



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

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

February 13, 2023

**OPENING BUSINESS**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Black at 6:00pm. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those in attendance were Supervisors Mike Black, Brad Brech, Gary Sieck, and Arlen Heathman, Road Maintenance Supervisor Pat McGowan and Clerk/Treasurer Sara Rudquist. Supervisor Dean Hegrenes was absent.

The minutes for the January 9, 2023, Board Meeting were reviewed by the Board. It was moved by Supervisor Sieck and seconded by Supervisor Brech to approve the minutes as provided. All voted in favor. The motion passed.

The minutes for the January 30, 2023, Board of Audit and Budget Meeting were reviewed by the Board. It was moved by Supervisor Sieck and seconded by Supervisor Brech to approve the minutes as provided. All voted in favor. The motion passed.

Deputy Sheriff Dean Thompson presented the public safety report. There were 142 calls for service since the last meeting. He introduced additional County Sheriff personnel, Chief Deputy Howard and Captain Kelly Lee, who fielded questions from the board.

**CONTINUING BUSINESS**

The Board reviewed the Joint Powers Board claims and payroll. It was moved by Supervisor Brech and seconded by Supervisor Heathman to approve and pay the Cascade Township portion (\$25,787.85) of the total monthly claims including total payroll of \$16,226.25. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

The Board reviewed the Cascade Township Cash Control Statement and bank statement. Supervisor Sieck moved and Supervisor Brech seconded to accept the Cash Control Statement with an end-of-the-month balance of \$1,125,589.77 as presented. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

The Board reviewed the Cascade Township claims and payroll. Supervisor Brech moved and Supervisor Sieck seconded to approve and pay the current month's claims of \$50,444.09 (#3263-3274) and gross pay of \$6,003.00 as presented. All voted in favor. The motion passed.

Road Maintenance Supervisor Pat McGowan gave the monthly report. Snow has slowed down, so crew has been doing regular maintenance items. Tree removal will begin with the warmer weather. The town hall roof will be looked at before the next meeting. Pat has been doing work for Rochester Township with the MS4 and will use the resources developed there for Cascade also. The board directed Pat to notify citizens prior to inspecting their ponds, reminding them that all maintenance of the ponds are the citizens' responsibility.

## **NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS**

Mr. and Mrs. Heath and Becky Loy were in attendance in response to the letter sent by TCPA at the Board's request. Regarding the second drive, the county has been in communication with the Loys and is checking the legal description of the property. Board requested that they send the township communication from the county confirming the status of this driveway. Mr. Loy described the usage of the Loy Show Barn, used as a venue for events since 2014 without a permit. Board directed Mr. and Mrs. Loy to contact TCPA and do what needs to happen to bring their barn into compliance with township ordinances.

Jered Staton, TCPA, reviewed the plan presented by SEH for the Dohrman property (5610 Valleyhigh Road NW). Jered will reach out to the property owner to discuss options within the scope of the township ordinances.

Jered Staton, TCPA, presented the revised proposed maintenance agreement with the City of Rochester for Prairie Vista Drive as it relates to Conditional Use Permit 22-01 Park and Ride. Supervisor Sieck moved and Supervisor Brech seconded to approve the agreement as presented. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

There are no bills for the PSIG/SSD this month.

Supervisor Black moved and Supervisor Heathman seconded to approve the Gopher Septic Service, Inc. Service and Monitoring Contract as presented. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

The Board reviewed the monthly invoice for the SSD mobile home parks.

Supervisor Brech moved and Supervisor Sieck seconded to approve Resolution 2023.02.01 Appointing Absentee Ballot Board, naming Chip Applegath, Cheryl Adolphson, Sara Rudquist, and Dean Hegrenes. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Supervisor Brech moved and Supervisor Sieck seconded to approve Resolution 2023.02.02 Appointing Election Judges, naming Chip Applegath, Cheryl Adolphson, Sara Rudquist, Dean Hegrenes and Arlen Heathman. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Supervisor Sieck moved and Supervisor Brech seconded to approve sending the letter of support as requested by Olmsted County regarding CSAH 44/TH 14 interchange. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Supervisor Brech moved and Supervisor Sieck seconded to set the payment for the Annual Town Meeting Moderator at \$50. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

Board expressed disinterest in the MNDCP option presented by Clerk Rudquist.

Supervisor Brech moved and Supervisor Sieck seconded to approve the payment from Olmsted County to Elcor as requested for the decommissioning of the Zumbro Ridge Estates septic system. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

### **DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS**

Cheryl Adolphson gave the Planning Commission update.

Bruce Walk introduced himself and expressed his interest in serving on the Planning Commission. Supervisor Brech moved and Supervisor Black seconded to appoint Mr. Bruce Walk to the Planning Commission, Seat 2, for the remaining term (expires April 2025). All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Supervisor Heathman reported on the OCTOA and TCPA meetings. Board reviewed the township mail and upcoming town hall rentals.

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

- Tuesday, February 21, 6:00pm – Planning Commission Meeting
- Tuesday, March 14, 5:00pm – 8:00pm – Annual Township Election
- Tuesday, March 14, 8:115pm – Annual Town Meeting

It was moved by Supervisor Brech and seconded by Supervisor Sieck to adjourn. All voted in favor, and the meeting adjourned at 7:23pm.

Six citizens registered their attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Rudquist  
Cascade Township Clerk/Treasurer

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Chairman

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