



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

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

August 10, 2020

**OPENING BUSINESS**

The meeting was called to order at 6:04pm in person at the Cascade Township Hall and via the call-in declaration as set by Chairman Heathman. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those in attendance were Supervisors Dean Hegrenes, Mike Black, and Arlen Heathman, Clerk/Treasurer Sara Rudquist, Assistant Clerk/Treasurer Lois Freed, and Road Maintenance Supervisor Mark Cochran. Supervisors Gary Sieck and Lenny Laures attended via the call-in option.

Patrick McGowan, recently hired onto the Joint Powers Board Road Crew, introduced himself. The Board welcomed him.

The minutes for the July 13, 2020, Board Meeting were reviewed by the Board. It was moved by Supervisor Hegrenes 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 95 calls for service since the last meeting.

**CONTINUING BUSINESS**

The Board reviewed the Joint Powers Board claims and payroll. It was moved by Supervisor Hegrenes and seconded by Supervisor Black to approve and pay the Cascade Township portion (\$23,708.22) of the total claims including net payroll of \$16,493.70 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 Hegrenes seconded to accept the Cash Control Statement with an end-of-the-month balance of \$472,477.45 as presented. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

The Board reviewed the Cascade Township claims and payroll. Supervisor Black moved and Supervisor Laures seconded to approve and pay the current month's claims of \$49,271.09 and gross pay of \$5,459.77 as presented. All voted in favor. The motion passed.

Road Maintenance Supervisor Mark Cochran gave his monthly report. Campaign signs cannot be in the right-of-way. Friederichs Forest is moving forward. Board gave approval for trees in the ROW to be taken down in St. Mary's Hills at an approximate cost of \$2,500. Mike Reiland, road crew member, had his final day of employment in July.

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

Supervisor Heathman moved and Supervisor Black seconded to recess the Board Meeting and open the Metes and Bounds. All voted in favor and the meeting recessed.

Michael and Stephanie Sulla requested to move forward with the original metes and bounds application as presented at last month's meeting. Supervisor Laures moved and Supervisor Black seconded to approve the request with the condition that the proper permits be obtained for construction of the new shared driveway upon the sale of the new parcel. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

Supervisor Arlen moved and Supervisor Black seconded to close the Metes and Bounds Hearing. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

Supervisor Heathman moved and Supervisor Hegrenes seconded to reconvene the Board Meeting. All voted in favor and the meeting reconvened.

The Board discussed the information Supervisor Black received from Mr. Peter Tiede, Township Attorney, regarding dangerous dogs and who has responsibility. Supervisor Black moved to table this discussion for another month in order to communicate with Mr. Tiede about the options available with the city and county. After further discussion, Supervisor Black withdrew his motion and moved to have the township attorney draft a letter to the county attorney stating the township's position on dangerous dogs. Supervisor Sieck seconded. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

The Board reviewed the suggested revisions to the township Dog Ordinance. Supervisor Heathman moved and Supervisor Hegrenes seconded to schedule a public hearing for the amendment to the Cascade Township Dog Ordinance as soon as allowable. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Supervisor Hegrenes moved and Supervisor Black seconded to accept the Coronavirus Relief Funds and then pass on to the county what the township does not need. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

Supervisor Black moved and Supervisor Heathman seconded to approve Resolution Authorizing Contract with Interested Officer for Dean Hegrenes performing Election Judge services for 2020 Primary Elections. All voted in favor with Supervisor Hegrenes abstaining.

Supervisor Black moved and Supervisor Hegrenes seconded to approve Resolution Authorizing Contract with Interested Officer for Arlen Heathman performing Election Judge services for 2020 Primary Elections. All voted in favor with Supervisor Heathman abstaining.

### **DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS**

Board discussed upcoming city subdivision, "The Lodge," and concerns about potential water runoff into a township subdivision. The township engineer has reviewed it and reported there will be no net gain in water runoff from this plan.

Supervisor Hegrenes reported on the July Planning Commission meeting.

Supervisor Laures reported on RCOG. Supervisor Heathman reported on the MAT District 1 Meeting. Board reviewed the mail.

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

- Primary Election day – Tuesday, August 11, 2020
- Planning Commission Meeting – Tuesday, August 18, 2020, 6:00pm (in-person and call-in available)

Supervisor Heathman moved and Supervisor Black seconded to waive the rental fee for Rochester Township. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Board discussed various options for COVID sanitizing for the town hall after uses.

Chairman Heathman requested a few moments of silence out of respect for former clerk, Joe Vroman.

It was moved by Supervisor Heathman and seconded by Supervisor Black to adjourn. All voted in favor, and the meeting adjourned at 7:41pm.

Two citizens registered their attendance at the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Rudquist  
Cascade Township Clerk/Treasurer

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Chairman R. Arlen Heathman

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