



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

2025 75<sup>TH</sup> ST. NE  
Rochester, MN 55906  
[www.cascadetownship.us](http://www.cascadetownship.us)

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

September 8th, 2015

**OPENING BUSINESS**

Called to Order at 6:03 pm at the Cascade Town Hall. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those in attendance were Chairman Arlen Heathman, Supervisor Dan Frissora, Supervisor Jimmy Hoss, Supervisor Lenny Laures, Supervisor Gary Sieck and Clerk/Treasurer Steve Wilson

The minutes from the August 3rd, 2015 meeting were reviewed by the Board. It was moved by Supervisor Hoss and seconded by Supervisor Laures to approve the minutes as presented. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

**CONTINUING BUSINESS**

The board reviewed the Joint Powers claims and payroll. It was moved by Supervisor Frissora and seconded by Supervisor Sieck to approve the claims and payroll as presented. Supervisors Sieck, Frissora, Heathman and Hoss voted in favor and Supervisor Laures abstained. The motion passed.

The board reviewed the Cascade Township claims and payroll. It was moved by Supervisor Heathman and seconded by Supervisor Hoss to approve the claims and payroll as presented. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

The board reviewed the Cascade Township cash control statement and bank statement. It was moved by Supervisor Sieck and seconded by Supervisor Frissora to approve the cash control statement as presented. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

Deputy Sheriff Chad Miller presented a report to the board. There were 100 calls since August 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Board reviewed the monthly email and mail.

The Board provided reports to the other board members and to the citizens regarding meetings attended over the last month. Supervisor Frissora reported on ROCOG, Supervisor Heathman reported on MS4. Supervisor Hoss reported on District MAT. Supervisor Laures reported on TCPA and Clerk/Treasurer Wilson reported on leadership.

Supervisor Sieck moved and Supervisor Hoss seconded to reimburse Clerk/Treasurer Wilson for the leadership meeting. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

It was moved by Supervisor Frissora and seconded by Supervisor Sieck to authorize funds for Mr. Peter Tiede through the evening of the September meeting. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

The board discussed the summons and complaint issued to Cascade Township from Wilmar Investments LLC. The defense attorney appointed by MATIT (insurer) was introduced. He is Mr. Ken Bayliss. Mr. Bayliss answered several questions from the audience and the board. The Township attorney Mr. Peter Tiede was also present. Mr. Bayliss emphasized the importance of confidentiality between the Board of Supervisors and himself under attorney-client privilege. Mr. Bayliss explained the risk of revealing strategies to the public. Board members affirmed communication to the public but only when it is appropriate and does not risk the interests of the Township. Mr. Bayliss indicated that litigation could last a year.

It was moved by Supervisor Sieck and seconded by Supervisor Heathman to approve the resolution for Charter Communications. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

The board discussed the letter dated August 4<sup>th</sup> 2015 from the MN State Auditor.

The board discussed the connecting road between River Highlands and Majestic Meadows. Representatives from Farmland LLC gave a timeline of spring or summer of 2016 to complete the road. They provided an estimate of \$56,350 as a total cost with \$28,175 as Cascade Township's share of the cost. Citizens of River Highlands provided the board with signatures requesting the board reconsider the project. The board agreed to discuss the project further at the October Township meeting.

The board reviewed a meeting reimbursement policy. A final draft will be considered at the October Township meeting.

The board reviewed a staffing proposal. It was moved by Supervisor Sieck and seconded by Supervisor Laures to authorize funds to Peter Tiede to assist in the proposal. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

The board discussed the appointment of a new Planning and Zoning Commissioner. The board asked for interested candidates to attend the October Township board meeting.

The board discussed a conflict of interest policy.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Supervisor Sieck gave an update regarding the August Planning and Zoning meeting.

It was moved by Supervisor Sieck and seconded by Supervisor Frissora to approve a new culvert at 67<sup>th</sup> street. Dave Motsko of 2140 67<sup>th</sup> street NW was available for questions. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

Nicole Brueck gave an update on the Cascade Township annual picnic.

It was moved by Supervisor Frissora and seconded by Supervisor Hoss to approve a fee waiver for hall rental to the Buckridge HOA. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

It was moved by Supervisor Sieck and seconded by Supervisor Frissora pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 130.05, subdivision 3 (b) that the meeting be closed to discuss the pending lawsuit Wilmar Investments LLC vs. Cascade Township. All voted in favor and the motion passed. The audience left and the board went into closed session at 8:25 pm.

The board came out of closed session at 9:59 pm. It was moved by Supervisor Frissora and seconded by Supervisor Sieck to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 10:01 pm

There were 75 citizens who registered their attendance at the meeting.

Steve Wilson  
Clerk/Treasurer  
Cascade Township