

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COOPER CHARTER
TOWNSHIP BOARD HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2007**

The regular meeting of the Cooper Charter Township Board was held on Monday, October 8, 2007 at the Cooper Charter Township Hall, 1590 West D. Avenue, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

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

Members Absent: None.

Also Present: 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 Schiedel, supported by Janssen 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 September 10, 2007 Board Minutes, payment of bills, Building Permit Report, and Ordinance Enforcement Report. Motion carried.

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

The board discussed the purchase of land to the east and south of the East Cooper Cemetery on Riverview Drive and expansion of the cemetery. Parcel "G" to the east is 2.16 acres and Parcel "H" to the south is 1.18 acres. Jeff Chopp the owner of the property has verbally agreed to sell the Township both parcels, the 3.34 acres for \$25,000.00.

Motion by Frederick, supported by Janssen to purchase both parcels for \$25,000.00.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None.

Absent: DeHaan.

Motion carried.

Motion by Frederick, supported by Schiedel to appoint Sheryl Gluchowski and Keith Urban to the Zoning Board of Appeal for a three-year term to expire November of 2010. Motion carried.

Motion by Sytsma, supported by Janssen to adopt Ordinance #206 (amend Section 120.600 lot coverage, repeal 120.120 and add subsection 12 to 120.490); Ordinance #207 (amend subsections 7 & 8 of 120.410); Ordinance #208 (amend land division & site condo); and Ordinance #209 (amend Trespass & Noxious Weed Ordinance).

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None.

Absent: DeHaan.

Motion carried. Ordinances adopted.

Motion by Janssen, supported by Schiedel to adopt the Residential Waste Reduction Ordinance 210 effective April 1, 2008.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None.

Absent: DeHaan.

Motion carried. Ordinance adopted.

Fire Commission and Fire Department Reports were read and discussed.

Cooper Township has received a FEMA Grant in the amount of \$72,905.00 and has started the process of ordering tools and supplies.

The snowplowing bids were reviewed and discussed.

Motion by Sorensen, supported by Frederick to contract with Bladerunners Snowplowing Service for 2007 – 2008 Winter.

Yeas: Sorensen, Buiskool, Frederick, Janssen, Schiedel; Nays: Sytsma; Absent: DeHaan. Motion carried.

Motion by Janssen, supported by Frederick for Elected Officials to attend the 55th Annual Michigan Township Association Educational Conference in Detroit on January 8, through the 11, 2008 with expenses. Motion carried.

Treasurer DeHaan arrived at 7:45 p.m.

Motion by Frederick, supported by Buiskool to accept the 2nd and 3rd Quarter Budget Reports for the 2007-2008 Fiscal Year. Motion carried.

Motion by DeHaan, supported by Janssen for Elected Officials to attend the Michigan Township Association Fire Department Workshop in Lansing on October 15, 2007 with expenses. Motion carried.

Motion by Sorensen, supported by Janssen to purchase the preventative maintenance program for the six M-100 Tabulators for 2007 and 2008. Motion carried.

The board talked at length about the \$72,905.00 FEMA Grant money and the local share requirement. The budget adopted for the 2007-2008 General Fund did not include the grant money or the local share requirement.

Motion by DeHaan, supported by Schiedel to amend the 2007-2008 Fiscal Year General Fund Budget to \$1, 237,203.00 that would include the \$72,905.00 grant money and \$10,000.00 for the local share requirement. 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 8th day of October 2007.

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