

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

Wednesday, December 16, 2020

7:00 P.M.

**Article 1.** Supervisor Lesperance called the meeting to order.  
Present: Supervisor Lesperance, Clerk Slater, Treasurer Peirce, Trustees Koessel, Shipley, Noordhoek, and McDonald.  
Absent: None.  
Also Present: Township Manager Swayze, Assistant Township Manager Fast, DDA Director Korhorn.

**Article 2.** Supervisor Lesperance led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Article 3. Approval of Agenda**  
Motion was made by Trustee Shipley and supported by Clerk Slater to approve the Agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

**Article 4. Presentations**

**Article 5. Public Comments-Anything on the Agenda not scheduled for a public hearing. (limit comments to 3 minutes)**

**Article 6. Approval of Consent Agenda**

- a. Receive and File Reports
  - 1. Inspectors Report – November 2020
- b. Receive and File Minutes
  - 1. Township Board Minutes – November 18, 2020
- c. Receive and File Financial Statements
  - 1. Financial Statements – October 2020
  - 2. Payables, Payroll and Transfers – October 2020
- d. Receive and File Communications
  - 1. Varnum – Goldberg Property

Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Shipley to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Article 7. Financial Actions**

- a. Kent County CARES Act
- Motion was made for approval of Financial Actions by Trustee McDonald and supported by Trustee Shipley. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**Article 8. Unfinished Business**

**Article 9. New Business**

**080-2020 Consider Request to Hold Triathlon and Approve Resolutions for Grand Rapids Triathlon to close public streets on June 19 & 20, 2021. (roll call)**

Motion was made to open Public Hearing by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee McDonald. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made to close Public Hearing by Trustee McDonald and supported by Trustee Koessel. Motion carried unanimously.

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Motion was made for approval by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee McDonald. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

- 081-2020 Consider Pay Draw #5 for the Centennial Park Sidewalks & Medians Project.**  
Motion was made for approval by Trustee Shipley and supported by Clerk Slater. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.
- 082-2020 Resolution to Adopt 2021 Poverty Exemption Policy and Guidelines. (roll call)**  
Motion was made for approval by Trustee Shipley and supported by Trustee Noordhoek. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.
- 083-2020 Consider Approval of the Purchase of a New Township Phone System.**  
Motion was made for approval by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee McDonald. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.
- 084-2020 Consider Approval of the 2021 Township Meeting schedule.**  
Motion was made for approval by Clerk Slater and supported by Trustee Shipley. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.
- 085-2020 Consider Approval of Resolution to Provide General Fund Financial Support to the Fire Fund. (roll call)**  
Motion was made for approval by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee McDonald. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.
- 086-2020 A. Public Hearing: Proposed 2021 General/Special Fund Budgets.**  
Motion was made to open Public Hearing by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee McDonald. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion was made to close Public Hearing by Trustee McDonald and supported by Trustee Koessel. Motion carried unanimously.
- B. Consider approval of a resolution to adopt the FY 2021 Cascade Charter Township General/Special Budgets.**  
Motion was made for approval by Trustee McDonald and supported by Trustee Shipley. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.
- 087-2020 Consider Approval of Resolution of Intent to Levy the 2021 Millage Rates.**  
Motion was made for approval by Trustee McDonald and supported by Trustee Koessel. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

- 088-2020**      **Consider approval of a METRO Act permit application from Metro Fibernet LLC.**  
Motion was made for approval by Trustee Shipley and supported by Trustee McDonald. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.
- 089-2020**      **Consider Resolution Acknowledging the Filing and Presentation of the Special Assessment Roll and Setting a Public Hearing for the Thornapple River Special Assessment District No. 1.**  
Motion was made for approval by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Shipley. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.
- 090-2020**      **Consider Resolution Acknowledging the Filing and Presentation of the Special Assessment Roll and Setting a Public Hearing for the Laraway Lake Special Assessment District No. 1.**  
Motion was made for approval by Treasurer Peirce and supported by Trustee McDonald. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.
- 091-2020**      **Consider Supervisor Appointments to Various Boards and Commissions.**
- A. Consider Supervisor Appointments to Planning Commission.**  
Motion was made for approval by Trustee Shipley and supported by Supervisor Lesperance. Motion was denied by roll call vote of 2-4-1. In favor: Trustee Shipley and Supervisor Lesperance. Opposed: Trustee McDonald, Trustee Koessel, Treasurer Peirce, and Clerk Slater. Abstained: Trustee Noordhoek.
- B. Consider Supervisor Appointments to Zoning Board of Appeals.**  
Motion was made for approval by Trustee McDonald and supported by Trustee Koessel. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.
- C. Consider Supervisor Appointments to Downtown Development Authority.**  
Motion was made for approval by Trustee McDonald and supported by Trustee Koessel. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.
- D. Consider Supervisor Appointments to Construction Board of Appeals**  
Motion was made for approval by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee McDonald. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.
- E. Consider Supervisor Appointments to Standing Committees.**

Motion was made for approval by Trustee Koessel and supported by Treasurer Peirce. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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

Keely Shay – 7486 Alaska Ridge. – Addressed the Board about the Election Process.

Dan Spaans – 7145 Burger Dr. – Congratulated Supervisor Lesperance on her new position.

Craig Meurlin - 6333 Thornhills Ave – Addressed the Board about the Election Process.

**Article 12. Manager Comments**

**Article 13. Board Member Comments**

Trustee Shipley offered the following comments:

- Thanked the residents for attending the meeting.

Trustee Koessel offered the following comment:

- Commented on his reasoning for voting against the Planning Commission Appointments.

Trustee McDonald offered the following comment:

- Talked about the exciting plans happening in Cascade in the coming years.

Supervisor Lesperance offered the following comment:

- Expressed her gratitude for the help from Manager Swayze and Assistant Manager Fast.

**Article 14. Adjournment**

Motion was made by Treasurer Peirce and supported by Trustee Noordhoek to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Padley Gallagher  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

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Susan B. Slater, Clerk