

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

Wednesday, July 13, 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, Treasurer Peirce, Trustees Koessel, McDonald, Shipley and Noordhoek  
Absent: None  
Also Present: Township Manager Swayze, 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 Koessel to approve. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 4.** **Presentations**  
**a. Planning Commission Process Recommendations Subcommittee (Ralph Moxley and Alan Rowland)**
- Article 5.** **Public Comments-Anything on the Agenda not scheduled for a public hearing. (limit comments to 3 minutes)**  
1. Tom Grias-6677 Burger Dr-Requested the Township widen the shoulder on Thornapple River Drive from Thornhills to Cascade Road for safety reasons.
- Article 6.** **Approval of Consent Agenda**  
**a.** Receive and File Minutes  
**1.** Township Board – 6/22/2022  
**b.** Receive and File Reports  
**1.** Building Department – June 2022  
**2.** Treasurer’s Department Report – April 2022  
**3.** Treasurer’s Department Report – May 2022  
**c.** Receive and File Education Requests  
**1.** Todd Pell – NFPA Fire Inspector II – Brighton, MI – Aug 7-11, 2022  
**d.** Receive and File Communication  
**1.** Cascade Historical Society – 2021 Report  
**2.** Kent County Emergency 911 Service Plan  
Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee McDonald to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

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**Article 7. Financial Actions**  
**None**

**Article 8. Unfinished Business**

**037-2022 Consider Accepting the FY 2021 Audit and Comprehensive Annual Financial Report**

Motion by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Trustee Koessel to approve. Motion carried 6-1.

**039-2022 Consider a Resolution Authorizing Issuance of 2022 Capital Improvement Bonds (Roll Call)**

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

**Article 9. New Business**

**041-2022 Consider a Resolution to Defer Without Penalty Summer Tax Payment for Qualifying Taxpayers (Roll Call)**

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

**042-2022 Consider Request to Hold Grand Rapids Triathlon on June 10 & 11, 2023**

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

**043-2022 Consider Participation Agreement for the Grand Valley Metro Council NPDES Stormwater Permit Compliance Cooperative Effort for FY23-FY25**

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

**044-2022 Consider Project Submittals for Kent County ARPA Funding**

Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee McDonald to approve submission of the pedestrian and biker bridge over Cascade Road and internet service for Alaska Ridge residents, and request the Cascade Library submit the outdoor gathering and activity space project. Motion carried unanimously.

**045-2022 Consider an Agreement Between the Interurban Transit Partnership and Cascade Township For Linehaul and Paratransit Services on 36<sup>th</sup> Street for 8/22 – 8/23**

Motion by Trustee Noordhoek, seconded by Supervisor Lesperance to decline to enter into the agreement between the Interurban Transit Partnership and Cascade Township. Motion carried unanimously.

**Article 10. Discussion**

1. Trustee Shipley mentioned there is a demand for meeting space and suggested the Board consider possibly re-opening the old Township Hall for small gatherings.

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

1. Brian Holcomb-3415 Glenstone Ct-Re Egypt Creek Landscaping: Zoning Administrator Smith-Jacoby contacted the company's attorney who advised they were contacting EGLE. Are there actions that can be taken at the Township level to put the burden on the violator? Board members requested Manager Swayze consult with our attorney as to recourse.
2. Jeff Hughes-7250 Red Bud Ln-Re Deer Problem: Shared research about deer increase in population.

**Article 12. Manager Comments**

1. Commended the Fire Department and Building & Grounds Department on a great 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration, especially Chief Magers and Lieutenant Albright.

**Article 13. Board Member Comments**

1. Trustee Shipley-Thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and encouraged everyone to bring their neighbors.
2. Trustee Noordhoek-Not opposed to safe bow hunting re the deer population. We moved into their neighborhood.
3. Trustee McDonald-Cascade Connections published very good articles recently.
4. Trustee Koessel-Noted that Nothing Bundt Cakes post on Facebook was very good.

**Article 14. Adjournment**

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:49 pm.

Krissi Brott  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

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Grace Lesperance, Supervisor

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Susan B. Slater, Clerk