

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

Wednesday March 13, 2024

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 Korstange,
Trustees Koessel, Shipley and Noordhoek
Absent: Trustee McDonald (excused)
Also Present: Community Planning and Development Director Hendrick,
Parks & Rec Director Manion, Chief Magers, Deputy Clerk Jager, Engineer
Thorne, Zoning Administrator Smith-Jacoby, Danielle Bouchard-Mckenna
Associates, Manager Smith, Attorney Homier and those listed in the
Supplement
- Article 2.** Supervisor Lesperance led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Article 3. Approval of Agenda**
Supervisor Lesperance amended the agenda by striking Item 023-2024 and
adding a closed session pursuant to Act 267 of 1976, MCL 15.268 Sec.8 (d)
after Article 11. Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee Noordhoek
to approve amended agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 4. Presentations**
None
- Article 5. Public Comments-Anything on the Agenda not scheduled for a public
hearing. (Limit comments to 3 minutes)**
1, Ralph Moxley-1757 Hillsboro-spoke against reducing the number of
Planning Commissioners from 9 to 7 members.
2. Scot VanSolkema-2570 Orange-commended the Board on the titling of
the Independence Day Celebrations.
- Article 6. Approval of Consent Agenda**
- a. Receive and File Minutes
 - 1. Township Board Meeting–2/28/24
 - b. Receive and File Reports
 - 1. Treasurer’s Department Report Dec. 2023
 - c. Receive and File Education Requests
 - d. Receive and File Communication
None

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

Article 7. Financial Actions

a. Request for Invoices to be paid on 3/14/2024.

Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Treasurer Korstange to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 8. Unfinished Business

None

Article 9. New Business

014-2024 Consider Approval of Local Roads Program Motion by Trustee Koessel, seconded by Trustee Shipley to approve recommended road maintenance and cost sharing agreement with Kent County Road Commission. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Trustee Koessel, seconded by Treasurer Korstange to amend the budget for this agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

015-2024 Consider Approval of Hero to Hero Program Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Treasurer Korstange to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

016-2024 Consider Approval of Pickup Truck Purchase Motion by Clerk Slater, seconded by Trustee Shipley to approve purchase. Motion carried unanimously.

017-2024 Consider Approval of Dump Truck Purchase Motion by Trustee Koessel, seconded by Treasurer Korstange to approve purchase. Motion carried unanimously.

018-2024 Consider Approval of Distribution of the 2024 Draft Master Plan and Open 63 Day Comment Period Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Clerk Slater to approve. Danielle Bouchard presented highlights of the draft Master Plan. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

019-2024 Consider Approval of Second Read of Police Power Ordinance (Roll Call) Motion by Trustee Koessel, seconded by Trustee Shipley to approve. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

020-2024 Consider Approval to Amend Zoning Ordinance (Roll Call) Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Treasurer Korstange to approve. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

021-2024 Consider Approval of Independence Day Budget 2024

Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee Koessel to approve.
Motion carried unanimously.

022-2024 Consider Resolution to Approve Independence Day Road Closure (Roll Call) Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee Noordhoek to approve. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

~~**023-2024 Consider Approval of Updated Education Assistance Policy**~~
Removed from Agenda.

Article 10. Discussion
None

Article 11. Public Comments

1. Rod Schultz-commented on the pet cemetery.
2. Ken Van Der Kolk-7200 Leyton-inquired on compression braking ordinance, hotel ordinance, and donor recognition in the park.
3. Scott Rissi-7238 Cascade Rd-commented on truck purchases needing extra review for plowing purposes.
4. Scot VanSolkema-inspired attendees with Independence Day ruminations and provided a petition regaining local control of zoning on renewable energy sources.
5. Tom Richardson-via Zoom-3438 N Applecrest Ct-questioned speeding on the Master Plan draft and reiterated safety as a priority.

Article 12. Closed Session

Motion by Trustee Koessel, seconded by Clerk Slater to enter closed session pursuant to Act 267 of 1976, MCL 15.268 Sec.8 (d). Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Board entered closed session at 9:10 pm. Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee Noordhoek to return to open session at 9:30 pm. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee Koessel directing Township staff to carry out action discussed in closed session.

Article 13. Manager Comments
None

Article 14. Board Member Comments

1. Trustee Shipley expressed disapproval of potential county wide millage for public transportation, county administration fee on tax bills and other county mismanagement. He also thanked those for listening to the meeting.
2. Treasurer Korstange spoke on investments at Flagstar being moved into more secure accounts.

Article 15. Adjournment

Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee Noordhoek to adjourn.
Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 pm.

Jennifer Jager
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Grace Lesperance, Supervisor

Susan B. Slater, Clerk