

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

Wednesday, September 27, 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, Shipley, McDonald and Noordhoek
Absent: None
Also Present: Township Manager Jade Smith, Planner Hilbrands, Deputy
Clerk Jager, Parks and Rec. Dir. Manion 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 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. Scot VanSolkema-2570 Orange Ct-spoke in support of Wormies and
inquired on the Grand Rapids Triathlon's arrangements with the
Township.
2. Luis Chen-5745 Whitneyville Ave-spoke in support of Wormies.
3. Youssef Darwich-9929 68th-spoke in support of Wormies.

Article 6. Approval of Consent Agenda

- a. Receive and File Minutes
 1. Township Board Meeting-9/13/23 & 9/15/23
 2. Planning Commission-8/7/23 & 8/21/23
- b. Receive and File Reports
 1. Building Department August 2023
- c. Receive and File Education Requests
 1. David Lintemuth-Fire Inspector I Training
- d. Receive and File Communication
None

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

Article 7. Financial Actions

- a. Financial Statement August 2023
 - b. Request for Invoices to be paid on 9/28/2023
- Motion by Trustee Koessel, seconded by Trustee Noordhoek to approve.
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 (Roll Call)

Motion by Trustee Koessel, seconded by Trustee Shipley to remove item from the table. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Trustee Noordhoek to approve with staff recommendations. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Article 9. New Business

082-2023 Consider Request to Approve Resolutions for Grand Rapids Triathlon to Close Public Streets on June 8 & 9, 2024 (Roll Call)

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

083-2023 Consider Resolution to Designate POW/MIA Recognition Day (Roll Call)

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

084-2023 Consider Contract for Financial Services with Plante Moran

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

Article 10. Discussion

None

Article 11. Public Comments

- 1. Rod Schultz-commented on the excessive number of conditions on Wormies and the lack of conditions on a carwash.
- 2. Shivani Mishra-6420 Grenelefe Dr-asked for a waiver on property tax late fee.
- 3. Ken VanDerKolk-7200 Leyton Dr-inquired on recouping public safety costs.
- 4. Scot VanSolkema-commented on legislation in Lansing that reduces local government regulation and that POW/MIA Recognition Day was delinquent.
- 5. Walter Bujak-County Commissioner District 21-6639 Thornapple River Dr-responded to the Township request made at the previous regular meeting for action on PFAS monies from the County. He reviewed the

EGLE meeting in Hillsboro and its ongoing investigation of PFAS source. He requested an invite to the Fire Station 1 opening.

Article 12. Manager Comments

1. Manager Smith reported in response to residents' requests, PFAS information was added to the Township website. Fire station 1 Open House is slated for Nov 2, 2023. Ron Sabin retired from the Building Department after 17 years. Parks & Recreation volunteer opportunities can be obtained through volunteer@cascadetwp.com.

Article 13. Board Member Comments

1. Trustee Shipley thanked those in attendance for coming to the meeting and mentioned former Township Board Member Bob VanStrien's passing.
2. Treasurer Korstange requested more details from education requests.
3. Supervisor Lesperance thanked the following staff for their great work: Manager Smith, Planner Hilbrands, Parks and Rec. Dir. Manion, and Communication Specialist Rich Lakeberg.

Article 14. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm.

Jennifer Jager
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Grace Lesperance, Supervisor

Susan B. Slater, Clerk