

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COOPER CHARTER
TOWNSHIP BOARD HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 13, 2007**

The regular meeting of the Cooper Charter Township Board was held on Monday, August 13, 2007 at the Cooper Charter Township Hall, 1590 West D. Avenue, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

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

Members Absent: Janssen.

Also Present: Three 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 Schiedel, supported by Frederick 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 July 9, 2007 Board Minutes, payment of bills in the amount of \$118,815.36, Treasurer's report, Building Permit Report, Ordinance Enforcement Report, Protecting Northern Michigan's Water Resources information, BS&A Internet Service Hits from July 2006 through June 2007, 2nd Quarter Household Hazardous Waste Report, and Kalamazoo River Tourism, Recreation, & Environmental Planning. Motion carried.

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

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

Motion by Schiedel, supported by DeHaan to accept the 2006/2007 Fiscal Year Audit Draft and authorize the approval letter to Siegfied Crandall. Motion carried.

Motion by Schiedel, supported by Frederick to attend Michigan Township Association Fall District Meeting in Battle Creek or Lawrence in September with expenses. Motion carried.

Motion by Frederick, supported by Schiedel to accept the recommendation of the Zoning Board for first reading and set second reading and adoption for September 10, 2007 of Ordinance #206, to amend Section 120.600 to permit 15% of lot coverage in “R-1” District of the Zoning Ordinance; the text amendment to repeal Subsection 120.120 C 12 (relating to accessory buildings constructed before a principal building in the “R-1” District of the Zoning Ordinance; the addition of subsection 120.110 C 12 to add open space preservation development to the list of special exception uses in the “A” District of the Zoning Ordinance. Motion carried.

Motion by Frederick, supported by Buiskool to accept the recommendation of the Zoning Board for first reading of Ordinance #207 and set second reading and adoption for September 10, 2007 on the text changes to Section 120.410 B (7) and (8) Accessory Buildings of the Zoning Ordinance. Motion carried.

Motion by Sytsma, supported by Frederick to accept for first reading and set second reading and adoption for September 10, 2007, the Land Division Ordinance amendments that platting procedure changes requiring submissions, no later than 21 days prior to the Township Board meeting, which the request for approval is to be heard and to submit not less than 10 legible copies of proposed preliminary plat. Motion carried.

Motion by DeHaan, supported by Buiskool to accept for first reading and set second reading and adoption for September 10, 2007, the Site Condominium Procedure changes requiring submissions, no later than 21 days prior to the Township Board meeting, which the request for approval is to be heard and to submit not less than 10 legible copies of proposed preliminary plan. Motion carried.

Motion by Frederick, supported by Buiskool to accept for first reading and set second reading and adoption for September 10, 2007, the Trespass Ordinance amendments repealing D, and adopting a new Section D. Motion carried.

Motion by Schiedel, supported by DeHaan to accept for first reading and set second reading and adoption for September 10, 2007, the amendments to the Noxious Weed Control Ordinance to amend Paragraphs 1, 2, and 4c and d of Section D of the Ordinance. Motion carried.

The board discussed a request for a monetary contribution to support the Local Housing Assistance Fund from the City of Kalamazoo.

Motion by Sorensen, supported by DeHaan to have the Township Attorney review the request for a contribution from the City of Kalamazoo to the Local Housing Assistance Fund and give a recommendation at the September 10, 2007 Board Meeting. Motion carried.

The three proposals to repair the township complex by building an extension on valley in back of the complex roof and to replace and repair four doors on the complex were reviewed. The proposal amounts were \$9,180.00, \$5,880.00, and \$4,812.00 for the material and labor. None of the proposals included painting.

Motion by DeHaan, supported by Sytsma to accept low bid from George Kibler Construction in the amount of \$4,812.00. Motion carried.

The Township Board is looking at several drafts of Outdoor Furnace Ordinances. The consensus of the board is to review as many as possible and then draft an ordinance that would serve the township best.

Motion by Sytsma, supported by Schiedel to accept interest report for the 2006/2007 Fiscal Year. Motion carried.

Motion by Sorensen, supported by Frederick to allow Mr. William Topp to use his reserved grave for his single adult son with the condition that Mr. William Topp be cremated and buried in the same grave as his wife and that his single adult son continue to reside in Cooper Township. Motion carried.

Motion by Sorensen, supported by Schiedel to appoint the Supervisor and employee Julie Muller to work on the 2010 Census. Motion carried.

Motion by Frederick, supported by Schiedel to adopt 9-1-1 Funding Resolution that would ask the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners to review the funding for 9-1-1 and increase the present fees pursuant to Act 32 of 1986 sufficient to pay for the service.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None.

Absent: Janssen.

Motion carried. Budget Resolution adopted.

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 13th day of August 2007.

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