

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

Wednesday, February 26, 2025

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 Shipley, Rissi, Noordyke and Noordhoek
Absent: None
Also Present: Assessor Genter, Deputy Chase, Deputy Dieppa, Manager Smith, Fire Marshall Pell, Lieutenant Poolman, Community Planning & Development Director Hendrick, Parks & Facilities Director Zwick, Attorney Mike Homier-Foster Swift, Deputy Clerk Jager and those listed in the Supplement
- Article 2.** Supervisor Lesperance led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Article 3. Approval of Agenda**
Supervisor Lesperance amended Agenda to include a presentation for the Cascade Recreation Park Master Plan. Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee Rissi to approve the amended Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 4. Presentations**
Mike Reese presented Cascade Recreation Park Master Plan.
- Article 5. Public Comments-Anything on the Agenda not scheduled for a public hearing. (Limit comments to 3 minutes)**
1. Scot VanSolkema-2570 Orange Ct-inquired on 1701 Spaulding Ave, supported the fire truck sale and Rec Park updates.
- Article 6. Approval of Consent Agenda**
a. Receive and File Minutes
 1. Township Board Meeting & Closed Session-2/12/25
b. Receive and File Reports
c. Receive and File Communication
Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee Rissi to approve Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 7. Financial Actions**
a. Request for Invoices to be paid on 2/27/25
b. Financial Statements-Dec 2024
Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Treasurer Korstange to approve. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 8. Unfinished Business**
None

Article 9.

New Business

015-2025 Consider Approval of Resolution for Poverty Exemption (Roll Call)

Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee Rissi to approve. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

016-2025 Consider Approval of Sale of Fire Department Vehicle

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

017-2025 Consider Approval of Resolution to Direct the Planning Commission to Consider an Ordinance to Amend Zoning Map for 1701 Spaulding Ave to Rezone to Agricultural Rural Conservation (Roll Call)

Motion by Trustee Rissi, seconded by Treasurer Korstange to approve. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

018-2025 Consider Approval of Resolution for Relocation of Precinct 1 to Fire Station 1 (Roll Call)

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

Article 10.

Discussion

None

Article 11.

Public Comments

1. Ken Van Der Kolk-7200 Leyton-suggested using the Stone House for a voting precinct.
2. Nick Katsarelas-2985 Burrwick SE-supported the compensation increases approved last meeting but questioned how the amounts were set and the legality of retroactive salary increases for elected officials according to state law.

Article 12.

Manager Comments

1. He has a meeting set with Kent County Road Commission and Engineer Thorne regarding signage on Thornapple River Drive.
2. Tacos El Cunado reopens Thursday, February 27.

Article 13.

Board Member Comments

1. Trustee Shipley thanked Deputies, Firemen, and those in attendance.
2. Treasurer Korstange informed residents that 28th Street is scheduled to be resurfaced this year from Kraft to Cascade Rd, and that the Township is hosting a community Easter Egg Hunt April 19 at 10:00 am.
3. Supervisor Lesperance surmised how the range for salaries was reached; agreed with Mr. Katsarelas that retroactive compensation is not legal for elected officials, and that its effective date is the time of Board approval.

Article 14.

Adjournment

Motion by Clerk Slater, seconded by Treasurer Korstange to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Jennifer Jager
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Grace Lesperance, Supervisor

Susan B. Slater, Clerk