

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

Wednesday, March 22, 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, Trustees McDonald, Shipley and Noordhoek
Absent: Trustee Koessel (excused)
Also Present: Township Manager Swayze, Attorney Doug VanEssen, Administrative Assistant Stine, 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 4.** **Presentations**
~~1. Introduction and Update from Representative Phil Skaggs~~
Representative Phil Skaggs will be introduced at a later meeting.
- Article 5.** **Public Comments-Anything on the Agenda not scheduled for a public hearing. (limit comments to 3 minutes)**
1. Brian Holcomb-3415 Glenstone Ct-Requested update on Treasurer appointment process. Supervisor Lesperance responded. Asked for an update on the Egypt Creek Landscaping issue. Manager Swayze responded.
- Article 6.** **Approval of Consent Agenda**
a. Receive and File Minutes
1. Township Board Meeting – 3/1/23 & 3/8/23
b. Receive and File Reports
1. Treasurer’s Report – 2022 Tax Collection Report
2. Treasurer’s Report – January 2023
3. Building Department-Inspection Services – 2022 Annual Report
4. Fire Department Annual Report - 2022
c. Receive and File Education Requests
1. Krissi Brott-MAMC Summer Conference-Detroit, MI-June 12-16, 2023
d. Receive and File Communication
None
Motion by Clerk Slater, seconded by Trustee Shipley to approve the Consent Agenda.
Motion carried unanimously.

Article 7. Financial Actions

- a. Consider Approval of December 2022 Preliminary Financial Statements
- b. Consider Approval of December 2022 Payables, Payroll, and Transfers
- c. Consider Approval of January 2023 Payables, Payroll, and Transfers
- d. Consider Approval of February 2023 Payables, Payroll, and Transfers

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

Article 8. Unfinished Business

023-2023 Consider Request from Lessee to Assign Lease of 6896 Cascade Road

Motion by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Trustee Noordhoek to remove the item from the table. Motion carried unanimously.

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Article 9. New Business

027-2023 Consider Amendments to the Cascade Township Water Utility Service District Map

No action taken.

028-2023 Consider the 2023-2024 Library Refresh Project

Motion by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Clerk Slater to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

029-2023 Consider Participating in the 2nd Round of the National Opioid Settlement

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

Article 10. Closed Session

Pursuant to MCL 15.268 (h) – To consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute.

Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee McDonald to adjourn to Closed Session. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Adjourned to Closed Session at 7:34 pm.

Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Clerk Slater to resume Open Session. Motion carried unanimously. Open session resumed at 7:58 pm.

Attorney VanEssen discussed the tentative PFAS settlement with the Gerald R. Ford International Airport. The Board's agreement is contingent upon General Counsel review and Airport Board approval.

Motion by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Trustee Shipley to approve the settlement agreement as outlined by Special Counsel and direct the necessary elected officials to

sign conditioned upon the Airport's signature of same and approval of the language and terms by General Counsel of the Township. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 11. Discussion

1. **Treasurer Appointment Process** - The Board reviewed the applicants' resumes and chose three candidates for Treasurer appointee: Windy Korstange, Stacey Hale, and Peggy Murphy. The Board directed Manager Swayze to schedule candidates and the Board will make the final decision at the April 12, 2023 Board meeting, or sooner.
2. **2023 Local Road Work Program** – Manager Swayze provided an overview map of places he and Engineer Thorne identified that will need work, as well as cost estimates from the Road Commission. Any project in this program is funded 50 percent by the Road Commission, and the rest of the cost is covered by the Township. Decisions will be made at the April 12, 2023 Board meeting. The Board directed Manager Swayze to begin submitting documents to repair roads on Buttrick and Abbeydale.

Article 12. Public Comments

1. Ken Van Der Kolk-7200 Leyton-Re Egypt Creek Landscaping: When will there be a resolution?
2. Walter Bujak-6639 Thornapple River Dr-Kent County Commissioner District 21 commended the Board. Well done on the PFAS settlement agreement. He hopes the Township can take advantage of ARPA funds.
3. Matt Buckhold-5776 Snow Ave-Re Snow Ave paving: Emphasized to the Board this project is important.
4. Rob Dewey-5805 Snow Ave-Re Snow Ave paving: Voiced support for the project. Thanked Manager Swayze for meeting with the residents on Snow Avenue; main motivation is bus safety.
5. Rod Schultz-2562 Orange Ct (Recently moved here from California)-Cascade Library is the best he's ever seen.
6. Scot Van Solkema-2570 Orange Ct-Hopes whomever is appointed to Treasurer is qualified, as those entrusted with public funds have a very important job. The International Beverage light is flickering like a strobe.

Article 13. Manager Comments

1. Hope Network secured funding for the rest of the year for bus riders. CBDG COVID funding is providing funding for March through June.
2. Re Deer Study: Dr. Keys will present to the Board in April.
3. An offer was made for the Parks & Recreation Director. Received a lot of interest for the Communications Specialist position, and the Economic Development Director position has been posted. Fire Marshall Poolman will retire at the end of April 2023.

Article 14. Board Member Comments

1. Trustee Shipley-Thanked those in attendance for coming to the meeting.
2. Trustee Noordhoek-Would like to have a public meeting re cones for water project.

Article 15. Adjournment

Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Clerk Slater to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Krissi Brott
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Grace Lesperance, Supervisor

Susan B. Slater, Clerk