

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

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

Wisner Center

2870 Jacksmith Dr SE

Grand Rapids, MI 49546

7:00 P.M.

HYBRID FORMAT

- Article 1.** Supervisor Lesperance called the meeting to order.  
Present: Supervisor Lesperance, Clerk Slater, Treasurer Korstange,  
Trustees Shipley, McDonald, Koessel and Noordhoek  
Absent: None  
Also Present: Engineer Thorne, Parks and Rec. Dir. Manion, Deputy Chief  
Stevenson, Deputy Clerk Jager, Community Planning and Development Dir.  
Hendrick, Attorney Mike Homier-Foster Swift, Manager Smith 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 Noordhoek to approve the  
agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 4. Presentations**  
Parks and Rec. Dir Manion presented the Parks Quarterly Report
- Article 5. Public Comments-Anything on the Agenda not scheduled for a public  
hearing. (Limit comments to 3 minutes)**
- 1) Charles Whitley-5030 Sequoia Dr-questioned electrical inspections in  
Cascade due to miswiring of 2 different residences.
  - 2) Derek Smith-Comstock Park-spoke in opposition to the cemetery on 52<sup>nd</sup>  
St.
  - 3) Max Smith-6740 52<sup>nd</sup>-called in opposition to the cemetery on 52<sup>nd</sup> St.
  - 4) Marty Hilbrands-6482 52<sup>nd</sup> St-emailed concerning the 52<sup>nd</sup> St cemetery.  
He suggested native evergreen trees for denser screening and road  
signage directing traffic east.
- Article 6. Approval of Consent Agenda**
- a. Receive and File Minutes
    1. Township Board Meeting-4/10/24
    2. Planning Commission Meeting-3/4/24
  - b. Receive and File Communication
    1. Treasurer's Department Report Jan and Feb 2024
    2. Treasurer's Tax Collection Report 2023

**3. Building Department Report March 2024**

- c. Receive and File Communication**  
None

Clerk Slater submitted two changes to the draft Board Minutes of 4/10/24. First clarification to Charles Whitley's public comment to state he: "questioned the strategic plan and goals of the Township to support with allocated resources its stated goals outside of the SAD expenditures." The second change is to clarify in item 032 that Ralph Moxley is representing the ZBA, not DDA. Motion by Clerk Slater, seconded by Trustee Shipley to approve the Consent Agenda with corrections to the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

**Article 7. Financial Actions**

- a. Request for Invoices to be paid on 4/25/2024**  
**b. Approve Financial Statements Jan and Feb 2024**

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

**Article 8. Unfinished Business**

None

**Article 9. New Business**

**033-2024 Consider Approval of Village Sidewalk Project** Motion by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Treasurer Korstange to approve proposed budget amendment and contract. Motion carried unanimously.

**034-2024 Consider Approval of Metro Cruise Warm up and Pit Stop Event Permits** Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee Koessel to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

**035-2024 Consider Approval of Special Use Permit 4901 28<sup>TH</sup> ST Athletic Facility** Motion by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Trustee Noordhoek to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

**036-2024 Consider Approval of Special Use Permit 6670 52<sup>nd</sup> ST Cemetery** Motion by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Trustee Shipley to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

**037-2024 Consider Resolution to Approve Planning Dept Fee Schedule** Motion by Trustee Koessel, seconded by Trustee Shipley to approve. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**038-2024 Consider Resolution to Approve Introduction of Hotel Licensing Ordinance (Roll Call)** Considerable discussion. Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee Noordhoek to approve. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**Article 10. Discussion**  
None

**Article 11. Public Comments**  
1. Charles Whitley-expressed positive sentiment on fire department response protocol and thanked the Township for their work with a gift plaque to the Township that says "Help starts here."

**Article 12. Manager Comments**  
None

**Article 13. Board Member Comments**  
1. Trustee McDonald thanked Manager Smith for item reports.  
2. Trustee Shipley thanked those in attendance.  
3. Supervisor Lesperance acknowledged the great work of Manager Smith, Community Planning and Development Dir. Hendrick and Parks and Rec. Dir. Manion.

**Article 14. Adjournment**  
Motion by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Trustee Shipley to adjourn.  
Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Jennifer Jager  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

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Grace Lesperance, Supervisor

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Susan B. Slater, Clerk