

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
COOPER CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD HELD ON NOVEMBER 10, 2011**

A special meeting of the Cooper Charter Township Board was held on Thursday, November 10, 2011 at the Cooper Charter Township Small Meeting Room, 1590 West D. Avenue, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

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

**Members Absent:** None.

**Also Present:** Tom Armintrout, Burnham and Flower Agency

The Supervisor called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The Clerk informed the Board that due and proper notice of the special meeting had been posted according to law.

Motion by Schiedel, supported by Janssen to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Tom Armintrout presented information on Senate Bill No. 7 of 2011 "Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act". The board discussed the three options: 1) Opt out and continue to offer health care coverage to the Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer and one full-time employee at Township expense; 2) Hard cap option that would require the official/employee to pay the insurance premium amount over \$5,500.00 for a single person coverage, \$11,000.00 for two person coverage, and \$15,000.00 for family coverage per year; 3) The 80/20 provision where the township could elect not to pay more than 80% of the total annual cost of the medical benefit plan it offers, with the employee paying 20% of the benefit.

A lengthy discussion ensued. It was pointed out that this new law does not include benefits provided to retired employees. The Act has penalties for failing to comply with the Act or opting out of the Act's requirements which involves a 10% reduction in statutory revenue sharing from the State. The township does not receive statutory revenue sharing so no penalty could be assessed to the township.

**Motion by Vlietstra, supported by Janssen to approve the “80/20” Health Insurance Contribution Plan effective January 1, 2012. Motion carried.**

**Request from Thomas and Sarah Hildebrand, 2725 West B. Avenue to combine Spruce Hill Outlot “B” (3902-08-126-015) owned by the township with metes and bounds Parcel (3902-08-130-004) owned by the Hildebrands to resolve a land locked piece of property was discussed.**

**Motion by Janssen, supported by Buiskool to approve the combination of Parcel 3902-08-126-015 (Spruce Hill Outlot “B”) and 3902-08-130-004 for Thomas and Sarah Hildebrand, 2725 West B. Avenue. Motion carried.**

**Motion by Sytsma, supported by Vlietstra to adopt a Resolution designating Bert Gale as Building and Electrical Official, Charles Girolami as Plumbing Official, and Henry Winchester as Mechanical Official for Cooper Charter Township enforcing under the provisions of the State construction Code Act.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

**No: None.**

**Absent: None.**

**Motion carried. Resolutions adopted.**

**Motion by Sorensen, supported by Janssen to participate with Kalamazoo County for Pictometry aerial photography of Kalamazoo County in 2012. Motion carried.**

**Treasurer DeHaan reported to the board that she will be assuming the duties of Deputy Treasurer for Oshtemo Charter Township for a period of approximately three months while the Oshtemo Treasurer is out on leave with her husband who is ill.**

**There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned.**

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**Bonnie L. Sytsma, Clerk**

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**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 foregoing 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of November 2011.**

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