



MINUTES
CASCADE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, April 22, 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, Finance & Budget Director Nenciarini, Engineer Thorne, Fire Chief Magers, Kyle Mucha- McKenna, Deputy Clerk Alberts.
- Article 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- Article 3. Approval of Agenda**
Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Treasurer Korstange, 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 and Closed Session minutes from March 25, 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 Treasurer Korstange, seconded by Clerk Slater, to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 8. Financial Actions**
a) Request for Invoices to be paid on 4/23/2026. Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee Rissi to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 9. Unfinished Business

a) Resolution 019-2026 Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Treasurer Korstange, to approve Resolution 019-2026 adopting Ordinance 007-2026 amendments to the Township Zoning Ordinance to allow the Township Board to enact moratoriums for specific land uses via resolution. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Article 10. New Business

a) Resolution 020-2026

Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee Rissi, to approve Resolution 020-2026 introducing Ordinance 006-2026 to amend Ordinance #8 of 2004, the Waterfall Shoppes PUD as presented. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

b) Resolution 021-2026

Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Treasurer Korstange, to approve Resolution 021-2026 approving zoning ordinance referendum ballot language and authorize its submission to Kent County for placement on the ballot. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

c) Expansion and Modernization of Public Safety Siren System

Motion by Trustee Rissi, seconded by Trustee Shipley, to approve the \$194,900 quote from West Shore Services for the enhancement and modernization of the public safety siren system. Motion carried unanimously.

d) Replacement of Nonfunctioning Centennial Park Streetlights

Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Treasurer Korstange, to approve the contract award to Hillard Electric for its alternate bid of \$74,850. Also, amend the FY26 budget *as presented in the RBA. Motion carried unanimously.

***Budget Amendment as present in RBA**

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Line Item</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Adopted Budget</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>
DDA	248-901-970-000	Capital Outlay	0	\$80,000	\$80,000

e) Purchase of Fire Department Staff Vehicle.

Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Treasurer Korstange, to approve authorization of the purchase of a 2026 Chevrolet Tahoe from Berger Chevrolet, in the amount of \$55,645 and authorizing the acceptance of the \$15,586.92 upfitting bid from 3rd Coast Upfitting as well as the purchase of a \$5,890.47 rear cabinet system, for a total vehicle cost not to exceed \$77,132.29. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 11. Discussion

None

Article 12. Public Comments – Any comments, agenda item or not.

(Limit comments to 3 minutes)

Dorothy Cribbs-1980 Deerfield Ct

Ken Van Der Kolk-7200 Leyton

Scot Van Solkema-2570 Orange Ct

Article 13. Manager Comments

Manager Smith addressed the inquiry regarding the ambulance and let residents know that the Citizens Advisory Committee and the Fire Department have continued to work on a long-term plan determining feasibility and review of existing contracts. Spring Clean-up is May 2 from 8am-12pm; he noted the Kent County Road Commission has a construction project in the area and Engineer Thorne and Director Zwick are coordinating to ensure traffic is managed appropriately. Lastly, Manager Smith acknowledged the bear sighting in the Township, noting the DNR's awareness and best practices that can be found on the Facebook page.

Article 14. Board Member Comments

Trustee Shipley thanked residents for coming.
Trustee Noordyke thanked residents for coming. He stated T-Mobile has been working in neighborhoods, acknowledged Engineer Thorne for his exceptional response to residents. In addition, he thanked the Clerk and her staff for their diligence and professionalism with the extra responsibilities to make sure the referendum process was handled correctly.
Trustee Rissi thanked residents for coming and acknowledged Engineer Thorne for his timely responses to residents. He acknowledged the Clerk's office; Ryan McCarty and Chuck Vandermeulen from Parks & Facilities for their professionalism.
Trustee Noordhoek thanked residents for coming.
Supervisor Lesperance addressed the potential impact and outcome if the zoning referendum ballot measure passes or not.

Article 15. Adjournment

Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Clerk Slater to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Approved by:

Recording Secretary
Michelle Alberts, Deputy Clerk

Grace Lesperance, Supervisor

Susan B. Slater, Clerk