

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

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

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, Trustees Koessel, McDonald, Shipley and Noordhoek
Absent: Treasurer Peirce (excused)
Also Present: Township Manager Swayze, Township Engineer Thorne, Planning Director Hilbrands, Deputy Clerk Brott, 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 McDonald to approve. 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. Ginny Wanty-6255 Heathmoor Ct-A deer was killed in Burton Park yesterday with a bow-and-arrow. Hopefully the cameras will give more information.
- Article 6.** **Approval of Consent Agenda**
a. Receive and File Minutes
1. Township Board – 11/16/2022
2. Township Board Budget Work Session - 11/29/2022
3. Township Board Budget Work Session - 12/06/2022
4. Planning Commission – 10/03/2022
5. Planning Commission – 10/17/2022
b. Receive and File Reports
1. Treasurer’s Department Report – September 2022
2. Building Department – November 2022
c. Receive and File Education Requests
None
d. Receive and File Communication
None
Motion by Trustee Koessel, seconded by Trustee Shipley to approve the Consent Agenda.
Motion carried unanimously.

Article 7. Financial Actions

- a. Consider Approval of October 2022 Financial Reports
- b. Consider Approval of November 2022 Payroll, Payables and Transfers
- c. Consider Approval of November 2022 Financial Reports
- d. Consider FY 2022 Budget Amendments

Motion by Trustee Koessel, seconded by Trustee Shipley to approve Article 7, a through c. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Trustee Shipley to approve FY 2022 Budget Amendments Resolution, Article 7, d. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Article 8. Unfinished Business

None

Article 9. New Business

092-2022 Consider Special Assessment Warrant Resolution for the Year 2022 (Roll Call)

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

093-2022 a.) Public Hearing – Consider Approval of New 5-Year Parks & Recreation Master Plan

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

1. Rik Brown-Cascade Woods Neighborhood-Frustrated with erosion problem. Complimented Parks Chair Ginny Wanty for her work. Supports the idea of a Parks Director who will encourage utilization of parks.

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

b.) Consider Approval of Resolution to Adopt the 2023-2027 Cascade Township 5-Year Parks & Recreation Master Plan (Roll Call)

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

094-2022 Consider Amendments to the FY 2023 Township Fee Schedule

Motion by Clerk Slater, seconded by Trustee Koessel to approve. Motion carried 5-1 by roll call vote. In favor-Clerk Slater, Trustees Koessel, McDonald, Noordhoek, and Shipley. Opposed-Supervisor Lesperance.

095-2022 Consider Resolution of General Fund Support to the Fire Fund (Roll Call)

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

096-2022 a.) Public Hearing – FY 2023 Operating and Special Fund Budgets

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

1. John Driscoll-7341 Cascade Terrace-What is the residential occupancy rate?
Manager Swayze responded.
2. Rik Brown-Spoke about diversification of tax base.

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

b.) Consider a Resolution to Adopt the FY 2023 Cascade Charter Township General and Special Fund Budgets (Roll Call)

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

097-2022 Consider Resolution to Approve the Intent to Levy the 2023 Millage Rates (Roll Call)

Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee McDonald to approve with the option to review mid-year. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

098-2022 Consider the 2023 Pathway Repair and Maintenance Program Bids

Supervisor Lesperance thanked Township Engineer Thorne and the Pathways Committee for their hard work.

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

099-2022 Consider a Resolution to Adopt Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement for Township Law Enforcement Services at the East Precinct (Roll Call)

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

100-2022 Consider the 2023 Meeting Schedule

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

101-2022 Consider Appointments to Boards and Commissions

Considerable discussion.

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

Motion by Clerk Slater, seconded by Trustee Noordhoek to approve the Township Board standing committees. Motion failed 3-3 by roll call vote. In favor-Supervisor Lesperance, Trustees Noordhoek and Shipley. Opposed-Clerk Slater, Trustees Koessel and McDonald.

Article 10. Discussion
None

Article 11. Public Comments – Any comments...whether it is on the Agenda or not. (limit comments to 3 minutes)

1. Rik Brown-Appreciates responsiveness of current Supervisor.
2. Jeff Coffey-3990 Buttrick-Would like to see the pathways extended to rural areas.

3. Brian Holcomb-3415 Glenstone Ct-Re speed limit sign: Requested it be placed on Thornapple River Drive between Thornhills and 36th St. Manager Swayze will follow up with Deputy Dieppa. Requested an update on EGLE communication. A report will be given in January.
4. Ken Van Der Kolk-7200 Leyton-Where will increased park fees go? Where does the Building Department revenue go? Would like to know where all the fees collected from other municipalities go. They are overcharging for the time spent.

Article 12. Manager Comments

1. Fire Station #1 construction is three (3) weeks ahead of schedule, per the information communicated at the most recent biweekly Fire Station #1 meeting.

Article 13. Board Member Comments

1. Trustee Shipley-Thanked everyone in attendance.
2. Supervisor Lesperance-Requested a status report on the replacement of trees cut down during construction at Whitneyville.
3. Trustee Koessel-Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Article 14. Adjournment

Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Clerk Slater to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Krissi Brott
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Grace Lesperance, Supervisor

Susan B. Slater, Clerk