

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

Wednesday, August 11, 2021

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, Deputy Clerk Brott, Community Development Director Peterson, DDA/Economic Development Director Korhorn, Fire Department Chief Magers, Township Counsel Anne Seurnyck, Wendie Ogilvie of GVMC, Kent County Drain Commissioner Ken Yonker
- Article 2.** Supervisor Lesperance led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Article 3. Approval of Agenda**
Motion for approval by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee Koessel to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 4. Presentations**
- a.** MS4 Permit and Stormwater Ordinance Presentation – Wendie Ogilvie from GVMC
- Article 5. Public Comments-Anything on the Agenda not scheduled for a public hearing. (limit comments to 3 minutes)**
1. Chuck Whitley-5030 Sequoia Dr-He heard Ms. Ogilvie explain that sediment comes from the river; that's not how it works. Re: Special Assessment District-Thornapple River, he wants more data and not just a picture of information. Supervisor Lesperance said that she would not give more data because it is already controversial.
- Article 6. Approval of Consent Agenda**
- a.** Receive and File Minutes
1. Township Board – 7/28/21
2. Personnel & Finance Committee – 6/9/21
3. Governance Committee – 6/23/21
- b.** Receive and File Reports
1. Building Department Report – July 2021
2. Treasurers Department – March and April 2021
- c.** Receive and File Education Requests

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1. Doug Poolman – Michigan Fire Inspector Fall Educational Conference – Mt. Pleasant, MI – September 21-24

d. Receive and File Communication

1. AT&T Annual Video Report to MPSC

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

Article 7. Financial Actions

None

Article 8. Unfinished Business

None

Article 9. New Business

075-2021 Consider Resolution for Petition for Maintenance, Improvement and Consolidation of Drains Pursuant to Chapters 8 and 19 of the Michigan Drain Code of 1956, as amended (Roll Call)

Kent County Drain Commissioner Ken Yonker presented and answered questions. Motion for approval by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Trustee Shipley. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

076-2021 Consider Resolution to Recognize the Michigan Sports Academy Foundation as a Non-Profit Organization (Roll Call)

Motion for approval by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee Koessel. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

077-2021 Consider Resolution for Special License Permit for Cascade Heritage Day (Roll Call)

Motion for approval by Trustee Koessel, seconded by Trustee McDonald. Motion carried 6-1 by roll call vote. In favor-Supervisor Lesperance, Clerk Slater, and Trustees Koessel, McDonald, Noordhoek, and Shipley. Opposed-Treasurer Peirce.

078-2021 Consider Resolutions for Road Closures for Cascade Heritage Day 5k and Festival (Roll Call)

Motion for approval by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Clerk Slater. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

079-2021 Consider Approval of Outdoor Gathering Permit for the Cascade Heritage Day Festival

Motion for approval by Trustee Koessel, seconded by Trustee McDonald. Motion carried unanimously.

080-2021 Consider Approval of the Cascade Township Support Emergency Operations Plan

Chief Magers gave a brief explanation; document needs updating anytime a new Supervisor is elected.

Motion for approval by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee McDonald. Motion carried unanimously.

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081-2021 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 for approval by Trustee Koessel, seconded by Trustee Shipley. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

082-2021 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 for approval by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Trustee Koessel. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Article 10. Public Comments – Any comments...whether it is on the Agenda or not. (limit comments to 3 minutes)

1. Scot VanSolkema via Zoom-2570 Orange Ct-He asked about damage to the parks from the storm? He asked who is serving at the beer tent? He asked if any plans have been made to repair paths? Manager Swayze answered all questions. There was no significant storm damage to the parks. A trained company, Wildwood Family Farms, will serve at the beer tent. The Parks Committee recently approved a slate and are in the process of getting bids; will bring it before the Board within the next couple of meetings.

Article 11. Closed Session

Pursuant to Open Meetings Act 15.268(e) – To consider the purchase or lease of real property up to the time an option to purchase or lease that real property is obtained. Motion to enter closed session by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Trustee Koessel. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Board entered closed session at 8:35 pm. Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee McDonald to reconvene open session. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Board resumed public meeting at 8:59 pm.

Article 12. 083-2021 Consider Action Resulting from Closed Session

Motion by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Trustee Shipley to proceed as discussed in closed session. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 13. Manager Comments

1. He commended the Fire Department for all of their work during the previous night’s storm-they handled high call volume well.
2. Cascade Firefighters’ Association is holding a charity hockey game this weekend at Patterson Ice Arena. Tickets are \$20.

Article 14. Board Member Comments

1. Trustee Shipley-Thanked all in attendance.

Article 15. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Treasurer Peirce. Motion carried unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 9:03 pm.

Krissi Brott
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Grace Lesperance, Supervisor

Susan B. Slater, Clerk