

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

Wednesday, October 11, 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: Township Manager Jade Smith, Deputy Clerk Jager, Parks
and Rec. Dir. Manion, Attorney Scott Hogan-Foster Swift, Attorney Doug
Van Essen-Legacy Litigation Group and those listed in the Supplement
- Article 2.** Supervisor Lesperance led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Article 3. Approval of Agenda**
Supervisor Lesperance submitted an amendment to the agenda by adding a
closed session to item 069-2023. Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by
Trustee McDonald 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)**
1. Scott Rissi-7238 Cascade Rd.-requested consideration of renewing the
Tuffy lease for income generated toward park development.
 2. Scot VanSolkema-2570 Orange Ct-spoke in support of terminating the
Tuffy lease.
- Article 6. Approval of Consent Agenda**
- a. Receive and File Minutes
 1. Township Board Meeting-9/27/23
 - b. Receive and File Reports
None
 - c. Receive and File Education Requests
None
 - d. Receive and File Communication
None
- Motion by Trustee Koessel, seconded by Trustee Shipley to approve the
Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

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Article 7. Financial Actions

a. Request for Invoices to be paid on 10/12/2023

Motion by Trustee Koessel, seconded by Trustee McDonald to approve.

Motion carried unanimously.

Article 8. Unfinished Business

069-2023 Consider Approval of Resolution to Terminate Lease and Buy Out F&F Service Center (Roll Call)

Motion by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Trustee Shipley to enter into closed session. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee Koessel to resume open session.

Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Trustee Shipley to approve resolution as directed in closed session. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Trustee Shipley to approve resolution as directed in closed session. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Article 9. New Business

085-2023 Consider Approval for Contractor for Friendship Park

Motion by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Trustee Koessel to approve selection of Harder & Warner as contractor for construction of Friendship Park not to exceed \$556,108 and contract approval by Township legal counsel. Motion carried unanimously.

086-2023 Consider Resolution to Approve Provider Agreement for Kent County Water Main Extension (Roll Call)

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

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Article 10. Discussion

None

Article 11. Public Comments

1. Ken VanDerKolk-7200 Leyton-inquired if the ARPA funds will apply to river restoration. Supervisor Lesperance responded that the issue is in litigation.
2. Walter Bujak-County Commissioner District 21-6639 Thornapple River Dr-filed a report with the KCRC on unlawful use of roads for sand trucks.
3. Kenneth Carey-2929 Thornapple River Dr-spoke on construction truck traffic hazards on Township roads related to airport construction.

Article 12. Manager Comments

1. Manager Smith thanked Scott Rissi for a tour of the Thornapple River. The Township was awarded a \$450,000 grant from Right Place. 2024 Budget is underway. Fire station open house is Nov 2, 2023 at 5 pm. PFAS progress is encouraging with a meeting on stage 2 next week.

Article 13. Board Member Comments

1. Trustee Shipley thanked those in attendance for coming to the meeting, requests engineer review of sediment release into the Thornapple River, and acknowledged traffic complaints in the Township.
2. Trustee Koessel thanked Commissioner Bujak and Attorney Van Essen for funding work on PFAS.
3. Trustee McDonald suggested opt-in text reminders of board meetings.

Article 14. Adjournment

Motion by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Trustee Shipley to adjourn.
Motion carried unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Jennifer Jager
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Grace Lesperance, Supervisor

Susan B. Slater, Clerk