



**CASCADE**  
**--- TOWNSHIP ---**

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**CASCADE TOWNSHIP**  
**OLMSTED COUNTY-MINNESOTA**  
**BOARD MINUTES**

August 14, 2017

**OPENING BUSINESS**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm at the Cascade Town Hall. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those in attendance were Supervisor Gary Sieck, Chairman Jimmy Hoss, Supervisor Mike Black, Supervisor Lenny Laures, Supervisor Arlen Heathman, Clerk/Treasurer Sara Rudquist, and Assistant Clerk/Treasurer Lois Freed.

The minutes for the July 10, 2017, Board Meeting were reviewed by the Board. It was moved by Supervisor Black and seconded by Supervisor Sieck to approve the minutes as provided. All voted in favor. The motion passed.

The minutes for the August 9, 2017, Special Closed Meeting were reviewed by the Board. It was moved by Supervisor Sieck and seconded by Chairman Hoss to approve the minutes as provided. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

Deputy Sheriff Tracey Pagel was not present.

**CONTINUING BUSINESS**

The Board reviewed the Joint Powers claims and payroll. It was moved by Supervisor Heathman and seconded by Supervisor Black to approve and pay the claims of \$9,197.65 and net payroll of \$10,615.58 as presented. All voted in favor. The motion passed.

The Board reviewed the Cascade Township Cash Control Statement and bank statement. Supervisor Black moved and Supervisor Sieck seconded to approve the Cash Control Statement with an end-of-the-month balance of \$331,507.27 as presented. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

The Board reviewed the Cascade Township claims and payroll. It was moved by Supervisor Black and seconded by Supervisor Sieck to approve and pay the current month claims of \$51,459.40 and net payroll of \$3,462.93 as presented. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS**

Supervisor Sieck moved to make a resolution (number 17.8.14) authorizing the expenditure of funds on engineering and related services in connection with the ongoing lawsuit of Wilmar Investments, LLC v. Cascade township. Chairman Hoss seconded. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

The 2018-19 Law Enforcement Services Agreement was presented and reviewed. Supervisor Laures moved and Supervisor Black seconded to approve the agreement as presented. All voted in favor. The motion passed.

Supervisor Laures moved that, in light of new MN laws, Cascade township post weight restriction limitations on township collector roads of 65<sup>th</sup> Street, 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 19<sup>th</sup> Street, 7<sup>th</sup> Street, East River Road, and 55<sup>th</sup> Street at this time. Supervisor Black seconded. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

Supervisor Heathman reported on some phone calls he has had regarding traffic from the garden plots that is going to the cul-de-sacs and then turning around. It was determined that once 55<sup>th</sup> Street opens following the current construction project, the problem should take care of itself. If the issue does not resolve on its own, it will be addressed in the future.

Supervisor Sieck moved and Supervisor Laures seconded that Supervisor Mike Black be the board representative to obtain a credit card, and that the Board review this on an annual basis at the reorganizational meeting. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

Supervisor Sieck moved to authorize expenditure of funds for advertising for a new snow plow driver along with Rochester Township through the Joint Powers. Supervisor Heathman seconded. All voted in favor. The motion passed.

Supervisor Laures moved and Supervisor Sieck seconded that there be a division of labor for the clerk/treasurer duties of the Joint Powers between the two clerks of Rochester and Cascade townships with a job description modification for Cascade Town Clerk/Treasurer and the accompanying compensation. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

## **DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS**

Supervisor Laures reported that, as approved at the July meeting, the signs for the canoe launch are ordered. The final clean-up of brush will happen after the snow falls. Donations towards the canoe launch have exceeded the expenses of the project. The suggestion was made to return the funds to the donors. Supervisor Laures moved to track the extra funds as a separate account to be used for additional costs and improvements on the canoe launch. Supervisor Sieck seconded the motion. Four voted in favor and Supervisor Black voted against. The motion passed.

Supervisor Sieck reported that a suggested CUP has been drafted regarding the Wilmar Investments, LLC v. Cascade Township lawsuit. There is a need for an engineer to review the dust and noise abatement plans. Rezoning will also be a part of the process. The hope is that the CUP approval and rezoning would happen at the same time.

The Board discussed the Salley Hill development and Mr. Roger Loken situation. The board, recognizing that it was an oversight at the time that impacted Mr. Loken's property, agreed to further

pursue information from Mr. Peter Tiede, township attorney, regarding our ability to rectify the situation impartially.

Supervisor Laures and Commissioner John Friederichs reported on the July Planning Commission meeting. CUP 07-02 (Anthony Knauer) was reviewed and found in compliance regarding most of the CUP. Review was scheduled for September 2018 to ascertain complete compliance and/or continued need for the CUP. CUP 09-01 was scheduled for review in July, but Mr. Rick Wing did not attend the meeting. A certified letter was mailed to Mr. Wing following the July meeting. Board suggested that if Mr. Wing does not attend the Planning Commission meeting in August 2017 as requested, a second certified letter be sent to him. The Board discussed the lack of attendance at Planning Commission meetings by Commissioner David Derby. The board will discuss this in September pending his attendance at the August 15, 2017 meeting.

Supervisor Laures moved and Supervisor Sieck seconded to approve the TCPA to draft a strongly-worded letter of non-compliance to Lisa Van Getson regarding CUP 07-01. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

Road Maintenance Supervisor Mark Cochran provided a road maintenance report. The team has worked on the canoe launch, Buck Ridge culvert, paving patches, driveway patches, ditch repairs, shoulder repairs, and second mowing of the season. There was one complaint about mowing and tiger lilies planted in the right of way. Citizen was referred to the township mowing policy on the website. There is a dead tree in River Ridge that needs removal. There was discussion regarding the lack of administrative help for Mark from the Rochester town clerk. It was determined that the division of labor of the clerks for Joint Powers duties should remedy this once Rochester township is in agreement. Supervisor Heathman reported that the corner of North Point Road and 65<sup>th</sup> Street has visibility issues. It needs to be determined who is responsible for the land. The citizen should contact the city for clarification. There was a suggestion that old road signs be for sale at the township picnic.

Supervisor Black moved and Supervisor Laures seconded that Cascade Township put up the 35 mile per hour signs and dispose of old signs following the township picnic. All voted in favor.

Supervisor Heathman reported on the MS4 meeting. There were also reports on the OCTOA meeting and the MAT District 1 annual meeting.

Clerk/Treasurer Rudquist reported that Barb Vroman of the Rochester Flower and Garden club volunteered this group to weed and update the landscaping around the flagpole and building in exchange for free rental for their group in August of 2018. They are planning to have the flowerbeds cleaned up before the township picnic.

Clerk/Treasurer Rudquist reported that she and Assistant Freed have launched the newly formatted website on August 5. Any suggestions can be made to Assistant Clerk Lois Freed.

It was noted that upcoming meetings include August 15, 7:00pm, Planning Commission Meeting, and August 24, 5:00-8:00pm, Annual Township Picnic at the Cascade town hall.

Mrs. Brenda DeCook asked about obtaining a burning permit.

It was moved by Supervisor Black and seconded by Supervisor Sieck to adjourn. All voted in favor, and the meeting adjourned at 8:24pm.

One citizen registered their attendance at the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Rudquist  
Clerk/Treasurer  
Cascade Township

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Chairman Jimmy Hoss

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