



MINUTES
CASCADE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, March 25, 2026, 7:00 P.M.
Wisner Center, 2870 Jacksmith Ave SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546

- Article 1.** Supervisor Lesperance called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
Present: Supervisor Lesperance, Clerk Slater, Treasurer Korstange, Trustees Shipley, Rissi, Noordyke and Noordhoek. Absent: None.
Also Present: Township Manager Smith, Attorney Homier-Foster Swift, Deputy Clerk Alberts.
- Article 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- Article 3. Approval of Agenda**
Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee Rissi, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 4. Approval of the Minutes**
Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Treasurer Korstange, to approve the Regular and Closed Session minutes from March 11, 2026, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 5. Presentations**
None
- Article 6. Public Comments - Anything on the Agenda not scheduled for a public hearing. (Limit comments to 3 minutes)**
None
- Article 7. Approval of Consent Agenda**
Motion by Trustee Noordyke, seconded by Trustee Rissi to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 8. Financial Actions**
a) Request for Invoices to be paid on 3/26/26. Motion by Treasurer Korstange, seconded by Trustee Rissi to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 9. Unfinished Business

a) Resolution 015-2026 Motion by Trustee Rissi, seconded by Trustee Shipley, to approve Resolution 015-2026 adopting Ordinance 003-2026 to Amend Ordinance #1 of 1980, the Sentinel Pointe PUD as presented. Motion carried 7-0 by roll call vote.

b) Resolution 016-2026

Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Treasurer Korstange, to approve Resolution 016-2026 adopting Ordinance 004-2026 to reinstate Private Streets Ordinance #9 of 2002.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Lesperance, Slater, Korstange, Shipley, Rissi.

Nays: Noordyke, Noordhoek. Motion carried 5-2.

c) Resolution 017-2026

Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Treasurer Korstange, to approve Resolution 017-2026 adopting Ordinance 005-2026 to reinstate Subdivision Ordinance #5 of 2003.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Lesperance, Slater, Korstange, Shipley, Rissi.

Nays: Noordhoek, Noordyke. Motion carried 5-2.

Article 10. New Business

a) Memorandum of Understanding- Thornapple River Water Trail

Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee Rissi, to approve a cooperative partnership supporting the development, promotion, and management of the Thornapple River Water Trail. Motion carried unanimously.

b) Resolution 018-2026

Motion by Treasurer Korstange, seconded by Trustee Shipley to approve Resolution 018-2026 the introduction of amendments to the Township Zoning Ordinance that would regulate data mining facilities and data centers and that would allow the Township Board to implement a short-term moratorium for existing and new or emerging land uses.

Motion carried 7-0 by roll call vote.

c) Payment of Claims Until April 22 Meeting

Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee Noordhoek, to approve authorization for Township Manager and/or his designee to review and approve claims against the Township between March 25, 2026, and April 22, 2026, and further direct that the list of claims paid in this manner be included in the next Board meeting packet for review and approval. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 11. Discussion

None

**Article 12. Public Comments – Any comments, agenda item or not.
(Limit comments to 3 minutes)**

Renee Van Houten- Thornapple River Council
Scot Van Solkema- 2570 Orange Ct
Ken Van Der Kolk- 7200 Leyton Dr

Article 13. Manager Comments

Memorandum of Understanding regarding the Thornapple River Water Trail was signed by Ada. Solicitation permits are being issued, advising residents to register on Do Not Knock list. Easter Egg hunt is this weekend March 28 at 10am at Rec Park. EGLE is mapping ground water, low flying aircraft may be in the area. Ambulance discussion with the Fire Department and Safety Committee continues.

Article 14. Board Member Comments

Trustee Shipley thanked residents for coming.
Trustee Noordyke thanked residents for coming; petitions have been turned in, over 2,000 signatures gathered, and asked the Board to put the zoning ordinance on the ballot. Acknowledged the Parks and Facilities Crew and Director Zwick.
Trustee Rissi thanked residents for coming.
Trustee Noordhoek inquired about the tornado siren schedule.
Supervisor Lesperance thanked the residents for coming.

Article 15. Closed Session

Motion by Clerk Slater, seconded by Trustee Shipley, to enter closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268 Section 8(1)(e) of the Open Meetings Act to Consult with Township Attorney on Litigation, Blosser vs. Cascade, Case 25-20877-CZ at 7:47 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.
Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee Rissi to return to open session at 8:05 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.
Motion by Clerk Slater, seconded by Trustee Noordhoek to approve the settlement in the case of Blosser v. Cascade Township in substantial conformance with the settlement term sheet and authorize the Township Manager to execute the necessary documents to resolve the case. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 16. Adjournment

Motion by Clerk Slater, seconded by Trustee Noordhoek to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Recording Secretary
Michelle Alberts, Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Grace Lesperance, Supervisor

Susan B. Slater, Clerk