

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

Wednesday, August 28, 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 Shipley, McDonald, Koessel and Noordhoek
Absent: None
Also Present: Finance and Budget Director Nenciarini, Chief Magers,
Community Planning and Development Director Hendrick, Attorney Laura
Genovich-Foster Swift, Manager Smith, Dan Troia and John Fortunato-
Spalding DeDecker Engineering, Deputy Clerk Jager and those listed in the
Supplement

Article 2. Supervisor Lesperance led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Article 3. Approval of Agenda
Supervisor Lesperance proposed amendments to the agenda to add a
Public Hearing for Item 064-2024, and a presentation from engineering
consultant Spalding DeDecker. Motion by Trustee McDonald, seconded by
Clerk Slater to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 4. Presentations
Spalding DeDecker explained the delay on the Cascade Road Bridge Project.
Motion by Trustee McDonald to select option 1 asserting Phase 1 and Phase
2 completion by May 2025 at the same bid price. Motion seconded by
Trustee Shipley. Motion carried unanimously.

**Article 5. Public Comments-Anything on the Agenda not scheduled for a public
hearing. (Limit comments to 3 minutes)**
1. Scot VanSolkema-2570 Orange Ct-questioned some requirements of the
Hotel Business License documents.

Article 6. Approval of Consent Agenda

- a. Receive and File Minutes
 - 1. Township Board Meeting-7/24/24, 8/9/24 and Closed Session
7/24/24
- b. Receive and File Reports
 - 1. Treasurer's Dept Report-May and June 2024
 - 2. Building Dept Report-July 2024
- c. Receive and File Communication

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

Article 7. Financial Actions

- a. Request for Invoices to be paid on 8/29/2024
- b. Financial Statements–June 2024

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

Article 8. Unfinished Business

None

Article 9. New Business

064-2024 Consider Appeal for Type I Special Use Permit for 7140 Oak Brook Street SE with Public Hearing Motion by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Trustee Shipley to open public hearing. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Applicant’s lawyer and construction design associate presented appeal. No public comment was made. Motion by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Trustee Noordhoek to close public hearing. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Treasurer Korstange to deny the appeal. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote with abstention of Trustee Noordhoek.

065-2024 Consider Adoption of Fee Policy Motion by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Trustee Shipley to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

066-2024 Consider Approval of Hotel Business License Fee Schedule Motion by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Trustee Shipley to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

067-2024 Consider Resolution for L-4029 2024 Millage Tax Rate (Roll Call) Motion by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Trustee Koessel to approve. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

068-2024 Consider Resolution to Approve POW/MIA Recognition Day (Roll Call) Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Clerk Slater to approve. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Article 10. Discussion

None

Article 11. Public Comments

- 1. Robert Cribbs-1980 Deerfield Ct-explained his campaign for Forest Hills Public School Board by being active in the schools as a substitute teacher, bus driver and liaison with the Township.
- 2. Scot Van Solkema-2570 Orange Ct-opined for Peace Street paving.

3. Nick Katsarelas-2985 Burrwick-inquired on the Drury Inn Cascade Township sign, deer population control and replacing the Parks and Recreation Director.
4. Jeff Lawn-General Manager of the Sheraton (virtual)-requested more communication in partnership for the Hotel Ordinance.

Article 12. Manager Comments

1. The Township will work with general managers and hotel owners for implementation of the Hotel Ordinance.
2. Deer population control plan involves Kent County Road Commission and partnership with surrounding communities.
3. Parks and Recreation Director position is filled and will be disclosed soon.
4. Newsletter will be mailed next week. Information on the September 14 Heritage Festival is included.
5. Thank you to the Board for the Cascade Road bridge discussion.

Article 13. Board Member Comments

1. Trustee Koessel inquired on enforcing non-motorized vehicles on the pathways. Pathways Committee is addressing this concern.
2. Trustee Shipley thanked those in attendance.

Article 14. Adjournment

Motion by Clerk Slater, seconded by Trustee McDonald to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Jennifer Jager
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Grace Lesperance, Supervisor

Susan B. Slater, Clerk