

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

Wednesday, November 3, 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, Randy Thelen-The Right Place, Inc., Cara Decker-LGROW, Mike Berrevoets-Fishbeck, and those listed on 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**
None
- Article 5. Public Comments-Anything on the Agenda not scheduled for a public hearing. (limit comments to 3 minutes)**
1. Keely Shay-7486 Alaska Ridge-Re CARES Funds, who drafted Township legal counsel policy? Did legal counsel see it before approval? Does Treasurer Peirce oversee all the financial actions of the Township? Supervisor Lesperance advised that Manager Swayze drafted the policy, and it was approved contingent upon review and approval by legal counsel. Treasurer Peirce does not oversee all financial actions of the Township. Believes the new policy is to prevent residents from being informed.
- Article 6. Approval of Consent Agenda**
- a. Receive and File Minutes
 1. Township Board – 10/27/21
 - b. Receive and File Reports
 - 1.
 - c. Receive and File Education Requests
 - 1.
 - d. Receive and File Communication

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1. Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs – First Wok new SDM License

2. Michigan Township Association – Annual Renewal

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

Article 7. Financial Actions

a. None

Article 8. Unfinished Business

a. None

Article 9. New Business

114-2021 Consider Financial Commitment to The Right Place for Economic Development Services

Randy Thelen, President/CEO of The Right Place, Inc. presented and answered questions. He thanked the Board for their support

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

Motion carried unanimously.

115-2021 Consider Setting Public Hearing for Storm Water Ordinance Adoption

Cara Decker-LGROW, Mike Berrevoets-Fishbeck, and Manager Swayze presented and answered questions.

Motion by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Trustee Shipley to approve the setting of a Public Hearing for December 15, 2021.

Motion carried unanimously.

116-2021 Consider Appointments to the Laraway Lake and Thornapple River Drive SAD Ad Hoc Committees

Supervisor Lesperance thanked all of those who applied for the Ad Hoc Committees. She added two committee members to the Thornapple River Drive SAD Committee to create balance.

Motion by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Trustee Shipley to approve Trustee Jim Koessel, Tom Koster, and Owen Pyle to the Laraway Lake SAD Ad Hoc Committee, and Trustee Shipley, Jeff Carpenter, Thomas Keith, Michael Wiegand, Lori Gottlieb, and two additional members, Scott Rissi, and Leann Rowland to the Thornapple River Drive SAD Ad Hoc Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

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

1. Scott Rissi-7238 Cascade Rd-Does Cascade Township give the Stormwater Permit? Manager Swayze indicated the Township issues the Stormwater Permit, and Kent County issues the Soil Erosion Permit.
2. Curt Reppuhn via Zoom-3517 Tripoli Ct. SE-Thanked the Board for the opportunity to participate virtually. Re the SAD dates in the packet, asked for clarification of the dates when approved. Manager Swayze advised it was approved on September 8, 2021.

Article 11. Manager Comments

None

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Article 12. Board Member Comments

1. Trustee Shipley-Thanked all in attendance, including those participating via Zoom. After staff resignations and changes, the Township needs to evaluate staffing and a time study. Believes that an outside organization should provide the study. Asked Supervisor Lesperance to add this to next meeting's agenda.
2. Trustee Noordhoek-He didn't receive any of the answers from last week's comments submitted by Craig Meurlin. In particular, he would like to know who approved that the Assistant Township Manager's salary would come from the police funds?
3. Supervisor Lesperance-Thanked State Representative Thomas Albert for his work in approval of \$1.5M for PFAS mediation included in the State Budget.

Article 13. Adjournment

Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee McDonald to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Krissi Brott
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Grace Lesperance, Supervisor

Susan B. Slater, Clerk