



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

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

May 8, 2017

**OPENING BUSINESS**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm 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 April 10, 2017, Board Meeting were reviewed by the Board. It was moved by Supervisor Sieck and seconded by Supervisor Black to approve the minutes as provided. All voted in favor. The motion passed.

The minutes for the April 13, 2017, Road Tour were reviewed by the Board. It was suggested that the tour be held on a Saturday in the future, and that the date be set during the February meeting. It was moved by Chairman Hoss and seconded by Supervisor Laures to approve the minutes as provided. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

The minutes for the April 25, 2017, Board of Appeals and Equalization Meeting were reviewed by the Board. It was moved by Supervisor Laures and seconded by Supervisor Heathman to approve the minutes as provided. All voted in favor. The motion passed.

Deputy Sheriff Tracey Pagel was unavailable to provide a public safety report.

**CONTINUING BUSINESS**

The Board reviewed the Joint Powers claims and payroll. It was moved by Supervisor Heathman and seconded by Supervisor Sieck to approve and pay the claims of \$5,353.38 and net payroll of \$10,586.02 as presented. Supervisor Laures abstained. All others voted in favor. The motion passed.

The Board reviewed the Cascade Township Cash Control Statement and bank statement. Supervisor Black moved and Supervisor Laures seconded to approve the Cash Control Statement with an end of the

month balance of \$272,402.89 as presented. All voted in favor and the motion passed. It was noted that the development bond for Salley Hill has expired.

The Board reviewed the Cascade Township claims and payroll. It was moved by Supervisor Black and seconded by Supervisor Sieck to approve the current month claims of \$17,960.46 and net payroll of \$3,273.99 as presented. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

## **NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS**

Andrea Thomas (6711 Shelee Court NW) presented photos of curves on 67<sup>th</sup> Street and pointed out the blind spots on the street. There have been increasing amounts of pedestrians and bicycles causing safety concerns. After discussion it was decided that Mark Cochran will move the curve sign closer to the top of the hill and post a speed advisory sign.

Jaguar Communications, Inc. has requested to install cable throughout various parts of the township. Road Maintenance Supervisor Mark Cochran presented a letter from engineer Mark Welch of GCubed suggesting a standardized rate and policy requiring bonding for restoration within the right of way. Supervisor Sieck moved that the township adopt a policy requiring a performance bond for any job exceeding 500 feet. The rate is \$10 per linear foot for the first 5,000 feet and \$5 per linear foot for every foot over the base 5,000 linear feet. Bond would be utilized should the installer not perform restoration to a level that satisfies Cascade Township. Supervisor Black seconded this motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

County Commissioner Mark Thein, representing Hallmark Terrace Manufactured Home Park and Zumbro Ridge Estates Manufactured Home Park, detailed a proposed project for remedying aging septic systems. The plan involves Cascade Township initiating a grant application with the State of Minnesota for funding through the Clean Water Revolving Fund and would connect the parks to the City of Rochester sewage treatment system. Possible liability to the township is \$40,000. Supervisor Sieck moved that Cascade move ahead with the application with the understanding that the owner(s) of said parks will be liable for the engineering costs should the project fall apart. Supervisor Black seconded. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

Mark Cochran presented a bid for a new loader for the Joint Powers. Supervisor Laures moved and Supervisor Sieck seconded approval for the purchase. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

Mark Cochran reviewed the Road Tour and recommended the projects for 2017 as follows:

- 7<sup>th</sup> Street NW from TH14 - Rochester city limits will be reclaimed, paved and shouldered at an approximate cost of \$111,109.79.
- Hadley View Court NW from Hoffman 55<sup>th</sup> Street project to the cul-de-sac will be overlaid and shouldered at an approximate cost of \$12,499.57.
- 68<sup>th</sup> Street NW will be overlaid at an approximate cost of \$58,477.50.
- Sagewood Court (off 68<sup>th</sup> Street NW) approximately 1320 feet by 23.5 feet wide will be overlaid at an approximate cost of \$20,231.59.
- Autumn Court at 68<sup>th</sup> Street NW approximately 450 feet by 24.5 feet will be overlaid at an approximate cost \$10,214.61.

Supervisor Black moved and Supervisor Heathman seconded to approve the road maintenance plan as recommended. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Supervisor Black moved and Supervisor Laures seconded that the Town Board is responsible for noxious weed inspection. All voted in favor. The motion passed. A suggestion was made that signs be available for purchase stating, "Do not mow," and, "Do not spray."

The Uniform Ordinance Regulating Dangerous Dogs as written by Olmsted County was presented and tabled.

Commissioner Cheryl Adolphson presented proposed changes to the Planning Commission Policy as recommended by the Planning Commission. Supervisor Laures moved and Supervisor Black seconded that the Planning Commission Policy be amended to incorporate the language as recommended by the Commission. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

## **DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS**

Supervisor Laures updated on the progress of the new canoe launch. Mrs. Brenda DeCook (Salley Hill Development) requested that signs be posted detailing hours of operation and the boundaries of the public access. Proper signs and barriers will be posted.

Clerk/Treasurer Rudquist reported that Sandra Passe of Rochester Township has been sworn in as the Deputy Clerk/Treasurer for Cascade Township.

Supervisor Sieck provided a Wilmar v. Cascade Township lawsuit update regarding the mediation that began January 31, 2017. Litigation continues to move forward towards a document agreeable to both parties with possible rezoning forthcoming.

Commissioner Adolphson gave a Planning Commission report on the April 18 meeting and CUP review. CUP 2003-02 Bernard and Gary Leitzen was successfully reviewed and deemed compliant. Reorganization of the Planning Commission has John Friederichs as the Chairman, Cheryl Adolphson as the Vice Chair, and David Derby as Scribe.

Mark Cochran provided a Road Maintenance report. Much road work is in progress with a hope to begin blacktop by May 15.

Supervisor Heathman reported on the MAT Legal Short Course. Supervisor Laures reported on the TCPA meeting.

Clerk/Treasurer Rudquist reminded supervisors to pre-register for the Summer Short Course by June 8.

Clerk/Treasurer Rudquist explained a request by Charis Christian Fellowship, a regular town hall renter, to have a rolling buffet counter built and then utilized by anyone using the town hall. Chairman Hoss moved and Supervisor Black seconded that the buffet be allowed with the request that it be approximately the same height of the existing countertop. All voted in favor. The motion passed.

It was noted that the upcoming May Planning Commission Meeting has been cancelled. The OCTOA meeting will be held on May 25, 2017, at 7:00pm, at the Eyota Ambulance Bay.

Brenda DeCook of Salley Hill addressed the need for the renewal of the Development Bond. She will get it in place. She also expressed concerns regarding horses from Haverhill Township found in yards of Cascade Township residents. Authorities are doing what they can about this situation. The DeCooks have granted Mr. Loken an easement regarding his driveway. Finally, Mrs. DeCook reported that the Salley Hill replat is almost complete.

Mr. Bob Lee (6101 Oak Meadow Lane) spoke to the Wilmar v. Cascade Township lawsuit. He voiced three areas of consideration: Communication regarding the conclusion of the lawsuit in the form of a legal document spelling out the conditions for homeowners; concern that nuisance issues will equate into loss of property value; request that the requirements go over and above the letter of the law regarding nuisances.

It was moved by Supervisor Black and seconded by Supervisor Laures to adjourn. All voted in favor, and the meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm.

Eleven citizens 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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