

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

Wednesday, May 25, 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, Mary Ann Sabo-Sabo PR, Hunter Zuk-Sabo PR, Danielle Bouchard-McKenna Associates, Attorney Mike Homier-Foster Swift, Michelle McHale-Plante Moran, Amanda Fletcher-Plante Moran, and those listed in the Supplement
- Article 2.** Supervisor Lesperance led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Article 3. Approval of Agenda**
Motion by Trustee Koessel, seconded by Trustee Shipley to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 4. Presentations**
a. Township Strategic Plan – Review of Draft Tasks and Priorities List from McKenna Danielle Bouchard presented.
- Article 5. Public Comments-Anything on the Agenda not scheduled for a public hearing. (limit comments to 3 minutes)**
1. Jennifer Puhlava-2180 Spaulding-Chair of DDA; Thanked McKenna for the presentation. Re Priority #8, will DDA’s branding be something that is folded into the Township’s branding? Under Transportation and Safety, will the streets’ update be concurrent? Under Priority #3, is there an extra “and”? She would like to see a meeting with all Boards and Commissions to make certain that all are aligned.
2. Craig Meurlin-6333 Thornhills-The Forensic Audit was commissioned on 9/22/2021 to look at four issues. Why did it take so long? Only one matter of concern, and that is the CARES Act Funding. The Forensic Audit was to bring transparency to the citizens.
3. Scott Rissi-7238 Cascade-Under Land Use & Economic Development in the McKenna presentation, it should include south of I-96, as there aren’t that many people east of Buttrick.
- Article 6. Approval of Consent Agenda**
a. Receive and File Minutes

Township Board Minutes

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- 1. Township Board – 5/11/2022
- b. Receive and File Reports
None
- c. Receive and File Education Requests
 - 1. Jon Snyder – Security and Emergency Response Training Center – Pueblo, CO – October 3-14, 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

- a. Consider Approval of April 2022 Financial Reports
- b. Consider Approval of April 2022 Payroll, Payables and Transfers

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

Article 8. Unfinished Business

None

Article 9. New Business

033-2022 Update from Township Special Legal Counsel on PFAS Issue with Gerald R. Ford International Airport

Closed Session

Pursuant to MCL 15.268(h) – To consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute.

Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee McDonald to enter Closed Session. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.
Closed Session entered at 7:46 pm.

Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee McDonald to resume Open Session. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.
Open Session resumed at 8:13 pm

Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee Noordhoek to direct counsel to undertake the plan as outlined in Closed Session. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

034-2022 Update on Plante Moran Audit from Township Legal Counsel

Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee McDonald to authorize an additional \$10K payment for additional time spent to Plante Moran. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Article 10. Discussion

- 1. Trustee Shipley-On 5/15/22, the GR Press published an article about Emmett County making money on their recycling plant, while Kent County is losing money.

However, the fees increase. He requested that Supervisor Lesperance bring this issue to the Metro Council.

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

1. Craig Meurlin-The reason for the Forensic Audit was for transparency. The draft form should be published for public viewing. He congratulated the Township for returning the Police Fund monies to the correct place. Re the Township Hall item in the Forensic Audit, past Board Meeting minutes contain the list of costs for the building. In December 2019, the plan for the building advised that it would be built and usable for \$500K.
2. Michelle McHale-Plante Moran-Would not recommend that the draft be published. Multiple versions could cause confusion.
3. Brian Holcomb-3415 Glenstone-Would like an update on Eagle Creek and their violations. Business owner is still dumping. Attorney Homier responded.
4. Scott Rissi-If he was operating a business and was on the Board, does he have to give disclosure every time he sells something to the Township, or only once? Attorney Homier responded.

Article 12. Manager Comments
None

Article 13. Board Member Comments

1. Trustee Shipley-Thanked all in attendance, both in person and virtually.
2. Supervisor Lesperance-Why are cameras at Thornhills and Thornapple River Drive? Recommends that an RFP for engineering be on the next agenda.

Article 14. Adjournment

Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Clerk Slater to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 10:14 pm.

Krissi Brott
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Grace Lesperance, Supervisor

Susan B. Slater, Clerk