

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COOPER CHARTER
TOWNSHIP BOARD HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2007**

The regular meeting of the Cooper Charter Township Board was held on Monday, April 9, 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 fourteen 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 DeHaan, supported by Janssen to approve agenda as written. 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 Janssen, supported by Schiedel to approve the consent agenda consisting of March 12, 2007 Board Minutes, payment of bills, Treasurer's report, Building Permit Report, Ordinance Enforcement Report, W. E. Upjohn 2006 Housing Report, Charter Communications 2006 Franchise Agreement Report, and the Health and Community Services Methamphetamine Contamination Response Program Report. Motion carried.

Kalamazoo County Road Commission Members Dennis Berkebile, Jeffrie Maddox, Acting Managing Director John Burns and Road Supervisor Travis Bartholomew addressed the board on local and primary road construction. The Drive Michigan Program was discussed. It was explained how adding an extra three cents tax per gallon of gasoline would generate \$250,000.00 or more for Kalamazoo County roads.

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

Michelle Hardy, Cooper Township Neighborhood Watch Coordinator, provided an update on the Neighborhood Watch Program.

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

The Cooper Township Fire Association purchased and presented a new thermal imager to the Township Board. The Township Board had approved the purchase of one thermal imager and with the presentation of a second thermal imager both Fire Stations will house one. Fire Chief Emig demonstrated the thermal imager and how it works to the board.

The Kalamazoo Regional Police and Fire Training Center User Agreement was discussed. The Township Attorney examined the agreement and has approved the language.

Motion by Frederick, supported by Janssen to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Kalamazoo Regional Police and Fire Training Center User Agreement. Motion carried.

Motion by Schiedel, supported by Sytsma to appoint Jason Klok as the Fire Department representative to the Fire Commission. Motion carried.

Motion by DeHaan, supported by Frederick to set May 14, 2007 as the Public Hearing on Street Lights and Solid Waste Township wide special assessment district. Motion carried.

Motion by DeHaan, supported by Sytsma to adopt the Michigan Emergency Management Assistance Compact Resolution.

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 Buiskool to accept the 4th Quarter Budget Report for the 2006-2007 fiscal year. Motion carried.

Motion by DeHaan, supported by Janssen to renew the Township Insurance Package at the \$3,000,000.00 liability limit along with the Travelers Inland Marine renewal for a total cost of \$35,109.00. Motion carried.

Motion by Sytsma, supported by Frederick to deny the request from the Kalamazoo County Department of Planning and Community Development to provide our tax maps for use on the county web site at this time. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the board Motion by DeHaan, supported by Janssen to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

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 9th day of April 2007.

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