

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

Wednesday, May 11, 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, Chief Magers, Mark Bushhouse-Williams Architects, Brianne Pitchford-Triangle Associates, Alicia Pizano via Zoom-Triangle Associates, Scott Lange via Zoom-Williams Architects, April Bollenbach via Zoom-Triangle Associates, Joe Humann via Zoom-Williams Architects, Mary Ann Sabo-Sabo PR, Hunter Zuk-Sabo PR, 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 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. Scott Rissi-7238 Cascade-Read a statement from Chuck Whitley-5030 Sequoia: The Thornapple River was drawn down on 4/29/22, so he walked down looking for clams. He became stuck in the mud and was rescued by the Cascade Fire Department. He was very grateful and wanted to voice his support of the Department and the new fire station.
 2. David DeBruyn-Cascade resident for 40 years. In support of the Fire Department construction project.
- Article 6. Approval of Consent Agenda**
- a. Receive and File Minutes
 1. Township Board – 4/27/2022
 - b. Receive and File Reports
 1. Treasurer’s Department Report – March 2022
 2. Cascade Downtown Development Authority Annual Report – 2021
 3. Building Department Report – April 2022

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- c. Receive and File Education Requests
 - 1. Todd Pell – NFPA Certified Fire Plan Examiner Class – Brighton, MI – June 13-16, 2022

- d. Receive and File Communication
None

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

030-2022 Consider Authorization to Proceed to Construction Document Phase for Fire Station #1 Project

Mark Bushhouse-Williams Architects and Brianne Pitchford-Triangle Associates answered questions from the Board. Considerable discussion.

Public Comment Re Fire Station #1 Construction Project

- 1. Ralph Moxley-1757 Hillsboro-Retired architect, in support of the Fire Station #1 construction project.

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

031-2022 Consider Resolution to Establish the Cascade Township Pathway Committee (Roll Call)

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

032-2022 Consider Approval of the Township Engineer Position (formerly Director of Public Works)

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

Article 10. Discussion

- 1. Egypt Creek Landscaping Zoning Problem Update-Manager Swayze advised that talks are ongoing with the Township Attorney. Notice will be served to the business this week. Affected residents will be notified.
- 2. Worm Farm Zoning Problem Update-The Planning Commission subcommittee is developing a new zoning ordinance; it should be ready in June. The business is not allowed to bring anymore worms onsite.
- 3. Round Hill Subcommittee – The committee has held four meetings thus far; their recommendations are forthcoming.
- 4. Trustee Shipley proposed a Farmers’ Market in the space west of the Cascade Library parking lot entrance.

Article 11. Public Comments – Any comments...whether it is on the Agenda or not. (limit comments to 3 minutes)

1. Dorothy Cribbs-1980 Deerfield Ct-Concerned about Meadows of Forest Hills development that has started and suddenly stopped. Drainage issues caused by the moving of earth. This development should be reassessed; she also had a concern about a green tank left on the site. She provided pictures to Manager Swayze.
2. Alan Bolter-2097 Steketee Woods-Running for 21st Kent County Commissioner's District. His district is #21, mostly west of the river, which includes seven (7) precincts. He is interested in public policy work.

Article 12. Manager Comments

1. Spongy Moth (formerly known as Gypsy Moth) Update-Spraying is three (3) weeks late due to a late, cold Spring. It will probably be done early June.
2. He and Supervisor Lesperance met with the Road Commission regarding updating patrols in the Township.
3. The Burger/Goodwood water main project has been delayed until early September.

Article 13. Board Member Comments

1. Trustee Shipley-Thanked all in attendance, both in person and virtually.
2. Supervisor Lesperance-Thanked the Fire Department for their hard work.
3. Trustee Koessel-Appreciated that he was able to be absent from the last Board meeting to go on vacation in Florida.

Article 14. Adjournment

Motion by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Treasurer Peirce to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Krissi Brott
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Grace Lesperance, Supervisor

Susan B. Slater, Clerk