

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

Wednesday, January 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 Koessel, Shipley, McDonald and Noordhoek
Absent: None
Also Present: 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 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-inquired on an end date of the
McKenna contact. He espoused naming the 4th of July celebration as
Independence Day Celebration.
- Article 6. Approval of Consent Agenda**
- a. Receive and File Minutes
 1. Township Board Meeting-12/13/23
 2. Planning Commission Meetings-10/2/23, 10/16/23, 10/30/23,
11/13/23, 12/4/2023
 - b. Receive and File Reports
 1. Building Dept Report November 2023
 2. Treasurer Dept Report November 2023
 - c. Receive and File Education Requests
 1. Michael Poolman-Waldorf Univ 2/21/24-4/16/24
 - d. Receive and File Communication
None
- Motion by Trustee Koessel, seconded by Trustee Shipley to approve the
Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

- Article 7. Financial Actions**
a. Financial Statement November 2023
Motion by Treasurer Korstange, seconded by Trustee McDonald to approve. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 8. Unfinished Business**
None
- Article 9. New Business**
001-2024 Consider Approval of Contract with McKenna for Planning Services Motion by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Trustee Shipley to approve. Motion carried unanimously.
002-2024 Consider Approval of Funding for 2024 Fireworks Display Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee Noordhoek to approve. Motion carried unanimously.
003-2024 Consider Resolution to Withdraw City of Hastings from GVMC (Roll Call) Motion by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Trustee Shipley to approve the resolution. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.
- Article 10. Discussion**
a. Hope Network Transportation Update
- Article 11. Public Comments**
1. Nick Katsarelas-2985 Burrwick-shared his positive experience with township staff visiting Wycliffe Park.
2. Scot VanSolkema requested information on the land use of Tuffy property and surrounding area.
- Article 12. Manager Comments**
1. Manager Smith started a Jake Brake policy with legal counsel. The 2024 election information for residents is on the township website. Land use of Tuffy Property will require environmental testing before proceeding. A pathway on Buttrick was damaged due to a car accident. No snow clearing is possible but pedestrian traffic is safe.
- Article 13. Board Member Comments**
1. Trustee Shipley thanked those in attendance for coming to the meeting.
2. Trustee McDonald shared Meridian Township hired marksmen for deer population control. Manager Smith shared Kent County Road Commission may coordinate a county wide effort.
- Article 14. Adjournment**
Motion by Clerk Slater, seconded by Trustee McDonald to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Jennifer Jager
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Grace Lesperance, Supervisor

Susan B. Slater, Clerk