

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

Wednesday, July 27, 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, Hunter Zuk-Sabo PR, Chris Khorey-McKenna, Deputy Clerk Brott, 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 Koessel to approve. 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. Ginny Wanty-6255 Heathmoor Ct-Re Cascade Cemetery Expansion: Evergreen trees have Japanese Knotweed. Is there any recourse available from the engineer originally hired? Kent Conservation treated with Garlon 4.
 2. Robert Richardson-5105 Whitneyville-Re Strategic Plan: Commercial zoning should stick to 28th St. There should be no development east of Thornapple River - he does not support commercial development at Whitneyville and Cascade.
- Article 6. Approval of Consent Agenda**
- a. Receive and File Minutes
 1. Township Board – 7/13/2022
 - b. Receive and File Reports
 1. Cascade Township Communications Update – Q2 2022
 - c. Receive and File Education Requests
 - 1.
 - d. Receive and File Communication
 - 1.
- Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee McDonald to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

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Article 7. Financial Actions

a. Consider Approval of June 2022 Financial Reports
Motion by Trustee Koessel, seconded by Trustee Shipley to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 8. Unfinished Business

Article 9. New Business

046-2022 Consider Approval of the Cascade Township Strategic Plan 2022
Motion by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Supervisor Lesperance to postpone until the Board has held a workshop and results made publicly available. Motion carried unanimously.

047-2022 Consider Issuance of the Cascade Charter Township Request for Proposals for Engineering Services
Motion by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Trustee Shipley to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

048-2022 Consider Directing Staff to Prepare for Board Approval of Modification of Cascade Township's Deer Hunt Application Process
Motion by Trustee Koessel, seconded by Trustee McDonald to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

049-2022 Consider Directing Staff to Prepare for Board Approval of Green Burial Options for Cascade Township Cemeteries
Motion by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Trustee Shipley to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

050-2022 Consider Increasing Compensation for Planning Commission Members
Motion by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Trustee Koessel to direct staff to evaluate compensation for the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 10. Discussion

1. Trustee Shipley requested an Egypt Creek Landscaping update. Manager Swayze advised that the Township is being stonewalled by both the owner and the owner's attorney. The next step is to involve the Township Attorney.
2. Trustee Noordhoek requested that the Board formally adopt the recommendations from the Round Hill Subcommittee.
3. Supervisor Lesperance would like the property on Thornapple River to be included in the Strategic Plan. The river should be accessible to the public.

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

1. Brian Holcomb-3415 Glenstone Ct-The owner of Egypt Creek Landscaping is bringing in lawn waste and piling on top of brush.

- 2. Scot VanSolkema-2570 Orange Ct-The Village Bike Shop is for sale; the Township should buy it and sell the property that is 10-11 parcels in and vacant. Re Egypt Creek Landscaping: Is the new Zoning Administrator giving citations to the owner? Give tickets for each offense until resolved. The County Prosecutor could do it.
- 3. Jeff Hughes-7250 Redbud Lane-Re Deer Population: Why are there so many? One reason is climate variation. Saying “the deer were here first” is irrelevant to the issue.

Article 12. Manager Comments

- 1. Bids were received for the Fire Station Number 1 project pre-bidding.
- 2. Re Street Project: The Kent County Road Commission received bids higher than engineers projected to widen Cascade Road and will postpone until 2023.
- 3. The Township’s bid for the tax foreclosed property was accepted. The Township may purchase it for \$5808.21.

Article 13. Board Member Comments

- 1. Trustee Shipley-Thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.
- 2. Supervisor Lesperance-Asked Manager Swayze for initial drawings for the pedestrian bridge. Manager Swayze stated that Kent County is working on pre-preliminary drawings.

Article 14. Adjournment

Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee McDonald to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Krissi Brott
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Grace Lesperance, Supervisor

Susan B. Slater, Clerk