



# **CASCADE**

--- TOWNSHIP ---

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

August 14, 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 July 10, 2023, Board Meeting were reviewed by the Board. It was moved by Supervisor Sieck and seconded by Supervisor Brech to approve the minutes as presented. All voted in favor. The motion passed.

### **CONTINUING BUSINESS**

The Board reviewed the Joint Powers Board claims and payroll. It was moved by Supervisor Brech and seconded by Supervisor Sieck to approve and pay the Cascade Township portion (\$26,363.43) of the total monthly claims including total payroll of \$17,084.69. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

The Board reviewed the Cascade Township Cash Control Statement and bank statements. Supervisor Hegrenes moved and Supervisor Brech seconded to accept the Cash Control Statement with an end-of-the-month balance of \$1,180,033.39 as presented. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

The Board reviewed the Cascade Township claims and payroll. Supervisor Heathman moved and Supervisor Hegrenes seconded to approve and pay the current month's claims of \$51,848.55 (#3354-3366) and gross pay of \$6,222.00 as presented. All voted in favor. The motion passed.

Road Maintenance Supervisor Pat McGowan gave the monthly report. Summer projects have been completed. Overage in the budget due to unexpected work on Cottonwood will be covered by the 10% buffer planned in. Crew is now working on fall maintenance on the machinery and the fall mowing. Safety vests and sweatshirts with the logo are ordered for the crew.

Tim Hruska, WHKS, presented an offer to the board to reduce the missed invoice for the SSD by half, leaving the township's responsibility at \$4,500. Supervisor Brech moved and Supervisor Black

seconded to accept and pay the offer (claim #3367) from WHKS as presented. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Supervisor Brech moved and Supervisor Sieck seconded to bill the mobile home parks the remaining amount over a 12-month period after confirming what is owed after any remaining bonding funds. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Deputy Sheriff Dean Thompson presented the public safety report. There were 143 calls for service since the last meeting. There was discussion regarding the reported dog bite. Supervisor Heathman will work with Dan Mulholland in this situation.

### **NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS**

Jered Staton, TCPA, and the board discussed the proposed Orderly Annexation Agreement and the comments from the township attorney. Board requested that Jered draft an interim general development agreement. Public hearing for this will be held at the next board meeting.

Board opened a public hearing on a variance request from Anthony and Linda Knauer. This is a unique situation as the second home has been there since the early 1980's, prior to ordinances and regulations. The Knauer farm is a century farm and is still operating. Supervisor Black moved and Supervisor Sieck seconded to approve the variance request. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Jered, TCPA, presented a request for reduction in bonding for Trails of Cascade 2. Supervisor Black moved and Supervisor Sieck seconded to approve the request subject to the engineers report indicating the bonding amount is appropriate. Supervisor Black amended the motion to approve also subject to Trails of Cascade providing clarification of the connector road to Chippewa and the change approved by the county. Supervisor Heathman seconded. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

Supervisor Sieck moved and Supervisor Brech seconded to approve the application to rezone from A2 to Highway Commercial as presented by Mr. Dohrmann. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Supervisor Sieck moved and Supervisor Heathman seconded to approve the metes and bounds request from Chris and Lucy Meyer. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

Jered, TCPA, updated the board on the status of the Floodplains and Shorelands Ordinance. The county will be reviewing it soon.

Jered, TCPA, explained the request of Bryce and Brenda DeCook to reduce the Salley Hills Letter of Credit. Jered suggested a warranty bond, and he will ask Brenda to attend next month's meeting.

Supervisor Brech moved and Supervisor Black seconded to add to the town hall rental policy wording that prohibits smoking, vaping and use of cannabis of any form. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

### **DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS**

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

Jered, TCPA, updated the board on the status of the Loy property. Board directed Jered to reach out to the township lawyer for input.

Supervisor Heathman reported on the TCPA meeting. Supervisor Black reported about the OCTOA meeting. Sara Rudquist reported on the MAT Annual Meeting.

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

- CANCELED: Tuesday, August 15, 6:00pm – Planning Commission Meeting
- Thursday, August 17, 5:00pm – 7:00pm – Annual Cascade Township Picnic

It was moved by Supervisor Brech and seconded by Supervisor Hegrenes to adjourn. All voted in favor, and the meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Fourteen citizens registered their attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Rudquist  
Cascade Township Clerk/Treasurer

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Chairman

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