

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

Wednesday, April 26, 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, Treasurer Korstange, Trustees Koessel, McDonald, Shipley and Noordhoek
Absent: Clerk Slater (excused)
Also Present: Township Manager Swayze, Lulu Brown-KDL Regional Manager-Cascade Library, Attorney Doug VanEssen-Legacy Litigation Group (LLG), Attorney Mike Homier-Foster Swift, Deputy Clerk Brott, and those listed in the Supplement

Motion by Trustee Koessel, seconded by Trustee Shipley to appoint Trustee McDonald to position of temporary Clerk in Clerk Slater's absence for the purpose of this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 2. Approval of Agenda
Deputy Clerk Brott noted that Article 8's number should be labeled 037-2023 and Article 9 should begin with 038-2023.
Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee Koessel to approve the agenda with the noted number changes. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 3. Supervisor Lesperance led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Article 4. Presentations
None

Article 5. Public Comments-Anything on the Agenda not scheduled for a public hearing. (limit comments to 3 minutes)

1. Tom Richardson-3438 N. Applecrest Ct-Commented on Agenda items.
2. Mauricio Fernandez-2272 Cascade Lakes Cir-Racing is happening on Cascade Road during the late night and early morning hours. Speed limits are not being followed. The stop sign on Cascade Lakes needs to be replaced.
3. Babak Shahbodaghloo-5070 28th St-Owner of Backyard Restaurant and in urgent need of a liquor license.

Article 6. Approval of Consent Agenda

- a. Receive and File Minutes
 1. Township Board Meeting – 4/12/23
- b. Receive and File Reports
None
- c. Receive and File Education Requests
 1. Adam Magers - Station Design Conference - St. Louis, MO - May 22-25, 2023

2. Holly Benedict – IAAO Annual Conference & Exhibition – Salt Lake City, UT – August 26-30, 2023

3. Jennifer Genter – IAAO Annual Conference & Exhibition – Salt Lake City, UT – August 26-30, 2023

4. Oxana Sourine – 2023 MMTA Advanced Institute – Mount Pleasant, MI – May 22-24, 2023

- d. Receive and File Communication
None

Motion by Trustee Koessel, seconded by Treasurer Korstange to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 7. Financial Actions

- a. Consider Approval of March 2023 Payables, Payroll, and Transfers

Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Treasurer Korstange to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 8. Unfinished Business

037-2023 Consider Approval of the Airport Settlement

Attorney VanEssen of LLG gave a summary of the settlement.

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

Article 9. New Business

038-2023 a.) Public Hearing – Amendments to the Township Liquor License Ordinance

Motion by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Trustee Shipley to open Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Badrie Shahbodaghloo-5070 28th St-Owner of Backyard Restaurant and requested the Board consider the restaurant for the liquor license. Promised to return it to the Township if they should move.

2. Mauricio Fernandez-There must be due diligence in issuing the liquor license.

Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee Koessel to close Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

b.) Consider Adopting Amendments to the Township Liquor License Ordinance (Roll Call)

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

039-2023 a.) Public Hearing – Amendment to the Township Fire Alarm/False Alarm Ordinance

Motion by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Treasurer Korstange to open Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Mauricio Fernandez-Public safety should not be going to successive false alarms.

2. Scot VanSolkema-2570 Orange Ct-Who will keep track of the alarm calls? Manager Swayze and Trustee Shipley responded.

Motion by Treasurer Korstange, seconded by Trustee McDonald to close Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

b.) Consider Adopting Amendment to the Township Fire Alarm/False Alarm Ordinance (Roll Call)

Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Treasurer Korstange to approve. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

040-2023 Consider Appointment of the Township Economic Development Director
Discussions are ongoing. No action taken.

041-2023 Consider DDA Support to the Library Outdoor Gardens & Activity Space

Regional Manager Brown-KDL and Wes Landon-NativeEdge presented plans and answered questions. Considerable discussion.

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

042-2023 Establishment & Appointment: Township Manager Search Committee

Considerable discussion.

Motion by Treasurer Korstange, seconded by Trustee Noordhoek 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 Treasurer Korstange to adjourn to Closed Session. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Adjourned to Closed Session at 8:22 pm.

Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee McDonald to resume Open Session. Motion carried unanimously. Open Session resumed at 8:54 pm.

Article 11. Discussion

None

Article 12. Public Comments

1. Anne England-3415 Glenstone Ct-Request update re Egypt Creek Landscaping. Manager Swayze advised that the Township has received an opinion letter from counsel, and the ticketing process is ongoing. Asked if there will be any restoration of the trees that were cut.
2. Walter Bujak-6639 Thornapple River Dr-Kent County Commissioner District 21, Thanked Board for their service. Thanked Manager Swayze for always being a consummate professional and very responsive. Welcomed Treasurer Korstange and thanked her for her service on the Planning Commission.

3. Jeff Hughes-7250 Red Bud Lane-Re deer population: The Board has enough information and should move quickly.

Article 13. Manager Comments

1. He is willing to do anything to help during the transition and afterward. He will be an advocate for Cascade Township.

Article 14. Board Member Comments

1. Trustee Shipley-Thanked those in attendance for coming to the meeting.
2. Trustee Noordhoek-Re deer population: This has been going on in Kent County for decades. At this time, Cascade Township is not standing in any resident's way, but residents should petition those neighborhood associations that have bylaws against the hunting of deer.
3. Supervisor Lesperance-Thanked Manager Swayze. He has a difficult position but has always been professional. He deserves this new opportunity.

Article 15. Adjournment

Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee Noordhoek to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Krissi Brott
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Grace Lesperance, Supervisor

Susan B. Slater, Clerk