

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COOPER CHARTER
TOWNSHIP BOARD HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2007**

The regular meeting of the Cooper Charter Township Board was held on Monday, December 10, 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 seven 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 Janssen, supported by Buiskool to approve the consent agenda consisting of November 12, 14, and 19, 2007 Board Minutes, Payment of Bills, Building Permit Report, Ordinance Enforcement Report, Michigan State University Extension Kalamazoo County Partner Newsletter, Kalamazoo Nature Center Annual Deer Cull Letter, and Charter Communications High Definition Channel Notice. Motion carried.

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

The board discussed the tax tribunal case with Land & Company that was transferred to Cooper's Landing LLC & Cooper's Landing #2 LLC. The TCV in dispute is approximately 2.4 million. The Township Assessor has requested that the Township Attorney review the documents and make changes as needed for this tribunal and also attend the prehearing conference with the Assessor.

Motion by Sorensen, supported by Sytsma for the Township Attorney to assist the Township Assessor with the Tax Tribunal Case with Cooper's Landing & Cooper's Landing #2 LLC. Motion carried.

A request from Cherity Keyzer to split the south 25 feet off of her Lot 212 (3902-26-351-380) and combine it with Lot 213 of Supervisors Plat of Whiteman Plat. Cherity Keyzer is the owner of Lots 211 and 212, Mr. James Baker is the owner of Lot 213 and would be combining to his lot the south 25 feet of Lot 212.

Motion by Frederick, supported by Buiskool to approve the split of the south 25 feet of Lot 212 and combining it with Mr. Baker's Lot 213 contingent upon receiving new correct Deeds for each party. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Frederick, supported by Schiedel to sell old equipment, old pagers, portables, mobile, and other miscellaneous items, on eBay with the revenue going into the Township General Fund.

The Board discussed the 9-1-1 Dispatch Agreement between Kalamazoo County and Cooper Township and the request for payment of \$2,378.39 from the County.

Motion by Frederick, supported by Janssen to table the 9-1-1 Dispatch Agreement between Kalamazoo County and Cooper Township and bring it back at the January 14, 2008 Board Meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Frederick, supported by Buiskool to approve increase in grave opening and closing fees effective January 1, 2008. Motion carried.

Motion by Janssen, supported by Sorensen to authorize the Clerk to sign the renewal premium cost valuation insurance forms. Motion carried.

Motion by Frederick, supported by Schiedel to approve list of the 2008 paid Holidays for staff. Motion carried.

Motion by Sorensen, supported by Frederick to set date for a Special Board Meeting to hold 2008-2009 Budget Workshop for Tuesday, December 18, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. Motion carried.

Motion by Frederick, supported by Schiedel to approve a request from the Assistant Assessor for payment of her Level II Assessing Certification and membership dues. Motion carried.

Motion by DeHaan, supported by Janssen to adopt the Receiving Board Resolution to appoint a Receiving Board for the January 15, 2008 Election and all future elections.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carried. Resolution adopted.

The Township Attorney issued a written opinion of the proposed Charter Communications Franchise Agreement. She also sent a letter to Charter Communications explaining that the proposed agreement as presented was incorrect and inaccurate.

Motion by DeHaan, Supported by Sorensen to reject Charter Communications proposed Franchise Agreement due to incorrect and inaccurate material that was submitted by Charter Communications did not meet the requirements by the Uniform Video Service Local Franchise Act as stated in the letter sent to Charter Communications from the Township Attorney dated November 28, 2007.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carried.

Motion by Frederick, supported by Janssen to adopt by Resolution an amendment to the Township's existing Group Pension Plan to change normal retirement age for the Group Pension Plan from age 65 to 55 and to add the In Service Withdrawal Provision at the Normal Retirement Age.

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 8:15 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 10th day of December 2007.

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