

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

Wednesday, October 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 Korstange,  
Trustees Koessel, Shipley, McDonald and Noordhoek  
Absent: None  
Also Present: Deputy Clerk Jager, Parks and Rec. Dir. Manion 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 the  
agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 4. Presentations**  
Hope Network Service Update-Scott Alsgaard
- Article 5. Public Comments-Anything on the Agenda not scheduled for a public  
hearing. (Limit comments to 3 minutes)**
1. Kenneth Carey-2929 Thornapple River Dr-appreciated the decrease in  
construction traffic.
  2. Scot VanSolkema-2570 Orange Ct-spoke about commemorative  
benches.
- Article 6. Approval of Consent Agenda**
- a. Receive and File Minutes
    1. Township Board Meeting-10/11/23
    2. Planning Commission-9/11/23 & 9/18/23
  - b. Receive and File Reports
    1. Building Department-September 2023
    2. Treasurer Department-August 2023
  - c. Receive and File Education Requests  
None
  - d. Receive and File Communication  
None
- Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Treasurer Korstange to approve  
the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**Article 7. Financial Actions**

a. Financial Statement September 2023

b. Request for Invoices to be paid on 10/26/2023.

Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee Noordhoek to approve.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Article 8. Unfinished Business**

None

**Article 9. New Business**

**087-2023 Consider Approval of Contract with Design Forum Inc. for Architectural and Engineering Services for the Design of the Pavilion at Friendship Park, not to exceed \$30,000**

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

Motion carried unanimously.

**088-2023 Consider Approval of Contract with Native Edge for Phases II-IV at Friendship Park, not to exceed \$36,615**

Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee Noordhoek to approve.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**089-2023 Consider Approval of Contract with Native Edge for Landscape Installation-Trees, Shrubs, Perennials at Friendship Park, not to exceed \$184,050**

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

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**090-2023 Consider a Resolution to Establish a Commemorative Bench Donation Policy (Roll Call)**

Considerable discussion.

Motion by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Treasurer Korstange to approve.

Motion carried 5-2 by roll call vote.

In favor: Trustee McDonald, Trustee Noordhoek, Treasurer Korstange, Clerk Slater, Supervisor Lesperance. Opposed: Trustee Koessel, Trustee Shipley

**091-2023 Consider PFAS Committee Appointments**

Motion by Trustee Koessel, seconded by Treasurer Korstange to approve.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Article 10. Discussion**

None

**Article 11. Public Comments**

1. Rod Schultz-Orange Dr-advocated for code of ethics for the Township.

**Article 12. Manager Comments**

None

**Article 13. Board Member Comments**

1. Clerk Slater announced the Budget Work Session meeting 6 pm Nov 1, 2023.
2. Trustee Shipley thanked those in attendance for coming to the meeting and addressed lighting concerns.
3. Supervisor Lesperance offered Rod Schultz current policies on ethics through contact to Manager's office.

**Article 14. Adjournment**

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm.

Jennifer Jager  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

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Grace Lesperance, Supervisor

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Susan B. Slater, Clerk