



MINUTES
CASCADE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, February 25, 2026, 7:00 P.M.
Wisner Center, 2870 Jacksmith Ave SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546

Article 1. Supervisor Lesperance called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
Present: Supervisor Lesperance, Clerk Slater, Trustees Shipley, Rissi, Noordyke and Noordhoek. Absent: Treasurer Korstange (excused).
Also Present: Township Manager Smith, Community Planning and Development Dir. Hendrick, Building Official Wilson, Finance Dir. Nenciarini, Attorney Homier-Foster Swift, Deputy Clerk Alberts.

Article 2. Pledge of Allegiance

Article 3. Approval of Agenda
Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee Rissi to approve.
Motion carried unanimously.

Article 4. Approval of the Minutes
Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee Rissi, to approve the regular minutes from February 11, 2026, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 5. Presentations
None

Article 6. Public Comments
Scot Van Solkema- 2570 Orange Ct
Josh Jordan- 5479 Whispering Timbers Dr

Article 7. Approval of Consent Agenda
Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee Rissi, to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 8. Financial Actions
Request for Invoices to be paid on 2/26/26
Motion by Trustee Rissi, seconded by Trustee Noordhoek to approve.
Motion carried unanimously.

Article 9. Unfinished Business
None

Article 10. New Business

a. IT Modernization

Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee Rissi to approve IT Modernization plan as described including associated one-time cost for service to i3 Business Solutions of \$38,665 and net increase in annual licensing/service fees of \$30,204. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Petition to Strike Delinquent Personal Property Taxes

Motion by Trustee Rissi, seconded by Trustee Noordhoek to authorize the Township Clerk to sign the Waiver and Consent form for the striking of 2020 delinquent personal property taxes. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Resolution 009-2026

Motion by Trustee Noordhoek, seconded by Trustee Rissi to approve Resolution 009-2026 introducing an Ordinance to impose a moratorium on the issuance of permits, licenses or approvals for data centers with amendments to the timeframe from twelve month to six months with the option for a six-month extension. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion by Supervisor Lesperance, seconded by Trustee Rissi to approve the formation of a data center ordinance research sub-committee consisting of three board members: Trustee Shipley, Trustee Noordhoek, Trustee Noordyke, as well as additional Township staff and legal counsel. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 11. Discussion

None

Article 12. Public Comments

Josh Jordan
Marlena Hoogerwerf- 7333 Biscayne Way
Robert Cribbs- 1980 Deerfield Ct

Article 13. Manager Comments

Manager Smith reminded the Board that a renewable energy ordinance was adopted in November of 2024. He also expressed support for staff stating they act with integrity and enforce the ordinances as they are written.

Article 14. Board Member Comments

Trustee Shipley thanked the public for coming and noted legislation in Lansing to watch.

Trustee Noordyke thanked the public for coming and asked for continued feedback for the data center ordinance research committee.

Trustee Rissi thanked the public for coming.

Supervisor Lesperance acknowledged the public comment regarding Biscayne Way and indicated the matter had been thoroughly reviewed and analyzed by legal counsel. She emphasized that staff had no personal motivation in connection with this issue.

Article 15. Closed Session

Motion by Supervisor Lesperance, seconded by Clerk Slater, to enter closed session pursuant to the Michigan Open Meetings Act, specifically MCL 15.268(1)(h), to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute,

namely a written legal opinion from the Township's attorney, which is protected by the attorney-client privilege at 7:45 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Motion by Trustee Rissi, seconded by Trustee Noordhoek to return to open session at 8:16 p.m.

Article 16. Adjournment

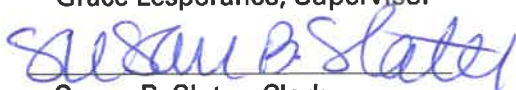
Motion by Trustee Rissi, seconded by Trustee Noordhoek to adjourn at 8:17 p.m.

Recording Secretary
Michelle Alberts, Deputy Clerk

Approved by:



Grace Lesperance, Supervisor



Susan B. Slater, Clerk

RBA Intro: February 25, 2026
DRAFT Final: February 26, 2026
Approved: February 26, 2026
Notice Published: March 8, 2026

**CASCADE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**RESOLUTION NO. 009-2026
A RESOLUTION TO INTRODUCE AN ORDINANCE TO
IMPOSE A MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS,
LICENSES OR APPROVALS FOR DATA CENTER**

At a meeting of the Township Board of Cascade Charter Township, Kent County, Michigan, held in the Wisner Center, 2870 Jacksmith Avenue SE, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49546 on the 25th day of February 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Lesperance, Slater, Shipley, Rissi, Noordhoek, and Noordyke.
ABSENT: Korstange

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Trustee Noordhoek and seconded by Trustee Rissi.

WHEREAS, the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, 2006 P.A. 110, being MCL 125.3101 *et seq.*, authorizes Cascade Charter Township (“Township”) to adopt reasonable regulations to control the establishment and use of Data Centers; and

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to consider amendments to its Zoning Ordinance to, among other things, address the procedures and standards for obtaining approval of Data Centers in the Township; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Act 246 of 1945, MCL 41.181, the Township is authorized to adopt ordinances regulating the public health, safety, and general welfare of persons and property; and

WHEREAS, the Township does not currently have any specific regulations applicable to Data Centers in the Township Zoning Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Data Centers are a new and burgeoning land use in the State of Michigan, thoughtful review and consideration of regulations are necessary to address and abate alleged adverse impacts of Data Centers to the community; and

WHEREAS, the Township finds that it is necessary and reasonable to establish a temporary moratorium upon the issuance of any and all permits, licenses and approvals by and under the jurisdiction of the Township for the establishment of Data Centers for ~~twelve (12)~~ six (6) months and until regulations are adopted by the Township pursuant to the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, 2006 P.A. 110, being MCL 125.3101 *et seq.*, whichever occurs first; and

WHEREAS, the Township finds that adopting such a temporary moratorium is in the best interest of the public health, safety, and welfare.

THEREFORE, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Cascade resolves as follows:

1. The Township hereby introduces Ordinance No. 002 of 2026, An Ordinance To Impose A Moratorium On The Issuance Of Permits, Licenses Or Approvals For Data Center (the "Ordinance"), attached as Exhibit A.
2. The Township Board will consider adopting the Ordinance at its next regular meeting on March 11, 2026.
3. Pursuant to Section 20 of the Michigan Charter Township Act, Act 82 of 1994, MCL 42.1 *et seq.* (the "Act"), the Clerk is directed to publish the Ordinance in accordance with Section 8 of the Act by posting it in the office of the Clerk and on the Township's web site. The Clerk is further directed to publish notice of the posting in a form in accordance with the law in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township within seven (7) days after the posting. The

notice, which shall be substantially in the form attached as Exhibit B, shall describe the purpose of the Ordinance and state that the Ordinance is posted in the office of the Clerk and on the Township's web site.

4. Any resolutions or portions of resolutions that are inconsistent with this resolution are hereby repealed.

Upon a roll call vote, the following voted:

YEAS: Lesperance, Slater, Shipley, Rissi, Noordhoek, and Noordyke.

ABSENT: Korstange.

The Supervisor declared the Resolution adopted.



Susan B. Slater, Clerk
Cascade Charter Township

CERTIFICATION

I, Susan Slater, Township Clerk of Cascade Charter Township, hereby certify this to be a true and complete copy of Resolution No. 009-2026, duly adopted at a meeting of the Township Board held on the 25th day of February 2026 and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.



Susan B. Slater, Clerk
Cascade Charter Township

EXHIBIT A

CASCADE CHARTER TOWNSHIP

ORDINANCE NO. 002 OF 2026

**AN ORDINANCE TO IMPOSE A MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS,
LICENSES OR APPROVALS FOR DATA CENTERS**

CASCADE CHARTER TOWNSHIP ORDAINS:

Section 1: Definition. Data Center. A structure that houses information technology infrastructure and equipment for building, running, and delivering applications, and the storage of digital data, including but not limited to, crypto currency mining.

Section 2. Findings. Cascade Charter Township has determined that:

1. Pursuant to Act 246 of 1945, being MCL 41.181, the Township is authorized to adopt ordinances regulating the public health, safety, and general welfare of persons and property.

2. The Township desires to consider amendments to the Township Zoning Ordinance to address regulations that may be necessary concerning Data Centers to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of Township residents and mitigate potential adverse effects on the public.

3. Imposing a moratorium, on a limited temporary basis, is reasonable and necessary in order to allow time for review of and potential amendments to the Township's Zoning Ordinance pursuant to and in the manner prescribed by the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, 2006 P.A. 110, being MCL 125.3101 et seq.

4. A moratorium should be imposed upon the issuance of any and all permits, licenses and approvals by and under the jurisdiction of the Township for the establishment of Data Centers for ~~twelve (12)~~ six (6) months or until an amendment to the Township's Zoning Ordinance, whichever occurs first.

Section 3: Moratorium. A moratorium is hereby imposed upon the issuance of any and all permits, licenses or approvals by and under the jurisdiction of the Township for the establishment of Data Centers, so long as this Ordinance is in effect.

Section 4: Term of Moratorium; Renewal. The moratorium imposed by this Ordinance shall remain in effect for ~~twelve (12)~~ six (6) months following the effective date of this Ordinance, or until Data Center regulatory amendments to the Township's Zoning Ordinance become effective, whichever occurs first. Before this moratorium expires, the Township may by resolution extend the moratorium as appropriate up to an additional six (6) months to allow sufficient time to complete amendments to its Zoning Ordinance. If an extension is adopted, the Township will publish notice of the extension.

Section 5. Validity and Severability. Should any portion of this Ordinance be found invalid for any reason, such holding shall not be construed as affecting the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

Section 6. Repealer Clause. Any ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

Section 7: Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately following publication.

EXHIBIT B

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at its meeting on February 25, 2026, the Cascade Charter Township Board received a proposed ordinance entitled “An Ordinance To Impose A Moratorium On The Issuance Of Permits, Licenses Or Approvals For Data Center,” which will be considered for adoption on **March 11, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.**, at a meeting of the Township Board at Wisner Center, 2870 Jacksmith Avenue SE, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49546. The proposed ordinance would impose a temporary moratorium upon the issuance of any and all permits, licenses and approvals by and under the jurisdiction of the Township for the establishment of Data Centers for ~~twelve (12)~~ six (6) months and until regulations are adopted by the Township pursuant to the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, 2006 P.A. 110, being MCL 125.3101 et seq., whichever occurs first.

The proposed ordinance is available in its entirety for public inspection. The proposed ordinance is posted at the office of the Township Clerk, 5920 Tahoe Dr. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546-7123 and on the website of the Charter Township of Cascade, cascadetwp.com.

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State of Ohio,) ss
County of Cuyahoga)


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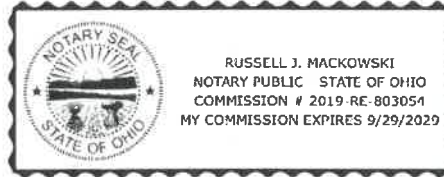
Joe Rosa 

Principal Clerk of the Publisher


Sworn to and subscribed before me this 09th day of March 2026

Russell Mackowski 

Notary Public



Online Notary Public. This notarial act involved the use of online audio/video communication technology. Notarization facilitated by SIGNIX®



CASCADE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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