

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

Wednesday, October 13, 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, DDA/Economic Development Director Korhorn, Manager of Assessment Services Genter, Director of Inspections Wilson, KDL Regional Manager Walstra, KDL Director Lance Werner, 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**
a. Kent District Library – Annual Report Presentation
Kent District Library (KDL) Director Lance Werner and KDL Regional Manager Vanessa Walstra gave the annual report and answered questions.
- Article 5. Public Comments-Anything on the Agenda not scheduled for a public hearing. (limit comments to 3 minutes)**
None
- Article 6. Approval of Consent Agenda**
a. Receive and File Minutes
1. Township Board – 09/22/21
2. Citizen PFAS Committee – 09/02/21
b. Receive and File Reports
1. Treasurer’s Department Report – July 2021
2. Treasurer’s Department Report – August 2021
c. Receive and File Education Requests
1. None
d. Receive and File Communication
1. None

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

Article 7. Financial Actions

- a. Consider Approval of September 2021 Payroll, Payables and Transfers
- b. Consider Approval of September 2021 Financial Reports

Motion by Trustee Koessel, seconded by Trustee Shipley to approve the Financial Actions. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 8. Unfinished Business

None

Article 9. New Business

106-2021 Consider Revocation of Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate (2016-046) for Personal Property for Compatico (5005 Kraft Ave.)

Development Director Korhorn presented and answered questions.

- a. Public Hearing for Revocation of Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate (2016-046) for Personal Property for Compatico (5005 Kraft Ave.)

Motion by Trustee Koessel, seconded by Trustee Shipley to open Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

No comments made.

Motion by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Trustee Shipley to close Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

- b. Consideration of a Resolution Revoking an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate (2016-046) for Personal Property for Compatico (5005 Kraft Ave.) (*Roll Call*)

Motion by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Trustee Shipley to revoke the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Personal Property for Compatico and forfeit the \$162.30. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

107-2021 Consider Building Department Fee Update; Staff Position and Wage Adjustments; Agreement to Expand Services in Plainfield Charter Township

Considerable discussion. Director of Inspections Wilson presented and answered questions.

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

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

1. Ken VanDerKolk-7200 Leyton-Why are we taking on new communities for inspections? Why are we in the business of inspections if the money is not coming back to Township residents?
2. Jeff Dionne-2894 Thornapple River Dr-Re the Building Department: Make sure the inspections are not a burden on the community. Re the past elections: He lost by 10 votes because certain candidates pooled funds. After he appealed to the State of Michigan, he was sent a letter stating that Trustee McDonald was in violation. He presented the letter to Supervisor Lesperance and asked that it be included in this meeting's online packet. He advised that Trustee McDonald only corrected the error after being notified of his complaint.

3. Chuck Whitley-5030 Sequoia Dr-Thanked the Board for standing by the residents regarding the drawdown of the Thornapple River. He has contacted potential vendors for treatment of the river, and he is anxious to get the process going. He appreciates there is movement and a committee is being formed.

Article 11. Manager Comments

1. The applications for the ad hoc committee are finished and will be sent soon. Board Members are invited to apply.
2. Re the draw down: Regulations required a two foot level; a four foot level was requested last year. Trustee McDonald asked if coordination with Ada is possible, and Manager Swayze advised that they are working with Cascade.

Article 12. Board Member Comments

1. Trustee Shipley-Thanked all in attendance. The pathway repairs have begun.
2. Trustee McDonald-Reviewed the many accomplishments of the Board in previous years.

Article 13. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Krissi Brott
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Grace Lesperance, Supervisor

Susan B. Slater, Clerk