

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

Wednesday, September 13, 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 and Noordhoek
Absent: Trustee McDonald (Excused)
Also Present: Interim Township Manager Andrzejewski, New Township
Manager Jade Smith, 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 Noordhoek to approve the
agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 4. Presentations**
None
- Article 5. Public Comments-Anything on the Agenda not scheduled for a public
hearing. (Limit comments to 3 minutes)**
1. Andrew Howe-6257 Cascade Rd-spoke in support of rescinding
connection requirements for water/sewer.
 2. Nick Heinz-Attorney for Tuffy-spoke in favor of Tuffy Lease Assignment.
 3. Scot VanSolkema-2570 Orange Ct-inquired if anyone has garnered the
opinion of Tuffy tenants.
- Article 6. Approval of Consent Agenda**
- a. Receive and File Minutes
 1. Township Board Meeting-8/23/23
 - b. Receive and File Reports
 1. Treasurer's Department Report June 2023
 2. Treasurer's Department Report July 2023
 3. Building Department July 2023
 - c. Receive and File Education Requests
 1. Ryan Bruneau-Planning Michigan Conference-Traverse City, MI-10/4-6/23

2. Clerk Slater-Twp Clerks Conference-Harbor Springs, MI 9/26-27/23

3. Michael Poolman-Education Reimbursement-Waldorf University

d. Receive and File Communication

None

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

Article 7. Financial Actions

a. Consider Approval of August 2023 Payroll, Payables and Transfers

b. Request for Invoices to be paid on 9/14/2023

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Article 8. Unfinished Business

069-2023 Consider Approval of Tuffy Lease Assignment Offer

Motion by Trustee Koessel, seconded by Trustee Noordhoek to remove item from the table. Motion carried unanimously. Considerable discussion.

Motion by Trustee Koessel, seconded by Supervisor Lesperance to re-table the item. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 9. New Business

077-2023 Consider Resolution to Establish Friendship Park (Roll Call)

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

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

078-2023 Consider Resolution to Approve Design and Funding of Wycliffe Trailhead Park (Roll Call)

Motion by Clerk Slater, seconded by Treasurer Korstange to approve.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

079-2023 Consider Resolution to Establish Streetlight District in Golden Valley Estates (Roll Call)

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

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

080-2023 Consider Resolution to Establish Early Voting Polling Location (Roll Call)

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

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

081-2023 Consider Resolution to Rescind Article XV and Article XVI, Connection Requirements, §313-78 C(2) and §313-83 C(2) (Roll Call)

Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Supervisor Lesperance to approve.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Article 10. Discussion
None

Article 11. Public Comments

1. Dorothy Cribbs-1980 Deerfield Ct-commented on Hope Network bus.
2. Walter Bujak-County Commissioner District 21-6639 Thornapple River Dr-discussed airport, ARPA funds, and Thornapple River Clean-up with LGROW September 16, 3-5 pm, hosted by Ada Township.
3. Scot VanSolkema-inquired on Peace St direction and Township meeting calendar.
4. James White-(virtual)-Rapid rider-shared bus data.

Article 12. Manager Comments

1. Interim Township Manager Andrzejewski thanked the Township staff and Board for good collaboration the past three months. He commented on staffing and purchasing policy improvements and the Hope Network bus route established that occurred during his tenure. He highlighted the Heritage Day Festival Saturday, September 16.
2. Manager Smith thanked Interim Township Manager Andrzejewski for his work.

Article 13. Board Member Comments

1. Trustee Koessel inquired on PFAS.
2. Treasurer Korstange thanked Interim Township Manager Andrzejewski.
3. Trustee Shipley thanked those in attendance for coming to the meeting and asked for removal of hanging telecommunication wires on 28th street.

Article 14. Adjournment

Motion by Clerk Slater, seconded by Trustee Shipley to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Jennifer Jager
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Grace Lesperance, Supervisor

Susan B. Slater, Clerk