

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

Wednesday, August 10, 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, DDA/Economic Development Director Korhorn, Planning Director Hilbrands, Fire Chief Magers, Deputy Clerk Brott, Planning Commissioner Windy Korstange, Brianne Pitchford-Triangle Associates, Inc., Nick Ballou-Triangle Associates, Inc., 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 McDonald to approve. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 4. Presentations**  
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 – 7/27/2022
  - b. Receive and File Reports
    - 1. Building Department – July 2022
  - c. Receive and File Education Requests
    - 1.
  - d. Receive and File Communication
    - 1. DIRECTV, LLC Annual Video Report for U-verse Video Service in Michigan
    - 2. Dr. Keys’ Deer Study
- Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee Koessel to approve the Consent Agenda.  
Motion carried unanimously.

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**Article 7. Financial Actions**  
None

**Article 8. Unfinished Business**

**048-2022 Consider Directing Staff to Prepare for Board Approval of Modification of Cascade Township’s Deer Hunt Application Process**  
Manager Swayze will convene with the Township Attorney and the insurance agency.  
No action taken.

**Article 9. New Business**

**051-2022 a) Public Hearing to Consider Zoning Amendment Regarding Composting**  
Planning Director Hilbrands, Planning Commissioner Korstange, Luis Chen-Wormies, and Chandler Michalsky-Wormies presented and answered questions.  
Motion by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Trustee Koessel to open the Public Hearing.  
Motion carried unanimously.

1. Steven Riddle-6410 Wendell St-In strong support of Wormies.

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

**b) Consider Zoning Ordinance Amendment Regarding Composting**  
*(Roll Call)*

Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee McDonald to approve the zoning ordinance amendment. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**052-2022 Consider Resolutions for Streetlight Request for Tammarron North**  
*(Roll Call)*

Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee Koessel to approve both resolutions.  
Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**053-2022 Consider Approval of Outdoor Gathering Permit for the Cascade Heritage Festival**

Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Clerk Slater to approve the Outdoor Gathering Permit plus designate up to \$15K for the Cascade Heritage Festival. Motion carried unanimously.

**054-2022 Consider Resolution for Special License Permit for Cascade Heritage Festival** *(Roll Call)*

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

**055-2022 Consider Resolution for Road Closures for Cascade Heritage Festival** *(Roll Call)*

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

**056-2022 Consider Resolution to Approve the Levy of the 2022 Millage Rates  
(Roll Call)**

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

**057-2022 Consider Sizing of Fire Station Capital Improvement Bonds**

Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee McDonald to approve the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$6M. Motion carried unanimously.

**058-2022 Consider Acceptance of the Planning Commission Process  
Recommendations Subcommittee Report**

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

**059-2022 Consider Award of Fire Station #1 Construction Early Bid Package**

Considerable discussion.

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

**Article 10. Discussion**

1. Trustee Noordhoek-How is the Township informing those residents affected by PFAS about the process? Discussed that there is no groundwater ordinance; Manager Swayze advised that he and Supervisor Lesperance are in talks with Township Attorneys re the development of one.
2. Trustee Shipley-Is there an update re Egypt Creek Landscaping? Manager Swayze advised there is none. Would like to utilize the field between the library going west for Township activities like a farmer's market and/or arts festival.
3. Supervisor Lesperance-Re Egypt Creek Landscaping: Attorney Homier sent the cease-and-desist letter and is now waiting for direction from the Township Attorney regarding violations. Spoke with business owners of Parooz about ideas for a craft fair and other activities similar to nearby townships.
4. Trustee Noordhoek-What is the status of the Planning Commission pay scale inquiry? Manager Swayze advised that Human Resources Director Murawski is compiling comparison data for Board consideration.
5. Supervisor Lesperance-The American Legion would like to incorporate recognition of Virgil Westdale into Cascade Heritage Day. A tribute will be made to go along with possibly renaming the park.

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

1. Chuck Whitley-5030 Sequoia-Requested clarification of the verbiage in the bid item for Fire Station #1 project. Re Strategic Plan Township Board Workshop: The Thornapple River Subcommittee has not been approached but is mentioned in the presentation which could cause some confusion.

**Article 12. Manager Comments**

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1. Planner Hilbrands, Building Official Wilson, and Zoning Administrator Smith-Jacoby trained last week on the BS&A module for Planning and Zoning. A demonstration before the Board is expected once they are comfortable using it.
2. Thanked Clerk Slater and her team for a smooth election.

**Article 13. Board Member Comments**

1. Trustee Shipley-Thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

**Article 14. Adjournment**

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm.

Krissi Brott  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

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Grace Lesperance, Supervisor

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Susan B. Slater, Clerk