

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

Wednesday, March 1, 2023

Rescheduled from February 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, Treasurer Peirce, Trustees Koessel, McDonald, Shipley and Noordhoek
Absent: None
Also Present: Township Manager Swayze, Attorney Scott Hogan-Foster Swift, Attorney Doug VanEssen, Deputy Clerk Brott, 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 Koessel to approve. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 4.** **Presentations**
~~a. Introduction of new Community Policing Officer Deputy Kate Chase~~
Deputy Chase will be introduced at the 3/8/23 Township Board Meeting
- b. Planning Commission – Zoning Recommendations Update**
Planning Commissioners Chris Noordyke and Scott Rissi presented Zoning Recommendations.
- Article 5.** **Public Comments-Anything on the Agenda not scheduled for a public hearing. (limit comments to 3 minutes)**
1. Chad Antuma-Attorney for Visser. What the Planning Commission did not tell you is that Michigan is giving money away for industrial development that would be used.
 2. Jason Jansma-5528 Whispering Timbers-Thinks the Board is on the right track. Visser doesn't care. He is not supportive of any industrial development.
 3. Jennifer Murphy-7030 Kilmer-Has never heard of the petition brought forth by Visser's attorney. Many homes would be affected by industrial development, but no one asked homeowners. Thornapple River Drive, 48th Street, and Thornhills are not built for semi-trucks. The properties are the buffer, not M-6. Suggested a fundraiser to buy back the land.
 4. Kyle Peacy-7010 Kilmer-Cascade is a great place to raise a family. If industrial development is allowed, the PFAS/water quality issues would get worse.
 5. Greg Bol-6930 Weller Ave, Rockford-Attempted to clear up the issue of the sign on the property that says "industrial."

6. Bruce Caukin-7100 Thornview Dr-This is a desirable area and a great place to live. No one wants an industrial facility visible from their property; there is no need for extra exits.

Article 6. Approval of Consent Agenda

- a. Receive and File Minutes
 1. Township Board – 02/8/23 & 02/15/23
- b. Receive and File Reports
 1. Implementation Committee – January 2023
 2. MS4 Compliance Report – 2022
 3. LGROW Annual Report – 2022
- c. Receive and File Education Requests
 1. Ryan Bruneau-Michigan Association of Planning Workshops-March 16, 2023-Frankenmuth, MI
 2. James Walker-Society of Michigan EMS Instructor Coordinators Winter/Spring Conference-03/02-03/05/23
- d. Receive and File Communication
 - 1.

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

Article 7. Financial Actions

None

Article 8. Unfinished Business

None

Article 9. New Business

019-2023 Formally Accept Treasurer’s Resignation, and Resolution of Appreciation (Roll Call)

Motion by Clerk Slater, seconded by Trustee McDonald to approve. Motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote. In favor-Trustees Shipley, Koessel, McDonald, Noordhoek, Clerk Slater, and Supervisor Lesperance. Abstained-Treasurer Peirce.

020-2023 Consider Request to approve Resolutions for Grand Rapids Triathlon to Close Public Streets on June 10 & 11, 2023 (Roll Call)

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

021-2023 Consider Creation of a Communication Specialist Position

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

022-2023 Consider Request for the Use of Township-Owned Floodway Property

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

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

Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee Koessel to table item. 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 Koessel, seconded by Trustee Shipley, to adjourn to Closed Session. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Adjourned to Closed Session at 8:23 pm.

Motion by Trustee Koessel, seconded by Trustee McDonald to resume Open Session. Motion carried unanimously. Open Session resumed at 9:10 pm.

Article 11. 024-2023 Consider Action Resulting from Closed Session
Motion by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Trustee Koessel to direct legal counsel to take action resulting from Closed Session. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 12. Discussion
None

Article 13. Public Comments – Any comments...whether it is on the Agenda or not. (limit comments to 3 minutes)

1. Brian Holcomb & Bob Kramer-3415 Glenstone Ct & 3590 Meadowwood Trails-Re Egypt Creek Landscaping: Provided photos of evening lights, and parked snowplows.
2. Scott Rissi-7238 Cascade Rd-Thanked Treasurer Peirce for his service.

Article 14. Manager Comments

1. Gave a deer hunting report for Peace Park: No deer were harvested.
2. Reported the deer study findings at Burton Park will be presented to the Board in April.
3. Construction of Fire Station #1 is going well. Gave a brief timeline of expected construction progress; the entire project is slated to be finished by September 29.

Article 15. Board Member Comments

1. Trustee Shipley-Thanked everyone in attendance.
2. Supervisor Lesperance-Thanked the Planning Commission for their hard work.
3. Treasurer Peirce-Thanked the Board.

Article 16. Adjournment
Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Clerk Slater to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 9:37 pm.

Krissi Brott
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Grace Lesperance, Supervisor

Susan B. Slater, Clerk