

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

Wednesday, January 13, 2021  
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, Kent County Election Director Uzarski, and Community Policing Officer Dieppa.

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

**Article 3. Approval of Agenda**  
Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Treasurer Peirce to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Article 4. Presentations**

1. Kent County Election Director Gerrid Uzarski spoke on the integrity of election process in Kent County.
2. Community Policing Officer Deputy Dieppa spoke on the recent increase in vehicle break ins.

**Article 5. Public Comments**  
Keely Shay – 7486 Alaska Ridge. – Addressed Kent County Election Director Gerrid Uzarski about the Election Audit in Cascade Township.  
Molly Miller – 1490 Briarcliff Dr. – Addressed Kent County Election Director Gerrid Uzarski about the Election Audit in Cascade Township.  
Craig Meurlin – 6333 Thornhills Ave. – Addressed the Board about his concern in the recording of the Minutes.

**Article 6. Approval of Consent Agenda**

- a. Receive and File Reports
  1. Inspectors Report – December 2020
  2. Bank and Investment Reports - 2020
- b. Receive and File Minutes
  1. Township Board Minutes – December 16, 2020
- c. Receive and File Education Requests
  1. Stephanie Fast – Grand Valley State University

Motion was made by Clerk Slater and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve the Consent Agenda with the clarification that in the December 16 Meeting Minutes, Trustee Noordhoek’s vote on Item 91-2020A. (Planning Commission Appointments) was abstain, rather than in favor, and the addition of the addendum from Kent County Clerk Lisa Lyons. Motion carried unanimously.

**Article 7. Financial Actions**

- a. Receive and File Financial Statements
  1. Payables, Payrolls, and Transfers – November 2020
  2. Financial Statements – November 2020

Motion was made for approval of Financial Actions by Treasurer Peirce and supported by Trustee Shipley. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**Article 8. Unfinished Business**

**Article 9. New Business**

**001-2021 Consider Recommendation to Broadcast Township Meetings and Community News on Comcast Cable Channel.**

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

**002-2021 Consider the Kent County Urban County Cooperative Agreement.**

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

**003-2021 Consider Township Strategic Plan.**

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

**004-2021 Consider Resolution of "Acknowledgement of Filing and Presentation of the Special Assessment Roll to the Township Board; Notice of Public Hearing" for Thornapple River Special Assessment District #1.**

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

**005-2021 Consider Resolution of "Acknowledgement of Filing and Presentation of the Special Assessment Roll to the Township Board; Notice of Public Hearing" for Laraway Lake Special Assessment District # 1.**

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

**Article 11. Public Comments – Any comments...whether it is on the Agenda or not.**

Paul Strauss – 7474 Alaska Ridge – Addressed the board about the Special Assessment District Public Hearing Date.

Keely Shay – 7486 Alaska Ridge. – Addressed the Board about the Wisner Center Camera System Upgrade Expenditure.

**Article 12. Manager Comments**

Manager Swayze made the following comments:

- Township Hall remains open, but closed to walk-in traffic.
- Governor's update will continue remote Meetings until Feb. 1.
- The Brownfield Authority process is beginning, which will require the appointment of a BRA Board.

**Article 13. Board Member Comments**

Trustee Shipley offered the following comments:

- Thanked the residents for attending the meeting.

Supervisor Lesperance offered the following comment:

- Let the Public know that the Township is working on the PFAS issue in certain neighborhoods.
- Thanked Jim McDonald and the Building and Grounds Department for their work in the cemetery.
- She wants the Minutes recorded in compliance with the Open Meetings Act in order to create transparency.

**Article 14. Adjournment**

Motion was made by Clerk Slater and supported by Trustee Shipley to adjourn.  
Motion carried unanimously.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:59p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Padley Gallagher  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

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Susan B. Slater, Clerk