

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

Wednesday October 9, 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: Finance & Budget Director Nenciarini, Parks & Facilities
Director Zwick, Deputy Clerk Jager, 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
agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 4. Presentations**
Parks & Facilities Director Dan Zwick was introduced and Parks & Facilities
Coordinator Sydney Aubert was mentioned. Mike Reese-Troyer Group-
reviewed survey results for Cascade Recreational Park.
- Article 5. Public Comments-Anything on the Agenda not scheduled for a public
hearing. (Limit comments to 3 minutes)**
None
- Article 6. Approval of Consent Agenda**
- a. Receive and File Minutes
 - 1. Township Board Meeting-9/25/24 Regular & Work Session
 - b. Receive and File Reports
 - c. Receive and File Education Requests
 - d. Receive and File Communication
- Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee Koessel to approve the
Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 7. Financial Actions**
- a. Request for Invoices to be paid on 10/10/2024.
Motion by Trustee Koessel, seconded by Trustee Shipley to approve.
Motion carried unanimously.

Article 8. Unfinished Business

None

Article 9. New Business

074-2024 Public Hearing for the Proposed FY 2025 General Fund and Special Revenue Fund Budgets Motion by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Trustee Noordhoek to open public hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Ken Van Der Kolk-7200 Leyton-inquired about Building Department budget as it relates to the total budget.
2. Kenneth Carey-2929 Thornapple River Dr-inquired about funding for warning signs at Tassell Park regarding the dam.

Motion by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Trustee Noordhoek to close public hearing. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

075-2024 Board Review of Proposed FY 2025 General Fund and Special Revenue Fund Budgets

Article 10. Discussion

None

Article 11. Public Comments

1. Ken Van Der Kolk-inquired about signs for compression braking.
2. Kenneth Carey-also requested signs for compression braking.
3. Scot VanSolkema-2570 Orange Ct-commented on uses for 2800 & 2804 Thornapple River Dr properties, Friendship Park, and deer population.
4. Michael Koory-3816 Goodwood-inquired about trees along Thornapple River Dr, and deer population.

Article 12. Closed Session Personnel Evaluation Pursuant to MCL15.268 Sec 8(1) (a)

Motion by Clerk Slater, seconded by Treasurer Korstange to enter closed session. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Board entered closed session at 8:05 pm.

Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee Noordhoek to return to open session at 8:40 pm. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Trustee Koessel to take action as agreed in closed session. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 13. Manager Comments

1. Thanked the volunteers for the work at Memorial Park.
2. Thanked Director Nenciarini for her work on the 2025 Township budget.

Article 14. Board Member Comments

1. Trustee Shipley thanked residents for attending the meeting.
2. Treasurer Korstange spoke on the frustration of compression braking and suggested notifying the companies directly and communicating with Kent County Road Commission about signs.
3. Trustee Noordhoek reminded all that campaign signs will be present during this time of year.

- 4. Supervisor Lesperance mentioned Jerry Miller-Kent Conservation District-will visit 10/23/24 to honor Cascade volunteers for the removal of invasive plants. Utilities are to be shutoff on the Tuffy property soon. October 17, 2024 at 1pm a public meeting of Board and DDA presenting potential village designs.

Article 15. Adjournment

Motion by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Trustee Noordhoek to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:41 pm.

Jennifer Jager
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Grace Lesperance, Supervisor

Susan B. Slater, Clerk