



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

Wednesday, May 13, 2026, 7:00 P.M.

Wisner Center, 2870 Jacksmith Ave SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546

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- Article 1.** Supervisor Lesperance called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.  
Present: Supervisor Lesperance, Clerk Slater, Treasurer Korstange, Trustees Shipley, Rissi, Noordyke and Noordhoek. Absent: None.  
Also Present: Township Manager Smith, Attorney Homier-Foster Swift, Finance & Budget Director Nenciarini, Deputy Clerk Alberts.
- Article 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- Article 3. Approval of Agenda**  
Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Treasurer Korstange, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 4. Approval of the Minutes**  
Motion by Trustee Rissi, seconded by Trustee Shipley, to approve the Regular minutes from April 22, 2026, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 5. Presentations**  
None
- Article 6. Public Comments - Anything on the Agenda not scheduled for a public hearing. (Limit comments to 3 minutes)**  
None
- Article 7. Approval of Consent Agenda**  
Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Clerk Slater, to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 8. Financial Actions**  
a) Request for Invoices to be paid on 5/14/2026. Motion by Treasurer Korstange, seconded by Trustee Shipley to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

- Article 9. Unfinished Business**  
a) **Resolution 022-2026** Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Treasurer Korstange, to approve Resolution 022-2026, adopting Ordinance 006-2026 to amend Ordinance #8 of 2004, the Waterfall Shoppes PUD as presented in the "Ordinance to Amend the Waterfall Shoppes Planned Unit Development aka "PUD-76". Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.
- Article 10. New Business**  
a) **Accounts Payable Policy** Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee Rissi, to approve the Accounts Payable Policy as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 11. Discussion**  
None
- Article 12. Public Comments**  
Elizabeth Kramb- 3410 Winterberry Ct  
Scot VanSolkema- 2570 Orange Ct  
Josh Jordan- 5479 Whispering Timbers Dr
- Article 13. Manager Comments**  
Manager Smith noted the location of the bear sighting was Spaulding/Hall and the DNR was notified. He added the first concert is Thursday, May 14 at 7pm at Friendship Park.
- Article 14. Board Member Comments**  
Trustee Shipley thanked residents for coming.  
Trustee Noordyke thanked residents for coming and recognized Manager Smith and Engineer Thorne for attending the Thornapple River Association Meeting.  
Trustee Rissi thanked residents for coming and noted the fluctuation of the Thornapple River is normal this time of year.  
Treasurer Korstange noted the video of the bear sighting was on the news if residents want to see the size. She added she supports open houses to provide facts on the zoning ordinance since special interest groups have spread misinformation.  
Clerk Slater wished Trustee Rissi Happy Birthday and thanked him for bringing homemade maple syrup.  
Supervisor Lesperance mentioned that around the same time the real estate group that spent approximately \$115,000 to get the zoning issue on the ballot, another group submitted a massive Freedom of Information Act request. The request was broad and asked for emails from the Board with key words like "planning" and that took an enormous amount of staff's time, including Manager Smith, Jessica Stine, Deputy Clerk Michelle Alberts and HR Director Murawski; residents should know how much time and energy was taken on this effort and handled well by staff.


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**Article 15. Adjournment**

Motion by Clerk Slater, seconded by Trustee Rissi to adjourn at  
7:29 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Recording Secretary  
Michelle Alberts, Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

  
Grace Lesperance, Supervisor

  
Susan B. Slater, Clerk