

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

Wednesday, February 10, 2021
7:00 P.M.

Article 1. Supervisor Lesperance called the meeting to order.
Present: Supervisor Lesperance, Clerk Slater, Treasurer Peirce, Trustees Koessel, Shipley, McDonald and Noordhoek.
Absent: None
Also Present: Township Manager Swayze, Assistant Township Manager Fast, and DDA Director Korhorn.

Article 2. Supervisor Lesperance led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Article 3. Approval of Agenda
Motion was made by Trustee Shipley and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 4. Presentations

Article 5. Public Comments
Lisa Schmitz – 1306 Glen Allen Drive – Expressed her concern about the snow and ice removal on the sidewalks on Hall Street.
Craig Meurlin – 6333 Thornhills – Expressed his concern of the Closed Session meeting from January 27, 2021 and the openness of the Board Meetings.
Kenneth Clapp – 6800 Tricklewood - Objected to the Special Assessment District.

Article 6. Approval of Consent Agenda

- a. Receive and File Minutes
 - 1. Planning Commission Minutes – January 18, 2021
 - 2. Township Board Minutes – January 27, 2021
 - 3. DDA Minutes – November 17, 2020
- b. Receive and File Reports
 - 1. CDD Annual Report - 2020
 - 2. Inspectors Report – January 2021
- c. Receive and File Communication
 - 1. Right Place Annual Contribution
- d. Receive and File Education Requests
 - 1. John Snyder – Fire 104: Fire Behavior & Combustion – Lansing Community College.

Motion was made by Trustee Shipley and supported by Trustee McDonald to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 7. Financial Actions

- a. Receive and File Financial Statements
 - 1. Payables, Payrolls, and Transfers – January 2021

Motion was made for approval of Financial Actions by Trustee Koessel and supported by Clerk Slater. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 8. Unfinished Business

Article 9. New Business

- 011-2021 Consider Supervisor Appointments to various Board and Commissions.**
a.) Motion was made for approval of Ex-Officio Board Member Appointments by Trustee Shipley and supported by Trustee Noordhoek. Motion carried by a roll call vote of 4-3. In Favor: Supervisor Lesperance, Treasurer Peirce, Trustee Noordhoek, and Trustee Shipley. Opposed: Clerk Slater, Trustee Koessel, and Trustee McDonald.

b.) Motion was made for approval of Regular Planning Commission Member Appointments by Trustee Noordhoek and supported by Trustee Shipley. Motion was denied by a roll call vote of 3-4. In Favor: Supervisor Lesperance, Trustee Noordhoek, and Trustee Shipley. Opposed: Clerk Slater, Treasurer Peirce, Trustee Koessel, and Trustee McDonald.
- 012-2021 Consider Resolution for Streetlight request at Cherry Lane and 36th Street.**
Motion was made for approval by Clerk Slater and supported by Trustee Shipley. Motion denied unanimously by roll call vote.
- 013-2021 Consider Resolution to adopt the Cascade Charter Township 2021-2026 Capital Improvement Plan.**
Motion was made for approval by Trustee McDonald and supported by Trustee Shipley. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.
- 014-2021 Consider Fire Dispatch Agreement with Kent Count – Amendment.**
Motion was made for approval by Trustee Shipley and supported by Trustee Noordhoek. Motion carried unanimously.
- 015-2021 a) Hold Second Public Hearing for Laraway Lake Special Assessment District No. 1 for the purposes of reviewing the special assessment roll and for hearing all persons interested in the special assessment and any objections to the roll.**
Motion was made to open public hearing by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Shipley. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made to close public hearing by Trustee McDonald and supported by Trustee Koessel. Motion carried unanimously.

b) Consider Resolution of “Confirmation of the Special Assessment Roll; Liens; Payment and Collection of Special Assessments” for Laraway Lake Special Assessment District #1.
Motion was made for approval by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee McDonald. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.
- 016-2021 a) Hold Second Public Hearing for Thornapple River Special Assessment District No. 1 for the purposes of reviewing the special assessment roll and for hearing all persons interested in the special assessment and any objections to the roll**

Motion was made to open public hearing by Trustee McDonald and supported by Trustee Shipley. Motion carried unanimously.

Manager Swayze read public comments he received prior to the meeting into the record.

Those in favor of the Special Assessment District:

Kathy & Steve Plakmeyer – 3115 Thorncrest Dr. SE - expressed support of the Special Assessment District and requested the Board approve resolution number four to formally establish the district.

Ronald & Michele Miller – 4581 Little Harbor Dr. SE- expressed support of the Special Assessment District and requested the Board approve resolution number four to formally establish the district.

Robert D. Andrews III - 7272 Kilmer Dr. SE - expressed support of the Special Assessment District and requested the Board approve resolution number four to formally establish the district.

Nick & Kathy Keeler – 7385 Kilmer St. SE- expressed support of the Special Assessment District and requested the Board approve resolution number four to formally establish the district with other stipulations.

Jodi Kortman -4555 Little Harbor Dr. SE - expressed support of the Special Assessment District and requested the Board approve resolution number four to formally establish the district.

Charles & Kathryn Whitley – 5030 Sequoia Dr. SE - expressed support of the Special Assessment District and requested the Board approve resolution number four to formally establish the district.

Dave & Rene Hamstra – 2777 Cascade Springs Dr. - expressed support of the Special Assessment District and requested the Board approve resolution number four to formally establish the district.

Scott Rissi – 7238 Cascade Rd. - expressed support of the Special Assessment District and requested the Board approve resolution number four to formally establish the district and explained the Township benefits of the District.

Edward T Quinn – 7382 Whispering Ridge - expressed support of the Special Assessment District and requested the Board approve resolution number four to formally establish the district.

Those Opposed to the Special Assessment District:

Dawn VanHamm – 9705 108th St. Middleville, MI for property at 3059 Thorncrest Ave. SE – Opposed to the Special Assessment District and requested that the Board not approve resolution number four and formally establish the district.

Jennifer Schondelmayer – 13000 108th St. SE Freeport, MI for property at 3059 Thorncrest Ave. SE – Opposed to the Special Assessment District and requested that the Board not approve resolution number four and formally establish the district.

Peter & Judith Kenny - 5600 Alaska Ave. SE - Opposed to the Special Assessment District and requested that the Board not approve resolution number four and formally establish the district.

Lori & Jeffrey Gottlieb – 7100 Cascade Rd. SE - Opposed to the Special Assessment District and requested that the Board not approve resolution number four and formally establish the district.

Tahira & Asif Azeem – 7110 Cascade Rd. - Opposed to the Special Assessment District and requested that the Board not approve resolution number four and formally establish the district.

Paul & Luanne Strauss – 7474 Alaska Ridge - Opposed to the Special Assessment District and requested that the Board not approve resolution number four and formally establish the district.

Dawn Swider – 7335 Kilmer Dr. SE - Opposed to the Special Assessment District and requested that the Board not approve resolution number four and formally establish the district.

Peg McKeown – 7231 Kilmer Dr. SE - Opposed to the Special Assessment District and requested that the Board not approve resolution number four and formally establish the district.

Mike & Debbie Wiegand – 7243 Kilmer Dr. SE - Opposed to the Special Assessment District and requested that the Board not approve resolution number four and formally establish the district.

Ann & Steve Tarr – 7319 Kilmer Dr. SE - Opposed to the Special Assessment District and requested that the Board not approve resolution number four and formally establish the district.

Robert Beahan – 3148 Thornapple River Dr. SE - Opposed to the Special Assessment District and requested that the Board not approve resolution number four and formally establish the district.

Keely Shay – 7486 Alaska Ridge - Opposed to the Special Assessment District and requested that the Board not approve resolution number four and formally establish the district.

Public Comment:

Kenneth Clapp – 6800 Tricklewood - Expressed concern over the unknown factors of the chemicals dumped into the river by the Airport and the concern of adding more.

Keely Shay – 7486 Alaska Ridge – Expressed concern of the Board in listening to the public comments as well as the transparency of the District.

Lori Gottlieb - 7100 Cascade Rd. SE – Expressed concern of the speed of the Special Assessment District and the age and validity of the signatures on the petition.

Andrew Mayer – 2990 Thornapple River Dr. SE – Expressed concern of the way that the District assesses all parcels the same regardless of the size/value of the parcel.

Jeff Carpenter – 5016 Sequoia – Addressed the board with answers to questions brought up in the public hearing on behalf of the Thornapple River Association in regards to communication with the public about the District.

Ned Quinn - 7382 Whispering Ridge – Expressed his concern of the public's safety if the water is not cleaned up and his support of the District with all of the discussion

John Vanderweele – 7788 Cascade Rd. SE - Expressed his support of the Special Assessment District and requested the Board approve resolution number four to formally establish the district.

Jim Van Hoven – 4864 Sequoia Dr. SE - Expressed his concern about the difficulty of using kayaks and canoes in the water and his support of the Special Assessment District.

Craig Meurlin – 6333 Thornhills Ct. SE – Expressed his concern about the process of the Special Assessment District.

Scott Rissi - 7238 Cascade Rd – Stated that the water upstream and downstream from the Cascade area have been treated for the past decade with no issues.

Paul Strauss - 7474 Alaska Ridge – Asked the board if multiple people from one parcel were counted on the petition. He also expressed concern over the total amount of money that it costs the District.

Hazel Rissi - 7238 Cascade Rd – Addressed the board about the large cost of the cleanup of the river.

John Meyer – 3444 Goodwood Dr. SE - Addressed the board that most people he approached seemed to be in favor of the petition when collecting signatures.

Kenneth Clapp – 6800 Tricklewood - Addressed the board about the liability of the taxpayer in the future harm of others.

Keely Shay - 7486 Alaska Ridge – Asked the board about the chemicals being used to clean the river.

Motion was made to close public hearing by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Shipley. Motion carried unanimously.

b) Consider Resolution of “Confirmation of the Special Assessment Roll; Liens; Payment and Collection of Special Assessments” for Thornapple River Special Assessment District #1

Motion was made for approval by Trustee McDonald and supported by Trustee Koessel. Motion carried by a roll call vote of 4-3. In Favor: Clerk Slater, Treasurer Peirce, Trustee Koessel, and Trustee McDonald. Opposed: Supervisor Lesperance, Trustee Noordhoek, and Trustee Shipley.

Article 11. Public Comments – Any comments...whether it is on the Agenda or not.
Kristine White – 6633 Brookhills Ct. SE – Addressed the board about the testing of the water in Cascade.

Article 12. Manager Comments
Manager Swayze made the following comments:
- The emergency order from the State of Michigan requires that the Board meet virtually until the end of March.

Article 13. Board Member Comments
Trustee Shipley offered the following comments:
- Thanked the residents for attending the meeting and appreciates their input.

Article 14. Adjournment
Motion was made by Trustee McDonald and supported by Clerk Slater to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 10:08p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Padley Gallagher
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Susan B. Slater, Clerk