

**COOPER CHARTER TOWNSHIP
KALAMAZOO COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON ESTIMATED COSTS AND SPECIAL
ASSESSMENT FOR COLLECTION, DISPOSAL AND RECYCLING OF
SOLID WASTE**

**TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF COOPER,
KALAMAZOO COUNTY, MICHIGAN AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:**

WHEREAS, the Supervisor of the Charter Township of Cooper, Kalamazoo County, Michigan, has prepared an estimate of the cost of collection, disposal and recycling of solid waste for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2017 in the amount of \$174,000.00 and a proposed special assessment roll to raise approximately \$142,000.00 by special assessment at a rate of \$39.25 against each residential property specially benefited within the Cooper Charter Township Solid Waste Special Assessment District, to recover the estimated costs, with the balance to be paid by appropriation from the General Fund of the Township, and the Township Board has tentatively determined, consistent with past practice, that the special assessments and general fund appropriation would be reasonable and just and has called a hearing to review the special assessment roll and general fund appropriations, and to hear objections,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Cooper Township Board will hold a public hearing to review the estimated costs, the proposed special assessment roll, and the proposed appropriation from the General Fund of the Township and to hear any objections thereto at the Cooper Charter Township Hall, 1590 West D. Avenue within the Township, at 7:00 p.m. on the 8th day of May, 2017.

In future years, the Township Board will determine the cost of collection, disposal and recycling of solid waste, and the amount to be specially assessed for that purpose, at a hearing on the second Monday in May of each year, at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall. Mailed notice will not be given unless the boundaries of the Special Assessment District are changed.

Written protest at or before this hearing is required in order to appeal a special assessment to the State Tax Tribunal. An owner or party in interest may appear in person or by representative at the hearing to protest the special assessment in writing, or may file his or her written protest by letter in advance of the hearing. If a special assessment is confirmed, the owner or any persons having an interest in the real property specially assessed may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the State Tax Tribunal of Michigan within thirty (30) days of the confirmation of the special assessment roll if that special assessment was protested in writing at or before the public hearing. For more information, see Act 188 of the Public Acts of 1954, as amended.

Cooper Charter Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers of the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon four (4) days notice to Cooper Charter Township. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Township by writing or calling the Township.

Copies of the estimated cost, a map of the district, and the proposed special assessment roll may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk at the address set forth below during regular business hours on regular business days until the date of the hearing, and will be available for examination at the hearing. All interested parties are invited to be present at the hearing.

**DeAnna Janssen, CLERK
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