

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

Wednesday, January 25, 2023

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 McDonald, Shipley and Noordhoek
Absent: Trustee Koessel (Excused)
Also Present: Township Manager Swayze, Regional Manager Brown-KDL Cascade, B&G Supervisor MacDonald, Hunter Zuk-Sabo PR, 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 McDonald, seconded by Trustee Shipley to approve the agenda items, but switch the order of Articles 4 and 5. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 5.** **Public Comments-Anything on the Agenda not scheduled for a public hearing. (limit comments to 3 minutes)**
1. Tanis Hooker-7375 Thornapple Pines Dr-Re Hope Network Rides: Concerned that Hope Network funding discontinued. Really likes the service and has been using it three (3) times a week for a year. Manager Swayze responded.
 2. Ken Van Der Kolk-7200 Leyton-Requested an update on the eviction. The residents at 6480 Cascade Road ran a business, parked unlicensed vehicles on the property, and had junk in the yard. Wants the resident to receive a citation. Manager Swayze responded.
- Article 4.** **Presentations**
- a. **Supervisor Lesperance & Parks Committee Chair Wanty Presenting Certificates of Appreciation.**
 - b. **Parks Update from Parks Committee Chair Ginny Wanty**
- Article 6.** **Approval of Consent Agenda**
- a. Receive and File Minutes
 1. Township Board – 1/11/2023
 - b. Receive and File Reports
 1. Treasurer’s Annual Depositories and Investments Report
 2. Code Enforcement Report – May-December 2022
 - c. Receive and File Education Requests
 1. Todd Pell-MFIS Winter Conference-Mar. 21-23, 2023-Mount Pleasant, MI
 2. Doug Poolman-MFIS Winter Conference-Mar. 21-23, 2023-Mount Pleasant, MI
 - d. Receive and File Communication

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1. KCDC Notice – Wenger & Nulty Drain
2. KCDC Notice – Fisk Drain
3. KCDC Notice – Anderson Drain
4. Letter from Representative Phil Skaggs

Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Treasurer Peirce to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 7. Financial Actions

None

Article 8. Unfinished Business

None

Article 9. New Business

005-2023 Consider the Creation of a Parks and Recreation Director Position

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

006-2023 Consider Invasive Species Treatment Agreement with Kent Conservation District

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

007-2023 Consider Purchase of Columbarium Units for 30th Street Cemetery

Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Clerk Slater to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

008-2023 Consider KCRC Work Order for Pathway on Cascade Road between Kenrob and 36th Street

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

009-2023 Consider KCRC Work Order for Pedestrian Facility Improvements on Cascade Road Bridge

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

010-2023 Consider Contract with Native Edge for Outdoor Space Project at Library

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

011-2023 Consider Setting Public Hearing for an Update to the Township Floodplain Ordinance

Motion by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Trustee Shipley to set Public Hearing for February 8, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 10. Discussion

1. Specialized Transportation Services for Qualified Cascade Township Residents

- Per ride cost has risen to \$32.71, even with riders paying \$4.00/ride. Manager Swayze hopes that a solution will be made soon that is viable for this fiscal year and beyond. Rides only available to qualified riders (to work/school or medical appointments). Up to 12 riders this summer, eight (8) riders in October, and five (5) riders in December.

Motion by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Clerk Slater to approve funding to Hope Network through March 2023 for Cascade resident qualified riders. Motion carried unanimously.

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

1. Walter Bujak-6639 Thornapple River Drive-New Kent County Commissioner for Cascade residents who live west of Thornapple River. Introduced himself and gave a summary of the first Kent County Commission meeting of 2023. Advised committee memberships and that the GVMC Airport Study Phase 3 Survey can be found at gmvc.org.
2. Brian Holcomb-3415 Glenstone Ct-Requested an update on Egypt Creek Landscaping. Manager Swayze responded.
3. Jeff Hughes-7250 Red Bud Ln-Requested update on Deer Survey. Manager Swayze advised that the recorded video is being analyzed. A report will be released on the Township website.

Article 12. Manager Comments

1. The GVMC Open House is scheduled for 2/16/2023 from 4-6pm at the Wisner Center.

Article 13. Board Member Comments

1. Trustee Shipley-Thanked everyone in attendance.
2. Supervisor Lesperance-Urged residents to be involved in the GVMC survey.

Article 14. Adjournment

Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Clerk Slater to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Krissi Brott
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Grace Lesperance, Supervisor

Susan B. Slater, Clerk