

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

Wednesday, December 15, 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, Chief Magers, Lt. Albright, Firefighters Kreigh Deering, Zachery Christian, and David Lintemuth, Planner Hilbrands, Mary Ann Sabo and Hunter Zuk-Sabo P.R., Atty. Mike Homier-Foster Swift, Deputy Clerk Brott, 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 Noordhoek to approve the amended agenda. Motion failed 3-4 by roll call vote. In favor-Supervisor Lesperance, and Trustees Noordhoek and Shipley. Opposed-Clerk Slater, Treasurer Peirce, and Trustees Koessel and McDonald.
Motion by Trustee Koessel, seconded by Clerk Slater to proceed with the original agenda without the Round Hill Subcommittee presentation. Motion carried 4-3 by roll call vote. In favor-Clerk Slater, Treasurer Peirce, and Trustees Koessel and McDonald. Opposed-Supervisor Lesperance, and Trustees Noordhoek and Shipley.
- Article 4.** **Presentations**
Life Saving Recognition Ceremony
Lieutenant Albright recognized the members of Our Daily Bread Ministries Response Team, as well as the firefighters who responded when Barb Smith went into cardiac arrest. Because of the individuals who aided before fire rescue crews arrived, Barb Smith survived. Ms. Smith was joined by her niece Diana Burkhardt to help honor those who saved her life. The recipients are Carlene Schmidt, Lisa Luckenbaugh, Mike Hopeman, Mark VanderHeide, and Alicia Collier.
- Article 5.** **Public Comments-Anything on the Agenda not scheduled for a public hearing. (limit comments to 3 minutes)**
1. Don Faase-7374 Grachen Dr-To the Supervisor: How many residents were asked to provide input for questions 9 and 10 of the survey? Supervisor Lesperance advised that the steering committee along with McKenna came up with the questions. Asked why certain questions were included? Supervisor Lesperance advised that the

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steering committee and McKenna collaborated on survey questions. He thinks that staff interruptions by non-staff members should be eliminated. He also requested that Craig Meurlin step down from the Planning Commission.

2. Jennifer Puplicava-2180 Spaulding-Chair of the DDA; She was concerned that two members were not reappointed to the DDA without being forewarned. No conversation was had with them before the appointments were published. No consideration of their service was made. Removing these members would be a loss.
3. LeeAnn Rowland-7176 Aqua Fria Ct-Re Thornapple SAD, no meeting has been scheduled and deadlines are approaching. Some deadlines have passed. Asked why members were added at the last minute? Supervisor Lesperance thought that a meeting had been scheduled. Manager Swayze advised there was a conflict.
4. Susie Grubba-1147 East Lake Mitchell Dr (Daughter of Jack Lewis)-Re the comments made during Public Comment period at the 11/17/21 Township Board Meeting about her father; she and her brother were hurt and appalled at the incorrect private health information that was discussed by those who didn't know the situation. She would like a public and a private apology from those who spoke inappropriately about her father.
5. Scott Rissi-7238 Cascade Rd-He is concerned that one of the applicants who was recommended for the SAD Ad Hoc Committee is also appealing to the tax tribunal. This seems like a conflict of interest. He and Jeff Carpenter have been attempting to meet with someone at the Township to discuss filing a permit for the river draw down.

Article 6. Approval of Consent Agenda

- a. Receive and File Minutes
 1. Township Board – 11/17/21
 2. Township Board Work Session – 12/6/21
 3. Citizens PFAS Committee Meeting – 10/7/21
 4. Personnel & Finance Committee Meeting – 10/15/21
 5. Public Safety Advisory Committee Meeting – 10/20/21
 6. Infrastructure Committee Meeting – 11/3/21
- b. Receive and File Reports
 1. Treasurer's Department Report – October 2021
 2. Cascade Inspection Services Report – November 2021
- c. Receive and File Education Requests
 1. Doug Poolman & Colin Forzley – 2022 Michigan Fire Inspectors Conference – Mt. Pleasant, MI – February 8-10, 2022
- d. Receive and File Communication
 1. None

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

Article 7. Financial Actions

- a. Consider Approval of FY 2021 3rd Quarter Budget Amendments
- Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee Koessel to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 8. Unfinished Business

Manager Swayze presented.

115-2021 Consider resetting Storm Water Ordinance Public Hearing

Motion by Trustee Koessel, seconded by Trustee Shipley to approve resetting the Storm Water Ordinance Public Hearing to January 12, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 9. New Business

119-2021 a) Public Hearing to Consider Amendments to LeTourneau PUD Ordinance to permit a dental office

Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee McDonald to open Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously. No comments made.

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

b) Consider Amendments to LeTourneau PUD Ordinance to permit a dental office (Roll Call)

Planner Hilbrands presented.

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

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

120-2021 Consider Final Plan Approval for Bridle Trail Development

Planner Hilbrands presented and answered questions.

Motion by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Trustee Shipley to approve with the conditions set forth in writing and mentioned by Planner Hilbrands.

Motion carried unanimously.

121-2021 Consider Award for the RFP for the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan

Planner Hilbrands presented.

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

122-2021 Consider contract for Janitorial Service with Hope Network for Cascade Library

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

123-2021 Consider agreement for Public Relations/Communications Consultant with Sabo PR

Manager Swayze and Hunter Zuk presented and answered questions.

Considerable discussion.

Motion by Trustee Koessel, seconded by Treasurer Peirce to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

124-2021 Consider Approval of Resolution to Provide General Fund Financial Support to the Fire Fund (Roll Call)

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

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

125-2021 a) Public Hearing: Proposed 2022 General/Special Fund Budgets

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

Motion carried unanimously. No comments made.

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

b) Consider Approval of a Resolution to Adopt the FY 2022 Cascade Charter Township General/Special Budgets (Roll Call)

Manager Swayze presented and answered questions.

Motion by Trustee Noordhoek, seconded by Supervisor Lesperance to approve with an amendment to return the money used for the Assistant Township Manager in 2018, 2019, 2020 to the Police Fund.

Motion carried 6-1 by roll call vote. In favor-Supervisor Lesperance, Clerk Slater, and Trustees Koessel, McDonald, Noordhoek, and Shipley. Opposed-Treasurer Peirce.

126-2021 Consider Approval of Resolution of Intent to Levy the 2022 Millage Rates (Roll Call)

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

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

127-2021 Consider Approval of the 2022 Township Meeting Schedule

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

128-2021 Consider Appointments to Various Boards and Commissions

Supervisor Lesperance presented.

Motion by Trustee Koessel, seconded by Trustee McDonald to reject Supervisor Lesperance's Appointments.

Motion carried 4-3 by roll call vote. In favor of the motion to reject: Trustees Koessel, McDonald, Clerk Slater, and Treasurer Peirce. Opposed: Trustees Noordhoek and Shipley, and Supervisor Lesperance.

129-2021 Planning Commissioner 12/6/21 Member Comment

Trustee McDonald read the written charges against Planning Commissioner Meurlin regarding statements made at the 12/6/21 Planning Commission meeting.

Considerable Discussion. Township Counsel Homier answered questions and provided guidance.

Motion by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Clerk Slater to enter written charges and set a Public Hearing to remove Planning Commissioner Meurlin from all Boards, Commissions, and Committees. Motion carried 5-2 by roll call vote. In favor: Trustees Koessel, McDonald, Treasurer Peirce, Clerk Slater, and Supervisor Lesperance. Opposed: Trustees Shipley and Noordhoek.

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

1. Don Faase-He requested the names of those on the strategic committee. Manager Swayze responded he would provide them. He asked how this decision was made? Supervisor Lesperance said they were appointed and approved at a Township Board Meeting.
2. Paul Strauss via Zoom chat-7474 Alaska Ridge-Re the Thornapple SAD Ad Hoc Committee, he believes that Mr. Rissi was speaking about him during Public Comment. He believes that he deserves to have a say in this matter.

3. Manager of Assessment Services Jennifer Genter-Advised the statutes applicable for appointing members to the Board of Review.

Article 11. Manager Comments

None

Article 12. Board Member Comments

1. Trustee Shipley-Thanked everyone for coming. Even though there are diverse opinions, every one of them is important. Encouraged the public to bring their neighbors because the residents are why the Board is here.
2. Trustee Noordhoek-Encourages the Board to approve the appointments so that the work of the Township can keep going.
3. Trustee McDonald-Requested the copy of the Round Hill Committee's notes to review before the next meeting.
4. Clerk Slater-Merry Christmas everyone!

Article 13. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 pm.

Krissi Brott
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Grace Lesperance, Supervisor

Susan B. Slater, Clerk