued. The committee discussed several projects:

- Broadband internet for Alaska Ridge neighborhood
- Pedestrian Bridge/facilities over Thornapple River on Cascade Road. Possibility to include fishing pier.
- PFAS remediation project (defer to Airport/County)

Further discussion to be held at the Township Board level before proposed projects are presented for consideration

ARTICLE 5. Review & Recommendation on Tax Reverted Property in the Township: TM Swayze reviewed the property on Spaulding Ave that the Township has to claim. The property can be claimed for approximately \$5800 (taxes due) or approximately \$70,000 (fair market value) depending on if a notice of claim from parties with a recorded interest in the property is filed with the County before 7/1/22. The property is just over 10 acres, undeveloped, but currently has no public access. The Township may be able to negotiate access with the property owner to the north. If the Township wishes to claim it must do so with a stated public purpose. Discussion ensued.

Motion by Trustee Noordhoek, support by Clerk Slater, to recommend the Township Board claim the tax reverted property. Motion carried 3-0.

ARTICLE 6. Update on the Planning Commission Recommendation Implementation Committee (Round Hill) TM Swayze and Trustee Noordhoek gave an update on the work the committee is doing. Final presentation to the Township Board is expected in late June or early July.

ARTICLE 7. Public Comment: No public comment.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 9:31 am

Approved by the Governance Committee – 6.22.22