

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

Wednesday, February 23, 2022

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 Peirce, Trustees Koessel, McDonald, Shipley and Noordhoek
Absent: None
Also Present: Township Manager Swayze, Attorney Mike Homier-Foster Swift, Deputy Clerk Brott, and those listed in the Supplement
- Article 2.** Supervisor Lesperance led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Article 3. Approval of Agenda**
Supervisor Lesperance noted the change in date of the resolution should be 2/23/22. Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee Noordhoek 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. Paul Strauss-7474 Alaska Ridge-Re resident's comments at a previous meeting and broadband, he knows some of the federal funds can be used for this. He encouraged the Board to approve broadband for underserved areas in the Township.
 2. Kathy Taylor-6027 Champagne Ct-Re Burton Street Pedestrian Bridge: It is a colossal waste of taxpayer money. The new pathways are not used much, and the current trails are run down.
 3. Kris Taylor-6027 Champagne Ct-The Burton Street Pedestrian Bridge is a bridge to nowhere and was lower down the list of Township projects. Use the money to repair pathways or for a bridge over Thornapple River on Cascade Road.
 4. Wendy Sturm-2570 Hunter Green Ct-She is all for maintaining the current trails and connecting them. Specifically, supports a connection between Burton and 28th Streets along Kraft.
 5. Scot Van Solkema via Zoom-2570 Orange Ct-The trails need to be upgraded. Would Kentwood want to help pay for half of the Burton Street Pedestrian Bridge?
 6. Scott Rissi via Zoom-7238 Cascade Rd-He doesn't support the bridge over the freeway. He would like to see trails added to the southern areas of the Township.

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Article 6. Approval of Consent Agenda

- a. Receive and File Minutes
 - 1. Township Board – 02/09/22
- b. Receive and File Reports
None
- c. Receive and File Education Requests
 - 1. Jim Walker – EMS Instructors Conference – Traverse City, MI – March 3-6, 2022
 - 2. Vince Milito – MIAM Spring Conference – Clare, MI – May 11-12, 2022
- d. Receive and File Communication
None

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

Article 7. Financial Actions
None

Article 8. Unfinished Business
None

Article 9. New Business

011-2022 Consider Oak Wilt Management Bids

Parks Committee Members Ginny Wanty and Joe Engel presented and answered questions. Considerable Discussion.

Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee McDonald to approve. Motion carried 6-1 by roll call vote. In favor-Supervisor Lesperance, Treasurer Peirce, Clerk Slater, Trustees Koessel, Shipley, and McDonald. Opposed-Trustee Noordhoek.

012-2022 Consider Burton Street Pedestrian Bridge Project

Manager Swayze answered questions. Considerable Discussion.

Motion by Trustee Koessel, seconded by Trustee Noordhoek to “kill” the project.

Motion carried by roll call vote. In favor-Supervisor Lesperance, Treasurer Peirce, Clerk Slater, Trustees Koessel, Noordhoek, and Shipley. Opposed-Trustee McDonald.

013-2022 Consider Resolution to Publish Notice of Intent to Issue Municipal Securities for Fire Station #1 Project (Roll Call)

Manager Swayze answered questions.

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

Article 10. Discussion
None

Article 11. Public Comments – Any comments...whether it is on the Agenda or not. (limit comments to 3 minutes)
None

Article 12. Closed Session

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

Pursuant to MCL 15.268 (a) – To consider the dismissal, suspension, or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, or to consider a periodic personnel evaluation of, a public officer, employee, staff member, or individual agent, if the named individual requests a closed hearing. Manager Swayze has requested his annual evaluation be done in closed session.

Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee Koessel, to adjourn to Closed Session. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Adjourned to Closed Session at 8:03 pm.

Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee McDonald to resume Open Session. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Open Session resumed at 9:30 pm.

Article 13. Manager Comments

None

Article 14. Board Member Comments

1. Trustee Shipley-Thanked all in attendance.
2. Treasurer Peirce-Deputy Treasurer Oxana Sourine sent letters to those residents who were still delinquent in their tax payments. Ninety-eight (98) percent of the taxes have been collected. Asked when the Board approved sending a notification to residents for \$500k expenditures? Is this a policy that was Board approved?
3. Trustee Noordhoek-Asked for a PFAS update. Manager Swayze gave an update.

Article 15. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm.

Krissi Brott
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Grace Lesperance, Supervisor

Susan B. Slater, Clerk