

**THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF COOPER**  
**Township Board Meeting**  
**July 10, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Cooper Charter Township Board was held on Monday, July 10, 2017 at the Cooper Charter Township Hall, 1590 West D. Avenue, Kalamazoo MI.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Supervisor, Jeff Sorensen  
Clerk, DeAnna Janssen  
Treasurer, Carol DeHaan  
Trustee, Brenda Buiskool  
Trustee, Bob Schiedel  
Trustee, Fred Vlietstra  
Trustee, Jim Frederick

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

Also present were Township Fire Chief Terry Emig and approximately 15 interested people.

Supervisor Sorensen called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and all joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Items on the consent agenda were:

- a. Minutes of June 12, 2017 Meeting
- b. Receipts and Disbursements Report
- c. Par Plan Letter re: dividend check for \$907.25
- d. Area Agency on Aging Region 111-A FY 2018 Annual Implementation Plan

The board and citizens were asked if they wanted to have any items removed from the consent agenda. There were none.

Motion by Buiskool, supported by Vlietstra to approve the consent agenda. Motion Carried 7-0.

**ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA:** None

Motion by Schiedel, supported by Frederick to approve the agenda. Motion Carried 7-0.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:** Ron Kendall, Kalamazoo County Commissioner answered questions about a possible Senior Millage and a possible county wide Styrofoam recycling program.

**KALAMAZOO COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION PRESENTATION:** Mark Worden of the Road Commission presented facts to the Board and audience in the form of a yearly report.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS:** Chief Emig reported that the new fire truck was approaching completion and reiterated the need for the public to be cautious approaching an accident scene. Fire/rescue personnel are at great risk when drivers aren't paying attention.

**COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS MEDICAL MARIJUANA OPT IN/OUT DECISION:**

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by Buiskool to Opt-Out. Motion Carried 7-0.

**DISCUSSION – 1% MILLAGE ROLLBACK:** DeHaan and Janssen provided previously requested information to the board regarding the expense, date requirements, and possible monetary benefits of placing the Headlee Rollback questions on the May 2018 Election.

**CONSIDERATION OF 1<sup>ST</sup> QTR EXPENSE VS REVENUE REPORT FOR APPROVAL:** Motion by DeHaan, supported by Buiskool to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter Expense vs Revenue Report. Motion Carried 7-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT 2016/2017 COOPER TOWNSHIP AUDIT FOR APPROVAL:** Motion by Schiedel, supported by Frederick to approve the Draft Audit. Motion Carried 7-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR KATS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN – NON-MOTORIZED ELEMENT:**

Motion by Frederick, supported by Janssen to adopt the resolution by Roll Call Vote:

AYE – Sorensen, DeHaan, Janssen, Frederick, Vlietstra, Buiskool, Schiedel

NAY – none.

ABSENT – none.

Motion Carried 7-0.

**DISCUSSION ON KALAMAZOO COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION – RIVERFRONT PARK:**

Janssen, DeHaan, and Sorensen provided information from a discussion they had with Kalamazoo County Parks Director David Rachowicz about the possibility of a joint effort to make improvements to the Township owned property between the Kalamazoo River and the Trail Head Parking on D Avenue.

**TRUSTEE COMMENTS:**

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

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DeAnna Janssen, Clerk

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Attested by: Jeff R. Sorensen, Supervisor

I, the undersigned DeAnna Janssen, 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 July 2017.

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DeAnna Janssen, Clerk  
Cooper Charter Township