

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

Wednesday, April 10, 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: Engineer Thorne, Chief Magers, Parks and Rec. Dir. Manion,
Deputy Clerk Jager, Community Planning and Development Dir. Hendrick,
Financial Dir. Nenciarini, Attorney Mike Homier, Manager Smith 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 Noordhoek to approve the
agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 4. Presentations**
Jeff Carpenter-5016 Sequoia Dr-presented for Thornapple River SAD by
reviewing their annual report. Aquatic vegetation control program has been
implemented (chemical and mechanical removal of vegetation). Strategic
planning in the medium to long term is a goal. River safety and navigation
buoys are proposed for approval tonight.
- Article 5. Public Comments-Anything on the Agenda not scheduled for a public
hearing. (Limit comments to 3 minutes)**
- 1) Charles Whitley-5030 Sequoia Dr-~~questioned the strategic plan and
goals of the Thornapple SAD and the Township's role and resources to
support these goals.~~ questioned the strategic plan and goals of the
Township to support with allocated resources its stated goals outside of
the SAD expenditures.
 - 2) Scot VanSolkema-2570 Orange Ct-asked if the driver who caused bridge
damage is being held responsible to cover some of the cost of repairs.
 - 3) Mel Bauman-Commander of the County United Veterans Council-invited
the Township to participate in the parade on May 25, 2024.
- Article 6. Approval of Consent Agenda**
- a. Receive and File Minutes
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- b. Receive and File Communication
 - 1. Thornapple River SAD Annual ReportMotion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee McDonald to approve.
Motion carried unanimously.

Article 7. Financial Actions

- a. Request for Invoices to be paid on 4/11/2024
Motion by Trustee Koessel, seconded by Trustee Shipley to approve.
Motion carried unanimously.

Article 8. Unfinished Business

None

Article 9. New Business

028-2024 Consider Resolution to Approve Fire Millage Language (*Roll Call*)
Motion by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Treasurer Korstange to approve 20 year resolution. Motion carried 6-1 by roll call vote. In favor-McDonald, Slater, Lesperance, Korstange, Shipley, and Noordhoek. Opposed-Koessel

029-2024 Consider Approval of Buttrick Avenue Shared Use Pathway Bridge Repair Motion by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Trustee Shipley to approve a budget amendment and pathway repair contract. Motion carried unanimously.

030-2024 Consider Approval to Amend PUD-02 Ordinance (Second Read) (*Roll Call*) Motion by Trustee Koessel, seconded by Trustee Shipley to approve. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

031-2024 Consider Approval of Thornapple River SAD Safety and Navigation Marking Contract Motion by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Treasurer Korstange to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

032-2024 Consider Approval of Village Design Review Committee Members Motion by Trustee Koessel, seconded by Trustee McDonald to approve appointments with change of Ralph Moxley from the DDA ZBA. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 10. Discussion

None

Article 11. Public Comment

- 1. Matthew DeLange-He is running for judgeship in Kent County.
- 2. Scot VanSolkema-inquired on replacing asphalt in the library parking lot.

Article 12. Manager Comments

1. Manager Smith appreciated the Board's approval of the fire millage. He responded to public comments that road maintenance was approved at the 3/27/24 Board meeting and DDA's plans for sidewalk repair.

Article 13. Board Member Comments

1. Trustee Shipley thanked those in attendance for coming to the meeting. He appreciated the Thornapple SAD work; he pointed out Township invoices are being approved by the Board prior to payment for transparency.
2. Supervisor Lesperance spoke in response to public comment questions on the Township's role and resources to support strategic goals. She listed improvements in PFAS, reducing conflicts of interest in committees, increasing staff competency and greater community engagement.
3. Trustee McDonald reinforced the high level of concern for all residents.

Article 14. Adjournment

Motion by Clerk Slater, seconded by Trustee McDonald to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm.

Jennifer Jager
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Grace Lesperance, Supervisor

Susan B. Slater, Clerk