



**MINUTES
CASCADE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, August 12, 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, Treasurer Korstange, Trustees Shipley, Rissi, Noordhoek, Noordyke. Absent: Clerk Slater.
Also Present: Township Manager Smith, Parks and Facilities Director Zwick, Attorney Homier- Foster Swift and Deputy Clerk Alberts.
- Article 2.** **Pledge of Allegiance**
- Article 3.** **Approval of Agenda**
Motion by Trustee Shipley. Motion was not seconded or voted on; meeting proceeded.
- Article 4.** **Approval of the Minutes**
Motion by Treasurer Korstange, seconded by Trustee Rissi, to approve the Regular minutes from July 22, 2026, with the revisions as discussed. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 5.** **Presentations**
Parks and Facilities Director Dan Zwick shared his team's work over the summer including continual maintenance, programming and other upcoming events. Zwick thanked his staff for their work and dedication to the community and acknowledged how they sacrifice their weekends and evenings.
Kent County Sheriff's Department Omar Dieppa notified the Board of his promotion to another department; he assured the Board that Zachary Jackson and his replacement will continue to service the community with great efficiency. Additionally, the Board was given a hotel update and discussed E-bikes briefly.
- Article 6.** **Public Comments - Anything on the Agenda not scheduled for a public hearing. (Limit comments to 3 minutes)**
Public Comment was held, no comments were made.
- Article 7.** **Approval of Consent Agenda**
Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Treasurer Korstange, to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

- Article 8. Financial Actions**
a) Motion by Trustee Rissi, seconded by Treasurer Noordhoek to approve Invoices to be paid on 8/13/2026. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 9. Unfinished Business**
None
- Article 10. New Business**
None
- Article 11. Discussion**
None
- Article 12. Public Comments**
Nicole Ronda Lowell Township Resident
Ken Van Der Kolk- 7200 Leyton
Scot VanSolkema- 2570 Orange Ct
- Article 13. Manager Comments**
Manager Smith acknowledged the Clerk's office for their work on the election. He gave an update on the Thornapple River Special Assessment District and information
- Article 14. Board Member Comments**
Trustee Shipley thanked everyone for coming.
Trustee Noordyke acknowledged and accepted the results of the election, albeit being on the other side. Added his promise moving forward is to debate policy, not motives, and will have the respect for his colleagues and residents regardless of their opinions.
Trustee Rissi acknowledged moving forward with respect after the outcome of the election.
Trustee Noordhoek thanked everyone for coming.
Treasurer Korstange thanked everyone for showing up tonight and thanked the Clerk's office and all involved in the elections and Director Zwick and his team.
Supervisor Lesperance thanked Clerk Slater and her team for the work on the election, the Township staff, planning department, legal counsel and professionalism from all. She added the residents decide Cascade's interests, not special interest groups.
- Article 15. Adjournment**
Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee Rissi, to adjourn at 7:43 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Draft: 8/18/2026
Approved: 8/26/2026

Recording Secretary
Michelle Alberts, Deputy Clerk

Approved by:


Grace Lesperance, Supervisor


Susan B. Slater, Clerk