

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

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

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 Shipley, Rissi, Noordyke and Noordhoek  
Absent: None  
Also Present: Manager Smith, Deputy Clerk Jager, Finance & Budget Director Nenciarini 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 Rissi 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)**  
None
- Article 6. Approval of Consent Agenda**  
**a.** Receive and File Minutes  
1. Township Board Meeting-5/14/25  
2. Planning Commission-5/19/25  
**b.** Receive and File Reports  
1. Zoning Enforcement-May 2025  
2. Building Dept-May 2025  
3. Treasurer's Dept-Jan/Feb/Mar 2025  
**c.** Receive and File Communication  
Motion by Trustee Rissi, seconded by Treasurer Korstange to approve Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 7. Financial Actions**  
**a.** Request for invoices to be paid on 6/12/25 and approval of 5/29/25 invoices.  
Motion by Treasurer Korstange, seconded by Trustee Shipley to approve. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 8. Unfinished Business**  
None

**Article 9. New Business**  
**036-2025 Consider Approval of L-4029 2025 Tax Rate Request** Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Treasurer Korstange to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

**Article 10. Discussion**  
None

**Article 11. Public Comments**  
Public comment was made by Nicholas Katsarelas-2985 Burrwick

**Article 12. Manager Comments**

1. Request for Qualification (RFQs) are being accepted for Tuffy/Tassell site.
2. Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Director has been hired, starting 6/23/25.
3. Zoning Ordinance updates presented for Board consideration in July.
4. Audit presentation, Capital Improvement Plan and 2026 Budget will be presented in future meetings.
5. 28<sup>th</sup> St will be under construction for 2 weeks starting 6/16/25.
6. Residents are expressing concerns with solicitors. Staff are developing a webpage that residents can reference or submit comment for solicitation experiences. Legal counsel is developing solicitor ordinance.
7. Graffiti is being monitored & remedied in collaboration with the Sheriff's Department.

**Article 13. Board Member Comments**

1. Trustee Shipley thanked those in attendance and for positive comments.
2. Trustee Noordyke thanked resident Katsarelas for participation. He expressed approval for the DDA Director hired and thanked Manager Smith for solicitor work, and Board Members Lesperance, Korstange and Rissi for Zoning Ordinance work.
3. Trustee Rissi inquired if DTE had been contacted concerning the unrepaired pathway at Whispering Ridge.
4. Clerk Slater announced the Election Commission approved consolidation of voting precincts from 10 precincts to 5 precincts.
5. Treasurer Korstange thanked Manager Smith and Engineer Thorne for their work on the Cascade Rd Bridge. She highlighted the concert 6/12/25 at Friendship Park.
6. Supervisor Lesperance thanked the Board Members and staff who have been updating the Zoning Ordinance.

**Article 14. Adjournment**  
Motion by Clerk Slater, seconded by Trustee Shipley to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Jennifer Jager  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

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Grace Lesperance, Supervisor

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Susan B. Slater, Clerk