



MINUTES
CASCADE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, February 25, 2026, 7:00 P.M.
Wisner Center, 2870 Jacksmith Ave SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546

Article 1. Supervisor Lesperance called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
Present: Supervisor Lesperance, Clerk Slater, Trustees Shipley, Rissi, Noordyke and Noordhoek. Absent: Treasurer Korstange (excused).
Also Present: Township Manager Smith, Community Planning and Development Dir. Hendrick, Building Official Wilson, Finance Dir. Nenciarini, Attorney Homier-Foster Swift, Deputy Clerk Alberts.

Article 2. Pledge of Allegiance

Article 3. Approval of Agenda

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

Article 4. Approval of the Minutes

Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee Rissi, to approve the regular minutes from February 11, 2026, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 5. Presentations

None

Article 6. Public Comments

Scot Van Solkema- 2570 Orange Ct
Josh Jordan- 5479 Whispering Timbers Dr

Article 7. Approval of Consent Agenda

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

Article 8. Financial Actions

Request for Invoices to be paid on 2/26/26
Motion by Trustee Rissi, seconded by Trustee Noordhoek to approve.
Motion carried unanimously.

Article 9. Unfinished Business

Article 10. New Business

a. IT Modernization

Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee Rissi to approve IT Modernization plan as described including associated one-time cost for service to i3 Business Solutions of \$38,665 and net increase in annual licensing/service fees of \$30,204. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Petition to Strike Delinquent Personal Property Taxes

Motion by Trustee Rissi, seconded by Trustee Noordhoek to authorize the Township Clerk to sign the Waiver and Consent form for the striking of 2020 delinquent personal property taxes. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Resolution 009-2026

Motion by Trustee Noordhoek, seconded by Trustee Rissi to approve Resolution 009-2026 introducing an Ordinance to impose a moratorium on the issuance of permits, licenses or approvals for data centers with amendments to the timeframe from twelve month to six months with the option for a six-month extension. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion by Supervisor Lesperance, seconded by Trustee Rissi to approve the formation of a data center ordinance research sub-committee consisting of three board members: Trustee Shipley, Trustee Noordhoek, Trustee Noordyke, as well as additional Township staff and legal counsel. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 11. Discussion

Article 12. Public Comments

Josh Jordan
Marlena Hoogerwerf- 7333 Biscayne Way
Robert Cribbs- 1980 Deerfield Ct

Article 13. Manager Comments

Manger Smith reminded the Board that a renewable energy ordinance was adopted in November of 2024. He also expressed support for staff stating they act with integrity and enforce the ordinances as they are written.

Article 14. Board Member Comments

Trustee Shipley thanked the public for coming and noted legislation in Lansing to pay attention to.

Trustee Noordyke thanked the public for coming and asked for continued feedback for the date center ordinance research committee.

Trustee Rissi thanked the public for coming.

Supervisor Lesperance acknowledged the public comment regarding Biscayne Way and indicated that the matter had been thoroughly reviewed and analyzed by legal counsel. She emphasized that staff had no personal motivation in connection with this issue.

Article 15. Closed Session

Motion by Supervisor Lesperance, seconded by Clerk Slater to enter closed session pursuant to the Michigan Open Meetings Act, specifically MCL 15.268(1)(h), to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute, namely a written legal opinion from the Township's attorney, which is protected by the attorney-client privilege at 7:45 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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Motion by Trustee Rissi, seconded by Trustee Noordhoek to return to open session at 8:16 p.m.

Article 16. Adjournment

Motion by Trustee Rissi, seconded by Trustee Noordhoek to adjourn at 8:17 p.m.

Recording Secretary
Michelle Alberts, Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Grace Lesperance, Supervisor

Susan B. Slater, Clerk

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