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--- TOWNSHIP ---

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

June 12, 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 Dean Hegrenes, Brad Brech, Gary Sieck, Mike Black and Arlen Heathman, Road Maintenance Supervisor Pat McGowan and Clerk/Treasurer Sara Rudquist.

The minutes for the May 8, 2023, Board Meeting were reviewed by the Board. It was moved by Supervisor Hegrenes and seconded by Supervisor Sieck to approve the minutes as presented. All voted in favor. The motion passed.

Deputy Sheriff Dean Thompson presented the public safety report. There were 109 calls for service since the last meeting.

Roger Ihrke, TCPA, explained the Floodplain and Shorelands Ordinance that will be adopted by Olmsted County. Roger asked the board to review the ordinance and consider amending the current Cascade Township ordinance to remove the floodplain references. He recommended the board consider recognizing the county ordinance, allowing coordination with TCPA, Cascade Township and Olmsted County in this regard. Roger requested the board respond at the July Township Board Meeting.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

The Board reviewed the Joint Powers Board claims and payroll. It was moved by Supervisor Hegrenes and seconded by Supervisor Sieck to approve and pay the Cascade Township portion (\$24,716.56) of the total monthly claims including total payroll of \$18,359.46. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

The Board reviewed the Cascade Township Cash Control Statement and bank statements, including the newly opened Money Market account. Supervisor Brech moved and Supervisor Sieck seconded to accept the Cash Control Statement with an end-of-the-month balance of \$969,425.23 as presented. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

The Board reviewed the Cascade Township claims and payroll. Supervisor Brech moved and Supervisor Hegrenes seconded to approve and pay the current month's claims of \$106,294.14 (#3315-3329) and gross pay of \$5,112.00 as presented. All voted in favor. The motion passed.

Road Maintenance Supervisor Pat McGowan gave the monthly report. Overlays and final wear layer will begin on June 19 in Rochester Township, with the contractor making their way to Cascade as the week goes on. Reconstruction will begin the first week of July. Josh Lien has been working at the part time rate for 40 hours a week. It has been working out well. Pat recommended hiring him to regular full time status. Supervisor Black moved and Supervisor Brech seconded to accept Patrick's recommendation and hire Josh Lien full time at the rate of \$34/hour. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

David Martin, WHKS, reported that the ZRE project has been bid and awarded to Nadeau Companies. Bills will be submitted prior to the next Board Meeting for review. He will also supply a copy of the plans and the bid tabulations.

Jered Staton, TCPA, Ryan Yetzer and Aaron Luckstein, both from the city of Rochester, presented the Orderly Annexation Agreement for land between Highway 14, Valleyhigh Drive, 60th Avenue and the city to the east. Supervisor Hegrenes presented several comments that Jered will review. The board asked about including 15th Street along with 19th Street maintenance as the city revises this OAA. Board also asked the city to provide a picture of the tax revenue for the properties in question as they consider the OAA and its provisions.

Supervisor Brech moved to send a letter to Mr. Dohrmann that points out that while the township is in the process of writing an Orderly Annexation Agreement with the City of Rochester, we cannot project when the city would provide annexation for his property, therefore we would encourage him to apply for rezoning and then a CUP. After discussion and clarification from TCPA and city of Rochester, Supervisor Heathman seconded the motion. Supervisors Brech and Heathman then withdrew the motion.

Supervisor Heathman moved and Supervisor Sieck seconded to table the discussion about Mr. Dohrmann's property until July's meeting. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Supervisor Sieck moved and Supervisor Heathman seconded to send a letter to Mr. Loy (Loy Event Barn, 60th Ave NW) stating that he is not in compliance as he does not have a CUP and that he needs to stop operating immediately. All voted in favor and the motion passed. Jered Staton will wait until the end of the month for new information from Mr. Loy. He will confer with Mr. Ihrke about the situation and then talk to township lawyer, Peter Tiede, prior to issuing the letter.

Supervisor Black moved and Supervisor Brech seconded to approve the Road Use Access Control Agreement for Hallmark Terrace Private Road as presented. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Supervisor Black moved and Supervisor Sieck seconded to allow Patrick McGowan (Road Maintenance Supervisor) to fix the driveway on Kristin Court as discussed to make a gentler slope for the driveway. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Supervisor Heathman moved and Supervisor Brech seconded to add Cottonwood Court to the 2023 road maintenance plan. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

Supervisor Black presented for consideration an updated long-term road maintenance plan and the financial implications of the maintenance needs. Including 3.5% for inflation, this plan indicates a deficit of up to \$4 million at the end of 20 years.

Supervisor Sieck moved and Supervisor Brech seconded to approve the Law Enforcement Contract as presented. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

Supervisor Brech moved and Supervisor Sieck seconded to set the date for the annual township picnic for Thursday, August 17. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

Gary Moore gave the Planning Commission update. The June Planning Commission meeting is canceled.

Supervisor Heathman reported on the TCPA meeting.

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

- Wednesday, June 14, 8:30am – MAT Town Law Review
- Thursday, July 27, 7:30pm – OCTOA Meeting hosted by Cascade and Viola at the Cascade Town Hall

It was moved by Supervisor Brech and seconded by Supervisor Sieck to adjourn. All voted in favor, and the meeting adjourned at 8:46pm.

Five citizens registered their attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Rudquist
Cascade Township Clerk/Treasurer

Chairman

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