

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF COOPER
Township Board Meeting
August 14, 2017

The regular meeting of the Cooper Charter Township Board was held on Monday, August 14, 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, Jim Frederick

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Trustee, Fred Vlietstra

Also present were Township Fire Chief Terry Emig and approximately 7 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 July 10, 2017 Meeting
- b. Minutes of July 31, 2017 Special Meeting
- c. Receipts and Disbursements Report

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

Motion by Schiedel, supported by Buiskool to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 7-0.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA: Sorensen asked to change item #10 to item #6 after Citizen Comments. Motion by Frederick, supported by Schiedel to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried 7-0.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Four citizens asked questions and commented on the proposed Riverview / Keyes Sewer Project.

DISCUSSION – RURAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT/LOAN FOR PROPOSED RIVERVIEW/KEYES SEWER PROJECT: Sorensen informed the board that 3 engineering companies had been met with to discuss this proposed project. At each meeting, new ideas and information about financing and help for residents came to light. At engineering's suggestion, the executive board is planning to propose a multi-year project that encompasses more of the neighborhoods in the southeast corner of the township.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS – Chief Emig informed us that the new fire truck has arrived and is getting retro fitted and set up for training with the Cooper Firefighters before going into service.

Chief also requested board permission to allow firefighter Jason Emig, who works in City of Otsego, to accept an offer to be a firefighter for them as well as Cooper.

Motion by Sorensen, supported by DeHaan to approve. Motion carried 7-0.

DISCUSSION – SMBA LETTER TO BUILDERS:

Motion by Frederick, supported by Janssen to approve sending letter to builders informing them of the penalties that will be incurred by them if they fail to pull permits for construction projects in Cooper Township. Motion Carried 7-0.

DISCUSSION - AFLAC:

Motion by Sorensen, supported by Frederick to make Aflac available to all fulltime employees and firefighters at their own cost, with payroll deduction through the Township. Motion Carried 7-0.

DISCUSSION – CEMETERY ORDINANCE GRAVE FEE STRUCTURE:

Motion by DeHaan, supported by Buiskool to schedule first reading of the proposed cemetery ordinance amendments to include an increase in burial right fees from zero to \$100.00 per resident. Motion Carried 7-0. First reading is scheduled for September 11, 2017.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS: Frederick asked about the Rod & Gun club complaints that have been coming in regarding the increased noise due to law enforcement training that has become very popular at this facility.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

DeAnna Janssen, Clerk

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 14th day of August 2017.

DeAnna Janssen, Clerk
Cooper Charter Township