

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

Wednesday, February 14, 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, McDonald and Noordhoek
Absent: None
Also Present: Deputy Clerk Jager, Manager Smith, Parks & Rec Director
Manion and those listed in the Supplement
- Article 2.** Supervisor Lesperance led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Article 3. Approval of Agenda**
Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee McDonald to approve the
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. Scot VanSolkema-2570 Orange Ct-inquired if competitive bidding on the
wood chipper considered sources beyond retail establishments.
- Article 6. Approval of Consent Agenda**
a. Receive and File Minutes
1. Township Board Meeting-1/24/24
2. Planning Commission Meetings-12/18/23 & 1/22/24
b. Receive and File Reports
1. Building Department Reports 12/23 & 1/24
c. Receive and File Education Requests
None
d. Receive and File Communication
None
e. Second Read of Ordinance Ch 264 Amendment
Motion by Trustee Koessel, seconded by Trustee Shipley to approve the
Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

- Article 7. Financial Actions**
a. Request for Invoices to be paid on 2/15/2024
Motion by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Trustee Shipley to approve.
Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 8. Unfinished Business**
None
- Article 9. New Business**
006-2024 Consider Approval of Friendship Park Improvements Utilizing Existing Funding Motion by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Treasurer Korstange to approve final items. Motion carried unanimously.
007-2024 Consider Approval of Wood Chipper Expense Motion by Clerk Slater, seconded by Trustee Shipley to approve purchase. Motion carried unanimously.
008-2024 Consider Approval of Covered Trailer Expense Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee McDonald to approve purchase. Motion carried unanimously.
009-2024 Consider Reappointment of Parks Committee Member Motion by Trustee Koessel, seconded by Trustee McDonald to approve Matthew Douglas. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 10. Discussion**
None
- Article 11. Public Comments**
1. Ralph Moxley-Planning Commission Chair-praised Andrea Hendrick as the new Planning Director and Madison Smith-Jacoby's work as Zoning Administrator. As Chair he is dedicated to work for the Township in any Planning Commission needs. He is pleased with Peace Park's new erosion control.
- Article 12. Closed Session Pursuant to Act 267 of 1976, MCL 15.268 Sec. 8 (d)**
Motion by Trustee Koessel, seconded by Treasurer Korstange to enter closed session at 7:25 pm. Motioned carried unanimously by roll call vote.
Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Clerk Slater to re-enter open session, at 8:18 pm. Motion carried unanimously.
Motion by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Trustee Koessel to direct Manager Smith to proceed with action decided on in closed session.

Article 13. Manager Comments

1. Manager Smith mentioned that two new employees were added to the Township: Lorna Nenciarini-Finance Director, and Andrea Hendrick-Community Planning & Development Director. He addressed the Township's bidding process; that all purchases are competitively bid. Finance Director suggested that budget amendments will be proposed at the same time as proposed contract approval. Hope Network contract is ending March 1. RideLink and services for the disabled will still be available but the fixed route is ending this month.

Article 14. Board Member Comments

1. Trustee Shipley thanked those in attendance for coming to the meeting. He would like to reenergize the Safety Committee for concerns in the Township and fire millage approaching.
2. Treasurer Korstange requested Planning Commission and Park Committee updates quarterly to stay abreast of new projects or requests. She also requested information on opportunities for donation with name recognition, such as pavers for Friendship Park. Community engagement and enjoyment could increase with donation opportunity.

Article 15. Adjournment

Motion by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Trustee Shipley to adjourn.
Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Jennifer Jager
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Grace Lesperance, Supervisor

Susan B. Slater, Clerk