

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

Wednesday, September 8, 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, DDA/Economic Development Director Korhorn, Manager of Assessment Services Genter, 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 Clerk Slater 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)**
1. Dave Risner-7712 Thornapple Bayou Dr.-He asked if any of the Board members were part of the Thornapple River Association. He noted that the dredging done in the past was ineffective. He is not in support of the Special Assessment District.
2. Kelsey Bako via Zoom-No.
- Article 6. Approval of Consent Agenda**
a. Receive and File Minutes
1. Township Board-8/25/21
2. Infrastructure Committee-7/7/21
3. Citizen PFAS Committee-6/3/21; 7/14/21
b. Receive and File Reports
1. KCSD East Precinct Reports-2nd Quarter 2021
2. Building Department Report-August 2021
c. Receive and File Education Requests
1. Craig Smith & Jeff Biegalle-Mich. PIAM Fall Conf.-Bay City, MI-Sept. 30-Oct. 1

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2. Brian Wilson & Ron Sabin–Mich. COCM Conf.–Thompsonville, MI–Sept. 28 – Oct. 1

3. John Makuch–MUSAR Rope Rescue Technician–Southfield, MI–Oct. 11-15

d. Receive and File Communication

1. None

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

Article 7. Financial Actions

a. Consider Approval of July 2021 Payroll, Payables and Transfers

b. Consider Approval of July 2021 Financial Reports

Motion by Treasurer Peirce, seconded by Trustee Shipley to approve the Financial Actions. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 8. Unfinished Business

None

Article 9. New Business

090-2021 Consider Resolution of Revocation of an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate 2010-149 for Flexfab LLC

a. Public Hearing for Resolution to Revoke Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate 2010-149 for Flexfab LLC

Motion to open Public Hearing by Clerk Slater, seconded by Trustee Koessel. Motion carried unanimously. No comments made.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

b. Consideration of a Resolution to Revoke Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate 2010-149 for Flexfab LLC (*Roll Call*)

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

091-2021 Consider Resolution(s) to Transfer and Extend an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Lakeland Monroe LLC

a. Public Hearing for Resolutions to Transfer and Extend an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Lakeland Monroe LLC.

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

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

Motion carried unanimously.

b. Consideration of a Resolution to Transfer an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Lakeland Monroe LLC. (*Roll Call*)

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

c. Consideration of a Resolution to Extend an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Lakeland Monroe LLC. (*Roll Call*)

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

092-2021 Consider Resolution to Transfer an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Sparks Belting Company

- a. Public Hearing for Resolution to Transfer an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Sparks Belting Company.

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

Motion carried unanimously. No comments made.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

- b. Consideration of a Resolution to Transfer an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Sparks Belting Company (*Roll Call*)

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

093-2021 Consider Resolution to Approve an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Sparks Belting Company

- a. Public Hearing for Resolution to Approve an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Sparks Belting Company.

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

Motion carried unanimously. No comments made.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

- b. Consideration of a Resolution to Approve an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Sparks Belting Company (*Roll Call*)

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

094-2021 Consider Resolution to Approve the Levy of the 2021 Millage Rates (*Roll Call*)

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

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

095-2021 Consider a Contract with Aquatic Consulting Resources for Fall 2021 Gypsy Moth Survey

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

096-2021 Consider Beer Tent for the 2021 Cascade Heritage Day

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

097-2021 Consider Resolution of “Confirmation of the Special Assessment Roll; Liens; Payment and Collection of Special Assessments” for Laraway Lake Special Assessment District #1

- a. Public Hearing for Laraway Lake Special Assessment District No. 1 for the purposes of reviewing the special assessment roll and for hearing all persons interested in the special assessment and any objections to the roll.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Manager Swayze read the names and addresses of responses received **in favor** of the Special Assessment District:

1. Owen Pyle, 1944 Boxthorn Ct.
2. Tom Koster, 1930 Boxthorn Ct.
3. Krista Price, 1943 Laraway Lake Dr.
4. Cris & Barb Ritsema, 1975 Laraway Lake Dr. (two surveys submitted)
5. Melissa & Mark Elenbaas, 1931 Laraway Lake Dr.

Manager Swayze read the names and addresses of responses received **in opposition** of the Special Assessment District:

1. Gary & Linda Foerster & Alison Glowinski, 1969 Laraway Lake Dr.

The following residents spoke during Public Hearing:

1. Chuck Whitley-5030 Sequoia Dr.-Asked if all the comments were shared with Board members? Manager Swayze answered that all responses received before 2 pm were forwarded to Board members.
2. Tom Koster-1930 Boxthorn Ct.-Shocked by lack of communication from Township officials. He is in favor of the Special Assessment District.
3. Ken Clapp-3474 Goodwood-Requested clarification whether vacant lots are part of this proposal. Manager Swayze indicated they are not.

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

- b.** Consider Resolution of “Confirmation of the Special Assessment Roll; Liens; Payment and Collection of Special Assessments” for Laraway Lake Special Assessment District #1 (*Roll Call*)

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

098-2021 Consider Resolution of “Confirmation of the Special Assessment Roll; Liens; Payment and Collection of Special Assessments” for Thornapple River Special Assessment District #1

- a.** Public Hearing for Thornapple River Special Assessment District No. 1 for the purposes of reviewing the special assessment roll and for hearing all persons interested in the special assessment and any objections to the roll.

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

Manager Swayze read the names and addresses of the responses received **in favor** of the Special Assessment District:

1. Jeff & Lisa Dionne, 2984 Thornapple River Dr.
2. Shirley & Jeff Hoogstra, 7288 Cascade Rd.
3. Charles Whitley, 5030 Sequoia Dr.
4. Aaron Owens, 6500 Donnegal Ln.
5. Jim & Diane Van Hoven, 4864 Sequoia Dr.
6. Christian & Robin Veenstra, 5080 Sequoia Dr.
7. Jonathan & Jodi Kortman, 4555 Little Harbor Dr.
8. Walter Perschbacher, 7484 Cascade Rd.
9. Chris Clark, 7447 & 7443 Kenrob Dr. (two surveys submitted)
10. Ben & Liz Greemann, 6931 Burger Dr.

11. Barbara Skinner, 3024 Thornapple River Dr.
12. Harry Herbruck, 7340 & 7314 Cascade Rd. (two surveys submitted)
13. Clarence & Elizabeth Maring, 4567 Little Harbor Dr.
14. Jack & Julie Bos, 3095 Thorncrest Dr.
15. Curt Ballou, 1874 Beard Dr.
16. Jusuf Bawazer, 3486 Goodwood Dr.
17. Scott & Hazel Rissi, 7238 Cascade Rd. (Hazel sent a response separately, as well)
18. Megan Rissi, 3216 Thorncrest Dr.
19. Doug & Christina Bouwer, 3177 Thorncrest Dr.
20. Eric & Helen Hansen, 3250 Thorncrest Dr.
21. Dan & Vita Eizans, 7177 Aqua Fria Ct.
22. Morgan & Jaculin Cole, 6717 Burger Dr.
23. Richard A. Horvitz, 1860 Beard Dr.
24. Kingsland Family, 7370 Cascade Rd.
25. David & Tracey Prindiville, 4994 Sequoia Dr.
26. Edward (Ned) T. Quinn, 7382 Whispering Ridge
27. Tim & Heather Werkema, 3516 Goodwood Dr.
28. Dick Donker, 6825 Burger Dr.
29. Robert Ohlman, 7635 Sandy Hollow
30. Dale Reidsma, 7786 Thornapple Bayou
31. Jennifer Wolbers, 7320 Whispering Ridge
32. Toran & Brenda Scott, 4593 Little Harbor Dr.
33. Amy M. Dowling, 3528 Goodwood Dr.
34. David L. Rundhaub, 7271 Kilmer St.
35. David & Kristin Hecht, 7300 Cascade Rd.
36. Ali M. Metwalli, 7444 Whispering Ridge
37. Jim & Sheri Stein, 7169 Placita Ct.
38. Steve & Cheryl Timyan, 7415 Kenrob Dr.
39. Dwight G. Frey, 7261 Kilmer St.
40. Joseph & Elizabeth Junewick, 6577 Burger Dr.
41. Jeff & Amanda Carpenter, 5016 Sequoia Dr.
42. Paul & Leann Rowland, 7176 Aqua Fria Ct.
43. Jay (Ukjen) Cho, 7675 Sandy Hollow Ln.
44. Russell Scott & Marybeth Weber, 3584 Goodwood Dr.
45. Michael Valentino, 3888 Goodwood Dr.
46. M.E. (Bill) Butts, 4896 Sequoia Dr.
47. Ken & Judi Carpenter, 6681 Burger Dr.
48. James & Chris Brundidge, 3462 Goodwood Dr. (James sent a response separately, as well)
49. Kermit & Carol Starkweather, 7800 Thornapple Bayou Dr.
50. Shirley Neitzel, 5060 Sequoia (two surveys submitted)
51. Karen Robertson, 4535 Little Harbor Dr.
52. John & Diana Meyer, 3444 Goodwood Dr.
53. Mary Linden Ragains, 7168 Cascade Rd.
54. Herb & Sharon Lantinga, 7358 Cascade Rd.
55. Todd A. Hendricks, 7138 Cascade Rd.
56. Thomas Powell, 5090 Sequoia Dr.
57. Don & Laura Finelli, 7378 Cascade Rd.
58. Jake & Jenny Baugh, 4121 Maracaibo Shores Dr.

59. Rick & Kristi Veldman, 6965 Burger Dr.
60. SJ & Rusty Trapp, 7400 Whispering Ridge
61. Richard & Lynn Westrate, 3010 Thornapple River Dr.
62. Michael & Sheila Reid, 7275 60th St.
63. Brenda Scott, 4593 Little Harbor Dr.
64. Robin Renzenbrink, 4637 Little Harbor
65. Sally Munford, 5020 Sequoia
66. Craig W. Haehnel, 4968 Sequoia Dr.
67. William & Julie Lewis, 7310 & 7311 Kilmer St.
68. Heather Harrington & Alexander Duthler, 7714 Thornapple Bayou Dr.
69. James E. Petrie, 3032 Thornapple River Dr.
70. Brent & Shellie Smith, 7478 Cascade Rd.
71. Sheryl & Paul D'Amato, 6864 Maplecrest Dr.
72. Greg & Sarah Niedzwiecki, 5100 Sequoia Dr.
73. Chris Svodboda, 3486 Goodwood Dr.
74. Darwin Cutler, 4884 Sequoia Dr.
75. Jeff Rautio & Mary Kunkler, 5969 Tannon Ct.
76. Brett Parent, 7281 Kilmer St.

Manager Swayze read the names and addresses of the responses received **in opposition** of the Special Assessment District:

1. Christie Boeskool Ling, 6985 Burger Dr.
2. Jeff & Lori Gottlieb, 7100 Cascade Rd.
3. No name or address given
4. Pete & Judy Kenny, 5600 Alaska Ave.
5. Eileen Duty, 3284 Thorncrest Dr.
6. David Finkelstein, 6755 Burger Dr.
7. Dawn Van Ham & Jennifer Schondelmayer, 3059 Thorncrest Dr.
8. Albert (Josh) & Carol Sears, 6625 Burger Dr.
9. Michael & Erika Hoy, 3452 Goodwood Dr.
10. Mike & Debbie Wiegand, 7243 Kilmer St. (sent two responses)
11. Asif & Tahira Azeem, 7110 Cascade Rd.
12. Peter & Judith Kenny, 5600 Alaska Ave.
13. Dawn Swider, 7335 Kilmer St.
14. Peg McKeown, 7231 Kilmer Dr.
15. Richard & Loretta Osborn, 7349 Kilmer St.
16. Paul Strauss, 7474 Alaska Ridge
17. R. Beahan, 3148 Thornapple River Dr. & 4445 Whitneyville Ave. (sent two responses)
18. Gretchen & Jim Smilde, 2985 Thornapple River Dr.
19. Dorian Bako, 7784 Thornapple Bayou Dr.
20. Dan Kantorowski, 7186 Cascade Rd.
21. Mark Andrakowicz, 7365 Kilmer St.

The following residents spoke during Public Hearing:

1. William Lewis-7311 Kilmer-Supports Special Assessment District (SAD). Gave a shout-out to CTRA for always improving the river and helping each other; appreciates all the work they have done.
2. Mike Almassian-7259 60th St.-Supports SAD.

3. Lori Gottlieb-7100 Cascade Rd.-Read an email in opposition of SAD from Gretchen & Jim Smilde of 2985 Thornapple River Dr. because PFAS is an issue. Spoke in opposition of this SAD which was brought by the association, not residents.
4. Kim Branoff-5711 Alaska Ave.-Supports SAD. Has not been on the river more than twice this summer because it takes too long to clear the weeds.
5. Clarence Maring-4567 Little Harbor Dr.-Supports SAD.
6. David Rundhaug-7271 Kilmer Dr.-Supports SAD. Every year the weeds get worse.
7. Karen Parent-7400 Trillium Woods-The upriver weeds come to her property.
8. Ken Clapp-2988 Thornapple River Dr. & 3474 Goodwood-Opposes SAD. He doesn't have weeds near his property and doesn't believe he should have to pay.
9. Jeff Coffy-5923 Tannon Ct.-Opposes SAD. He doesn't think it is properly assessed. Mentioned that the golf course is a major polluter.
10. Jon VanderWeele-4812 & 4816 Sequoia-Supports SAD. It is difficult to get boat in the water.
11. Jeff Rautio-5969 Tannon Ct.-Supports SAD. Substantial increase in weeds over the years. Would like to see silt and rocks removed. Cleaning the river helps everyone. The CTRA has done a good job.
12. Kristin Rissi-7238 Cascade Rd.-Supports SAD. She cannot swim in the river because of the weeds.
13. Tom Powell-5090 Sequoia-Supports SAD. New resident since May 2021. Loves the river and thanks the Board for their work. CTRA not big enough to take on the problem.
14. Jim Petrie-3032 Thornapple River Dr.-Supports SAD. His boat cannot go beyond the railroad trestle because of the weeds.
15. Chuck Whitley- Supports SAD. He thanked the Board for the explanation of the 10% over life of SAD.
16. Hazel Rissi-7238 Cascade Rd.-Supports SAD. Cited examples of people who perished because of weed entanglement.
17. Mark Oberlin-No address given-The river is sick. Supports SAD. It is a good investment; CTRA is a conduit to make it happen.
18. Dave Risner-He asked if \$90K a year is really needed.
19. Ned Quinn-7382 Whispering Rdg. Dr.-Attempted to set up in 2005 and didn't work.
20. Dave Hecht-7300 Cascade Rd.-Supports SAD.
21. Kerry Gorsuch-3044 Thornapple River Dr.-Supports SAD. Not "our" river, but we must take care of it. Thinks the Township, County, and State could pitch in with a grant.
22. Jeff Carpenter-5016 Sequoia-Supports SAD. In 2014, there were no weeds, but now you can't swim in the river. This is an opportunity for us to make the river available for generations in the future.
23. Carl Mast-7796 Thornapple Bayou Dr.-Supports SAD.
24. Todd Shaarda-7738 Thornapple Bayou Dr.-Supports SAD.
25. Shawn Burkett-Thornapple Bayou Dr.-He asked if there was any way to make the SAD like Laraway Lake's SAD? He will have to pay for all three parcels, including vacant lots.
26. Ron Hudson-7165 Aqua Fria Ct.-Supports SAD. No accessibility to the river because of sediment. Supports this because of generational opportunity.
27. Amy Dowling-3528 Goodwood-Supports SAD. Wants a vote tonight even though changes could be made.

28. Scott Rissi-7238 Cascade Rd.-Supports SAD. Clean-up is happening, but this will be a bigger problem if untrained residents clear weeds; will have a negative effect. Re sediment control: A bayou will always have sediment, but it must be controlled. He believes the State will help.
 29. Andy Mayer via Zoom-2990 Thornapple River Dr.-Opposes SAD. No value for him; would triple his tax liability.
 30. John Meyer via Zoom-3444 Goodwood-Supports SAD. Spoke of his experience with the weed problem in the river. Asked if this will be voted on tonight?
 31. Dorian Bako-7784 Thornapple Bayou-Opposes SAD as written. He does not have water access. Supportive of improvements to bayou.
- Motion to close Public Hearing by Treasurer Peirce, seconded by Trustee Koessel. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Consider Resolution of “Confirmation of the Special Assessment Roll; Liens; Payment and Collection of Special Assessments” for Thornapple River Special Assessment District #1 (*Roll Call*)
- Motion for approval by Treasurer Peirce, seconded by Trustee Noordhoek. Motion carried 6-1 by roll call vote. In favor-Clerk Slater, Treasurer Peirce, Trustees Noordhoek, McDonald, Koessel, and Shipley. Opposed-Supervisor Lesperance.

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

1. Scott Rissi-Re the Cascade Dam: The CTRA covered the maintenance of the dam in the past.
2. Chuck Whitley-Re the roll: Believes that the website is not updated properly, making it difficult to navigate when searching for documents.

Article 11. Manager Comments

1. Steve Peterson tendered his resignation. Manager Swayze’s best memory of him was the improvements to the Rec. Park.

Article 12. Board Member Comments

1. Trustee Shipley-Thanked all in attendance.
2. Supervisor Lesperance-Commended Trustee Shipley on fixing a pothole himself.

Article 13. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Treasurer Peirce. Motion carried unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm.

Krissi Brott
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Grace Lesperance, Supervisor

Susan B. Slater, Clerk