

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
COOPER CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD HELD ON APRIL 23, 2007**

A special meeting of the Cooper Charter Township Board was held on Monday, April 23, 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: Two interested citizens.

The Supervisor called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. The Clerk informed the Board that due and proper notice of the special meeting had been posted according to law.

Motion by Frederick, supported by DeHaan to approve the agenda as amended.

The board discussed at great length the loss of revenue sharing from the State. Cooper Township will no longer receive Statutory Revenue and may lose some or all of the Constitutional Revenue Sharing.

The budget constraints along with the Solid Waste/Recycling Program costs were reviewed. The Special Assessment revenues that fund the solid waste/recycling program need to be increased from \$13.25 to \$16.26 per household to break even with the expenditures.

Tom Handley, Recycling Coordinator for Cooper Township addressed staffing issues. The shortage of workers and working without breaks to try and keep up with demand of recyclers on each of the two days per month the recycling center is open was a constant concern. Mr. Handley expressed his view that it is time to think about the recycling center being replaced by curbside pick-up.

Mr. Andy McClish, Sales Manager for Allied Waste Services of Kalamazoo reported on the cost of curbside garbage/recycling and a bulk item pick-up. He estimates a period of six to eight months to design and implement a program.

The board discussed the environmental (savings of gasoline and wear and tear on the roads) and safety benefits of having only one company provide curbside garbage/recycling/bulk pick-up service in the Township.

Motion by DeHaan, supported by Schiedel to send the presented survey after some minor changes along with the Public Hearing Notice on the assessment for collection, disposal and recycling of solid waste, and to approve the expense of Lund and Lund setting up a web page link for residents to complete the survey on line. Motion carried.

The request from the Kalamazoo Department of Planning and Community Development to use tax maps of the Township on their web site was revisited. A more clear explanation of what the Kalamazoo Department of Planning and Community Development was requesting and what it would be specifically used for was discussed.

Motion by Sytsma, supported by Sorensen to repeal the previous motion heard at the April 9, 2007 Township Board Meeting to deny the request and approve the request to put our tax maps on the web. Motion carried.

Motion by Janssen, supported by Buiskool to table the Solicitation Ordinance and License request until the May 14, 2007 Board Meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by DeHaan, supported by Sorensen to adopt a Resolution in opposition to the USEPA and MDEQ plans to dispose of additional PCB-contaminated sediments from the Kalamazoo River to the Allied Paper Disposal Site.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: Buiskool.

Absent: None.

Motion carried. Resolution adopted.

Motion by Janssen, supported by Buiskool to adopt a Resolution opposing mandatory fire sprinkler systems in all new single family homes.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carried. Resolution Adopted.

**There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was
adjourned at 7:30 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 special
board meeting held on the 23rd day of April 2007.**

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