

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COOPER CHARTER
TOWNSHIP BOARD HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2007**

The regular meeting of the Cooper Charter Township Board was held on Monday, February 12, 2007 at the Cooper Charter Township Hall, 1590 West D. Avenue, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Members Present: Frederick, Buiskool, DeHaan, Sorensen, Sytsma, Janssen, and Schiedel.

Members Absent: None.

Also Present: Approximately four interested persons.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Supervisor who invited all to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Janssen, supported by Schiedel to approve agenda as amended. Motion carried.

The board and citizens were asked if they wanted to have any items removed from the consent agenda. There were none.

Motion by Frederick, supported by Buiskool to approve the consent agenda consisting of January 8, and 10, 2007 Board Minutes, payment of bills, Treasurer's report, Building Permit Report, Ordinance Enforcement Report, Election Commission Minutes, and Notice of Public Hearing on the addition of two Kalamazoo County Road Commissioners. Motion carried.

Citizens were offered an opportunity to address the board regarding subjects not on the agenda. There were none.

The Public Hearing on the 2007-2008 General Fund Budget was called to order by the Supervisor.

The Clerk presented the notice of Public Hearing, affidavit of mailing and proof of publication.

No written comments were received by the Clerk regarding the budget.

No oral comments were received prior to the public hearing and no oral comments were received at the public hearing.

The Supervisor declared the public hearing closed and entertained a motion to adopt the 2007-2008 General Fund Budget.

Motion by Frederick, supported by Janssen to adopt by Resolution the 2007-2008 General Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending on March 31, 2008 at the highest functional level in the amount of \$1,154,298.00 for revenues and \$1,154,298.00 for expenditures, and

Furthermore, be it moved that the total millage to be levied in the 2007-2008 fiscal year is .8594 mills which is expected to generate approximately \$275,000.00 in revenues of which \$90,000.00 will be used for the purpose of funding road maintenance and construction and the balance to offset the expenses incurred in the other departments, and

Furthermore, be it moved that this budget be compared with actual expenditures on a periodic basis throughout the budget year that the budget be amended as necessary to prevent the expenditure of funds in excess of the budgeted amount. Also, that the Supervisor and the Clerk be authorized to transfer up to \$50,000.00 between functions if necessary.

And finally be it moved to adopt the appropriations act of Cooper Charter Township for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2008.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Schiedel, Janssen, Sytsma, Sorensen, DeHaan, Buiskool, and Frederick.

No: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carried. Budget Resolution Adopted.

Motion by Schiedel, supported by Buiskool to adopt the 2007-2008 Public Improvement, Fire Capitol Improvement, Water & Sewer, Street Light, Collingwood & G. Avenue Special Assessment Sewer Fund, Roosevelt Road Improvement, and Solid Waste Special Assessment budgets as presented and attached to these minutes.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Frederick, Buiskool, DeHaan, Sorensen, Sytsma, Janssen, and Schiedel.

No: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carried. Budgets adopted.

Motion by Buiskool, supported by Schiedel to set the Spring and Fall Curbside Pick-up dates and cancel the metal recycling dates for Spring and Fall. Motion carried.

The Fire Commission and Fire Department Reports were read and discussed.

Motion by Schiedel, supported by Janssen to accept the Fire Commissions recommendation to promote firefighters Jason Emig and Jim Perkins to the position of Lieutenant. Motion carried.

Motion by Janssen, supported by Frederick to adopt the Resolution of support for the 14th Kalamazoo County Walk For Warmth to be held on February 17, 2007.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Frederick, Buiskool, DeHaan, Sorensen, Sytsma, Janssen, and Schiedel.

No: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carried. Resolution adopted.

Motion by Frederick, supported by DeHaan to authorize the Clerk to sign a letter of understanding from Siegfried Crandall to perform the audit for the year ending March 31, 2007. Motion carried.

Motion by Janssen, supported by Buiskool to adopt Ordinance Number 205 to amend the Zoning Ordinance and add provisions relating to accessory uses to repeal provisions about accessory buildings as a special exception use.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Schiedel, Janssen, Sytsma, Sorensen, DeHaan, Buiskool, and Frederick.

No: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carried. Ordinance Adopted.

Michelle Hardy, Cooper Township Neighborhood Watch Coordinator, has asked to put an informational article on our Web-page and in the spring 2007 Township Newsletter. The Neighborhood Watch Group, a citizen's action group to fight crime, will be using the Township Hall on February 24, 2007 for an informational meeting and are inviting all Cooper Township residents. The board agreed to place an article in the newsletter.

The Plainwell School Superintendent has requested the Township not use Cooper Elementary School as a Precinct Polling Place. The board discussed this request at great length.

Motion by Janssen, supported by Buiskool to approve moving Precinct #4 Polling Location from Cooper Elementary School on 14th Street to Northbridge Church at 8824 Douglas Avenue. Motion carried.

Motion by Frederick, supported by Janssen to approve the presented road projects for the 2007-2008 fiscal year using \$70,398.90 PAR funds. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned.

Bonnie L. Sytsma, Clerk

Jeffrey R. Sorensen, Supervisor

I, the undersigned Bonnie L. Sytsma, the duly qualified and elected Clerk for the Charter Township of Cooper, Kalamazoo County, Michigan, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the forgoing is a true and complete copy of certain proceedings taken by the Township Board of said Township at a regular board meeting held on the 12th day of February 2007.

**Bonnie L. Sytsma, Clerk
Cooper Charter Township**

