

CASCADE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING
March 3, 2021 at 9:00am
Held via Zoom Remote Conferencing Software &
Large Conference Room at Township Hall
2865 Thornhills SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546

Members Present: Supervisor Lesperance, Trustee McDonald, Trustee Shipley

Others Present: Township Manager (TM) Ben Swayze, Director of Inspections (DOI) Brian Wilson; Community Development Director (CDD) Steve Peterson, Fishbeck Engineers Mike Berrevoets and Greg Whittle

Call to Order: Trustee Shipley called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Business: The Infrastructure Committee discussed the following items:

1. Minutes of the 1.6.21 Meeting

TM Swayze explained that per the committee policy, the committee is responsible for approving the minutes of the previous meeting.

Motion by Trustee McDonald, supported by Supervisor Lesperance to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.

2. Township Servers Replacement

DOI Wilson reviewed the memo prepared for the committee. The Township servers are on a 4-year replacement cycle. The application server, which locally hosts our BSA applications, does not have a cloud-based alternative. DOI Wilson noted that there is an updated price for the application server, \$15,700. The Exchange server does, DOI Wilson reviewed the pros and cons of each alternative. Our IT consultant has indicated that this will probably be the last physical exchange server we will be able to buy, in the future we will be forced to move to a cloud-based exchange server. Over the next 4 year the Township will save money by again hosting our own server. Discussion ensued.

Motion by Trustee McDonald, supported by Supervisor Lesperance to recommend the Township Board approve the Township server replacement proposal. Motion carried.

3. Buildings & Grounds Equipment

CDD Peterson reviewed the provided memo regarding the replacement of Buildings and Grounds equipment. It was noted that all of these equipment replacements are currently budgeted. The bids were obtained through the state bidding program. The old Bobcat will be transferred to the Fire Department, the other equipment will be traded in. Discussion ensued.

Motion by Trustee McDonald, supported by Supervisor Lesperance to recommend the Township Board approved the Buildings and Grounds equipment purchases as presented. Motion carried

4. Updated on the 2021 Pathways Extension

CDD Peterson and the Fishbeck engineers gave an update on the pathway extensions:

- The Township is still in negotiation with the Watermark group regarding the Cascade Road pathway extension to Watermark Drive. They have several issues we are trying to accommodate, but would not describe the negotiations as cooperative.
- Laraway Lake – setting up meeting with homeowners to discuss the needed easements.
- Burton Street Bridge – Homeowner on the west side of the bridge has not agreed to the needed easement, so additional redesign is needed. Poor soils have led to additional potential costs. Will have an updated estimate that the next IC meeting

No action, discussion only

5. 2021 Gypsy Moth Contract

TM Swayze reviewed the results of the fall 2020 Gypsy Moth survey. The survey has shown that while significant spraying is still required, the program is working and the spray area has been significantly reduced from what had to be sprayed in 2018 and 2019. The recommended spray area for 2020 is 755 acres, which is an increase of 19 acres from 2019 but a reduction of 1,134 acres from 2018. 2020 was the final year of the 3-year contract for spraying. It is anticipated that the price per acre for 2021 will be similar to the 2020 rate, but the Township has not received a formal contract proposal yet. Discussion ensued. TM Swayze indicated most of the local municipalities that have sprayed in the past are continuing to spray, however Caledonia Township has still not joined the program.

Motion by Trustee McDonald, supported by Trustee Shipley to recommend the Township Board approved the 2021 Gypsy Moth spray program as presented. Motion carried

6. 2021 Local Road Program

TM Swayze reviewed the proposed work orders for the 2021 Local Road program. The work orders include the Beard Farm subdivision as well as several single local roads off of Cascade Road. The work orders also include the Centennial Park roads and Formost Industrial Plat roads. The Finance & Personnel Committee has recommended that the Township Bond for part of this work in conjunction with the Fire Station #1 project. Discussion ensued.

Motion by Trustee McDonald, supported by Supervisor Lesperance to recommend the Township Board approved the 2021 Local Road program as presented. Motion carried

Adjournment: Motion by Trustee McDonald, supported by Supervisor Lesperance to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:47 am

Approved by the Infrastructure Committee – 5.5.21