

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

Wednesday, November 15, 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 Korstange,  
Trustees Koessel, Shipley, McDonald and Noordhoek  
Absent: None  
Also Present: Manager Smith (virtual), Deputy Clerk Jager and those listed  
in the Supplement
- Article 2.** Supervisor Lesperance led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Article 3. Approval of Agenda**  
Manager Smith amended the agenda by striking 096-2023 due to  
redundancy. Motion by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Trustee Shipley to  
approve the amended 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)**  
None
- Article 6. Approval of Consent Agenda**
- a. Receive and File Minutes
    - 1. Township Board Meeting–11/1/23
  - b. Receive and File Reports
    - 1. Treasurer Dept Report September 2023
  - c. Receive and File Education Requests
    - 1. Josh Higgins-Playground Safety Inspector Certification  
Dec 4-6, 2023 Traverse City, MI
  - 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**

- a. Financial Statement October 2023
- b. Request for Invoices to be paid on 11/16/2023  
Motion by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Treasurer Korstange to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

**Article 8. Unfinished Business**

None

**Article 9. New Business**

**093-2023 Consider Special Assessment Warrant Resolution for the Year 2023 (Roll Call)** Motion by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Treasurer Korstange to approve. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**094-2023 Consider Resolution of General Fund Support to the Fire Fund (Roll Call)** Motion by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Trustee Shipley to approve. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**095-2023 a) Public Hearing: FY 2024 Operating and Special Fund Budgets**

Motion by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Trustee Shipley to open public hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

1) Ken Van Der Kolk-7200 Leyton-questioned the additional fire monies.

2) Ralph Moxley-1757 Hillsboro-thanked the Board for allocating \$100,000 for green space.

3) Scot VanSolkema-2570 Orange-inquired if additional positions will be added in Parks Department and commented on pension status.

Motion by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Trustee Shipley to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

**b) Consider a Resolution to Adopt the FY 2024 Cascade Charter Township General and Special Fund Budgets (Roll Call)**

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

~~**096-2023 Consider Resolution to Approve the Intent to Levy the 2024 Millage Rates (Roll Call)**~~

**Article 10. Discussion**

None

**Article 11. Public Comments**

- 1. Ralph Moxley-liked the budget and invited the Board to a historical model train show at his house. Farmland preservation meeting 11/16/23.
- 2. Kenneth Carey-2929 Thornapple River Dr-expressed desire for compression braking ordinance.

3. Scot VanSolkema-requested protection of Township land from renewable energy land acquisition through ordinance. He was pleased with Fire Station 1 and work on the pathways.

**Article 12. Manager Comments**

None

**Article 13. Board Member Comments**

1. Trustee Shipley thanked those in attendance at the meeting and thanked Building and Grounds Department for playground safety certification that staff will attend to ensure playground structures are safe. He raised concerns again about outside contractors with conflicting interests to the Township.
2. Supervisor Lesperance thanked Manager Smith for his work on the financial health of the Township.
3. Trustee Noordhoek and Treasurer Korstange stated the entire Board supports Trustee Shipley's statement regarding protecting the Township against outside contractors with conflicting interests. Treasurer Korstange clarified that there are none the Board is aware of internally.

**Article 14. Adjournment**

Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee McDonald to adjourn.  
Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned 7:48 pm.

Jennifer Jager  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

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Grace Lesperance, Supervisor

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Susan B. Slater, Clerk