

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

Wednesday, August 25, 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, Community Development Director Peterson, and those listed on the Supplement.
- Article 2.** Supervisor Lesperance led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Article 3. Approval of Agenda**
Motion for approval by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee McDonald to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 4. Presentations**
a. None
- 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 – 8/11/21
2. Personnel & Finance Committee – 7/14/21
3. Public Safety Advisory Committee – 7/21/21
b. Receive and File Reports
1. Treasurers Department – May & June 2021
c. Receive and File Education Requests
1. Doug Poolman & Colin Forzley– Michigan IAAI Annual Arson School – Lansing, MI – October 18-21
2. Ben Swayze – ICMA Annual Conference – Portland, OR – October 3 - 6
d. Receive and File Communication
1. 911 Kent County Dispatch Authority – 2020-2021 Annual Update
Trustee Noordhoek does not like the Education Requests on the Consent Agenda. He does not like that Financial Reports are two months behind. He also does not think Manager Swayze should go to Portland. Supervisor Lesperance clarified that the Board

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was not denying Mr. Whitley information at the August 11 meeting – just not in the format he requested.
Motion by Clerk Slater, seconded by Trustee Koessel to approve the Consent Agenda.
Motion carried unanimously.

Article 7. Financial Actions

- a. Consider Approval of June 2021 Payroll, Payables and Transfers
 - b. Consider Approval of June 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

084-2021 Consider Resolution for Streetlight Request at Whitneyville Ave. and 48th Street (Roll Call)

Motion for approval by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee McDonald. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

085-2021 Consider Resolution to Vacate the Street Adjacent to West Line of Lot 21 of the Arden Hills Plat (Roll Call)

Motion for approval by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee Koessel. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

086-2021 Consider Approval for Annual Pathway Repairs

Motion for approval by Trustee Koessel, seconded by Trustee McDonald to approve all four areas of the pathways and use Lawns of Distinction to fulfill that contract. Motion carried unanimously.

087-2021 Consider Approval of Outdoor Gathering Permit for MSA Foundation at the MSA Fieldhouse

Motion for approval by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee McDonald. Motion carried unanimously.

088-2021 Consider Approval of the MERS Defined Benefit Plan and Defined Contribution Plan Adoption Agreement Addendums

Motion for approval by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee Koessel.
Motion carried unanimously.

089-2021 Consider Bids for the Fire Station #2 Outbuilding Project

Motion for approval by Trustee Noordhoek, seconded by Trustee McDonald to reject all bids for Fire Station #2 Outbuilding Project. Motion carried unanimously.

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

1. Jeff Carpenter via Zoom-5016 Sequoia-Regarding the Public Hearing for 9/8/21: He has not yet received notice. Manager Swayze advised that the newspaper advertisements are

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scheduled for Sunday and Tuesday; the direct mailing to residents will be going out Friday morning.

Article 11. Manager Comments

1. Comcast has now quoted a price of approximately \$200K from \$70K to install internet for Alaska Ridge residents. Staff has requested an official quote and a letter has been sent to the residents with the update. He attended Kent County's Broadband Committee meeting, which includes all internet providers, and stated that it is the County's number one priority to increase broadband internet.
2. Street repairs are being done at this time. The Beard Farms area is complete, the 33rd and 36th Street area is almost finished, and Centennial Park is halfway finished.
3. The Assessing Department not only passed their AMR but were recognized for outstanding achievement receiving a perfect score.

Article 12. Board Member Comments

1. Treasurer Peirce-Congratulated the Board on a short meeting.
2. Clerk Slater-Reminded everyone about the Metro Cruise Warm-Up scheduled for Thursday, August 26.
3. Trustee Noordhoek-Re the Thornapple River Assessment, will there be a survey included? Manager Swayze advised that this is the plan, and staff is waiting on Township Counsel's response to move forward.
4. Trustee Shipley-Thanked all in attendance.
5. Supervisor Lesperance-Re the airport lease for the Fire Department, it will hopefully be finalized soon.

Article 13. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Krissi Brott
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Grace Lesperance, Supervisor

Susan B. Slater, Clerk