



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

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

May 10, 2021

**OPENING BUSINESS**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm in person at the Cascade Township Hall and via the call-in declaration in response to COVID-19. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those in attendance were Supervisors Gary Sieck, Dean Hegrenes, Mike Black, Teresa Walters and Arlen Heathman, Road Maintenance Supervisor Mark Cochran and Clerk/Treasurer Sara Rudquist.

The minutes for the April 12, 2021, Board Meeting were reviewed by the Board. It was moved by Supervisor Black and seconded by Supervisor Hegrenes to approve the minutes as provided. All voted in favor. The motion passed.

The minutes for the April 20, 2021, Board of Appeal and Equalization Meeting were reviewed by the Board. It was moved by Supervisor Walters and seconded by Supervisor Black to approve the minutes as provided. All voted in favor. The motion passed.

The minutes for the May 3, 2021, Special Board Meeting were reviewed by the Board. It was moved by Supervisor Walters and seconded by Supervisor Heathman to approve the minutes as provided. All voted in favor. The motion passed.

The minutes for the May 5, 2021, Special Board Meeting were reviewed by the Board. It was moved by Supervisor Heathman and seconded by Supervisor Black to approve the minutes as provided. All voted in favor. The motion passed.

Deputy Sheriff Dean Thompson presented the public safety report. There were 83 calls for service since the last meeting.

Chief Deputy Terry Waletzki presented the township Law Enforcement Contract for 2022 (\$72,158) and 2023 (\$76,488), reflecting a 6% increase per year. The goal is for the townships' portion to reach 75% of the annual cost. Supervisor Walters moved and Supervisor Heathman seconded to approve the Law Enforcement Contract as presented. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Brad Brech gave the Planning Commission report. Supervisor Walters moved and Supervisor Black seconded to appoint Mr. Gary Moore as the new Planning Commissioner. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

## **CONTINUING BUSINESS**

The Board reviewed the Joint Powers Board claims and payroll. It was moved by Supervisor Heathman and seconded by Supervisor Black to approve and pay the Cascade Township portion (\$22,551.66) of the total claims including net payroll of \$17,333.63 as presented. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

The Board reviewed the Cascade Township Cash Control Statement and bank statement. Supervisor Black moved and Supervisor Walters seconded to accept the Cash Control Statement with an end-of-the-month balance of \$529,656.83 as presented. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

The Board reviewed the Cascade Township claims and payroll. Supervisor Black moved and Supervisor Hegrenes seconded to approve and pay the current month's claims of \$40,663.06 and gross pay of \$6,618.77 as presented. All voted in favor. The motion passed.

Road Maintenance Supervisor Mark Cochran gave the road report. 2011 Ford 450 needs approximately \$10,000 in repairs. Road crew has been repairing potholes and preparing 55<sup>th</sup> Street NW for upcoming reconstruction and culvert installation. Dust control on 65<sup>th</sup> Street NW will be applied soon. The culverts on St. Mary's Drive have been replaced other than one large cross culvert. Mark recommended leaving that culvert for now. Trees have been removed to the extent allowable by the budget. Driveways have been cut on Quarry Court for paving later this season. Shouldering work will be next. There has been some significant cost increases (pipe went up by 100%) in recent days.

## **NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS**

Mr. Andrew Forletti, Smith Schafer, gave the report on the 2020 audit, giving the financial state of affairs a "clean" opinion with a good reserve balance for the township. Supervisor Black moved and Supervisor Hegrenes seconded to approve the audit report and presented. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Mr. Roger Ihrke, TCPA, presented the Metes and Bounds request from Shen and Karnyski, reporting that staff has no issues with it and recommend approval. Supervisor Black moved and Supervisor Walters seconded to approve the request as presented. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Mr. Ihrke presented Resolution No. 2021.05.01 Authorizing Cascade Township to Relinquish Their Authority to the City of Rochester to Issue a Grading Permit for The Lodge at Overland Drive. Supervisor Black moved and Supervisor Sieck seconded to approve the resolution as presented. All voted in favor and the motion passed. Mr. Ihrke will direct Mr. Welch, GCubed to amend the associated developer's agreement to state that the developer would provide the drain tile.

Mr. Ihrke presented a business change for a property on 19<sup>th</sup> Street NW, moving from Bounce World to DBat, a similar use. There is precedent in the past to not require a CUP as this was a permitted use under the county's authority as originally set up prior to the township taking over planning. There will be no changes to the building other than interior adjustments. No action is needed as the board agrees there is not a need for a CUP at this time.

## DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

The board reviewed the settlement agreement with Mr. Jason Gasciogne, West River Road. Roger will inspect the property for compliance.

Board reviewed the township mail. Supervisor Walters has been requested to serve on the OCTOA board.

Supervisor Black moved and Supervisor Walters seconded to allow the clerk to spend township finances as needed to take care of the weed problem in the landscaping around the town hall. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

It was noted that a quorum of the Cascade Town Board may be present at the following meetings:

- Tuesday, May 18, 6:00pm – Planning Commission Meeting – This meeting has been canceled.
- Thursday, May 27, 7:30pm – OCTOA Meeting, held virtually from the Cascade Town Hall

It was moved by Supervisor Black and seconded by Supervisor Hegrenes to adjourn. All voted in favor, and the meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

Eleven citizens registered their attendance at the meeting in person and calling in.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Rudquist  
Cascade Township Clerk/Treasurer

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Chairman Gary Sieck

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