



**MINUTES
CASCADE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, June 10, 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, Noordhoek, Noordyke. Absent: None.
Also Present: Township Manager Smith, Deputy Clerk Alberts, KCSD Deputy Zachery Jackson, KDL Branch Manager Lulu Brown.
- Article 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- Article 3. Approval of Agenda**
Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee Rissi, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 4. Approval of the Minutes**
Motion by Trustee Rissi, seconded by Trustee Shipley, to approve the Regular minutes from May 27, 2026, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 5. Presentations**
Kent County Sheriff's Department Crime Intelligence & Technology presentation introduced the "New Neighborhood Watch" that provides responders with real-time visual representation of incidents as they occur. It's been presented to 11 municipalities and is intended to be cost-effective, secure and is offered to businesses that want to participate. This system provides stronger public safety and numerous other community benefits that are not limited to monitored community parks and schools. More information can be found at www.kentsafetynetwork.org. Manager Smith added this presentation was received incredibly well by the DDA and local business owners.
Kent District Library Branch Manager Lulu Brown gave the Board a detailed update.
- Article 6. Public Comments - Anything on the Agenda not scheduled for a public hearing. (Limit comments to 3 minutes)**
Nicole Ronda- Lowell Township

- Article 7. Approval of Consent Agenda**
Motion by Treasurer Korstange, seconded by Trustee Shipley, to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 8. Financial Actions**
a) Request for Invoices to be paid on 6/11/2026. Motion by Treasurer Korstange, seconded by Trustee Shipley to approve. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 9. Unfinished Business**
None
- Article 10. New Business**
a) **RBA- L-4029 Tax Rate Request-** Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee Rissi to approve the L-4029 Tax Rate Request Form for 2026 and authorize the Clerk and the Supervisor to sign as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 11. Discussion**
None
- Article 12. Public Comments**
Nicole Ronda- Lowell Township
Scot Van Solkema- 2570 Orange Ct
Josh Jordan- 5479 Whispering Timbers
- Article 13. Manager Comments**
Manager Smith stated that postcards have been sent to every household in the Township listing summer programming. He added that the green roof at Friendship Park is in full bloom. The schedule for open houses for information on the Zoning Referendum is June 17 and July 15 from 9am-12pm at the Township Hall and June 24 and July 22 from 5-7pm at Wisner prior to the Board Meeting.
- Article 14. Board Member Comments**
Trustee Shipley thanked residents for coming and for the public comments. Trustee Noordyke complimented the Parks and Facilities Team and the Library on the great job they are doing. Trustee Noordhoek thanked residents for coming and commented on the Zoning Information Flyer as a possible campaign finance violation. Trustee Rissi thanked residents for coming and complimented Parks & Facilities Director Zwick and added that he does not have a purchase agreement on property in Lowell Township or active application submitted. Clerk Slater mentioned to the Board that Absentee Ballots will be mailed by June 25. Treasurer Korstange responded to Trustee Noordhoek's statement on the Zoning Referendum flyer that the Township can educate voters with facts and that it is not advocating.

Supervisor Lesperance stated this information is reviewed by legal counsel and the open houses are to provide facts. She added that she had been told the new zoning ordinance was about low-income housing, which is a lie.

Article 15. Adjournment

Motion by Treasurer Korstange, seconded by Trustee Rissi to adjourn at 8:17 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Recording Secretary
Michelle Alberts, Deputy Clerk

Approved by:


Grace Lesperance, Supervisor


Susan B. Slater, Clerk