

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

Wednesday, October 27, 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, Manager of Assessment Services Center, DDA/Economic Development Director Korhorn, Deputy Clerk Brott, Chief Magers, Assessor Andy Johnson of the City of Kentwood, Senior Planner Danielle Bouchard of McKenna, 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 Clerk Slater to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 4. Presentations**
a. Township Strategic Plan Update – McKenna (Danielle Bouchard)
Ms. Bouchard, Senior Planner at McKenna, updated the Board on the Strategic Plan 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 – 10/13/21
2. Personnel/Finance Committee – 09/08/21
3. Public Safety Advisory Committee – 9/15/21; 9/21/21
b. Receive and File Reports
1. Cascade Inspection Services Report – September 2021
c. Receive and File Education Requests
1. None
d. Receive and File Communication
1. Kent County Drain Commissioner Notice – Hidden Hills Drain
2. Lowell Charter Township – Planning Commission Letter

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3. Memo from Trustee McDonald

Considerable Discussion. Trustee Noordhoek asked that Trustee McDonald's Memo be removed, as it seemed like campaign material. Trustee Shipley suggested that Trustee McDonald should add this year's Board accomplishments to the Memo.

Motion by Trustee Koessel seconded by Trustee McDonald to approve the Consent Agenda with the removal of Trustee McDonald's Memo. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 7. Financial Actions

a. None

Article 8. Unfinished Business

None

Article 9. New Business

108-2021 Consider a Proposal for Consulting Services – Brownfield Redevelopment Authority

DDA/Economic Development Director Korhorn gave a presentation and answered questions.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

109-2021 Consider an Agreement for Professional Assessor Services

Manager Swayze and Manager of Assessment Services Genter presented and answered questions. Manager of Assessment Services Genter thanked the Board for their support.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

110-2021 Consider an RFP for a Township Parks, Recreation & Open Space Plan

Manager Swayze presented and answered questions.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

111-2021 Consider a Policy for Access to Township Legal Services

Manager Swayze presented and answered questions.

Motion by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Treasurer Peirce to approve contingent upon review by Township counsel.

Motion carried unanimously.

112-2021 Consider Appointment of Trustee McDonald to Election Commission & Resolution to Relocate Precinct No. 9 (Roll Call)

Clerk Slater presented and answered questions.

Considerable Discussion about the Appointment of Trustee McDonald to Election Commission. Supervisor Lesperance, Trustee Noordhoek, and Trustee Shipley voiced concerns about the letter from the State of Michigan presented to the Board last meeting during Public Comment.

Motion by Trustee Koessel, seconded by Treasurer Peirce to approve the Appointment of Trustee McDonald to Election Commission.

Motion carried 4-3.

Motion by Trustee Koessel, seconded by Trustee Shipley to approve the Resolution to Relocate Precinct 9.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

113-2021 Consider a Lease Agreement with The Gerald R. Ford International Airport Authority for Temporary Fire Station #1 Location

Manager Swayze and Chief Magers presented and answered questions.

Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee McDonald to approve contingent upon the Township Attorney's review and approval of the environmental studies.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

None

Article 11. Manager Comments

1. Contractors are working on the pathways this week and should be finished soon.
2. The Township closes on the Wycliffe property on Friday, October 29, 2021.

Article 12. Board Member Comments

1. Trustee Shipley-Thanked all in attendance. Clarified that he was not part of the violation mentioned in the letter presented by a resident during Public Comment at the last Board Meeting.
2. Trustee Noordhoek-Planning Commissioner Craig Meurlin submitted comments to him to be uploaded online.
3. Supervisor Lesperance-Re PFAS, residents have been asking questions. Community meetings will be scheduled soon.

Article 13. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm.

Krissi Brott
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Grace Lesperance, Supervisor

Susan B. Slater, Clerk

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