

CASCADE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
CITIZENS PFAS COMMITTEE MEETING
September 2, 2021 at 4:00pm
Cascade Township Library – Wisner Center
2870 Jacksmith Ave SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49546

Members Present: Supervisor Grace Lesperance, Ben Greemann, John Lipford, Kris White, Patti Baldwin, Kevin Flannery

Others Present: Township Manager (TM) Ben Swayze

ARTICLE 1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 4 pm

ARTICLE 2. Approval of the Agenda: Motion by Member Baldwin, Supported by Supervisor Lesperance to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

ARTICLE 3. Acknowledge Visitors & Public Comment: No public was in attendance

ARTICLE 4. Approval of Minutes from 7.15.21 and 6.03.21 meetings: Motion by Member Baldwin, supported by Member Flannery to approve the minutes with the correction of the call to order time from “a.m” to “p.m.” Motion carried.

ARTICLE 5. Update from Township on Public Water Extension Project: TM Swayze gave an update on the project. Funds have been received by the City of Grand Rapids and an engineering partner has been selected through an RFP process. Prein & Newhof. They were the low bidder and have significant experience on similar projects (Plainfield/Algoma Townships and Kalamazoo area.) Bid included several meetings with both PFAS Committee and Township Board. P&N will be invited to the next meeting to give the group an update.

ARTICLE 6. Update from Township on Water Filters for Houses Above PFAS Action Level and Bottled Water Service: TM Swayze reviewed the program up to this point, about half have responded for whole house filters. Discussion ensued regarding the bottled water service. The group concluded they thought it would be best if the service could be offered to the whole are, not just the houses that tested detect. TM Swayze indicated he would put a budget together to determine if that would be feasible given the funding approved by the Township Board.

ARTICLE 7. Roundtable/Q & A: Member Baldwin shared information on AJ Birkbeck and the scholarship funds set up in his name. Conversation regarding the draft ground water use ordinance. Conversation regarding water rates.

ARTICLE 8. Public Comment: None

ARTICLE 9. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 5:34pm

Approved by the Citizens PFAS Committee – October 7, 2021