

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF COOPER
Township Board Meeting
January 9, 2017

The regular meeting of the Cooper Charter Township Board was held on Monday, January 9, 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, Assistant Chief Klok, Township Attorney Ann Seurync, County Commissioner Ron Kendall, and approximately 12 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. Board Meeting Minutes of December 12, 2016
- b. Receipts and Disbursements Report
- c. Oct/Nov Life EMS Operations Summary
- d. MTA 2017 Education Conference & Expo

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 Frederick to approve the consent agenda. Motion Carried 7-0.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA:

Sorensen added Road Projects 2017 and discussion regarding selling the 1991 Spartan GMC Pumper. Attorney asked to add Resolution 17-90 to re-introduce Ord #242.

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by Buiskool to approve agenda as amended. Motion carried 7-0.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Marc Rowlson inquired about items scheduled to appear on the PC Meeting January 10, 2017.
Brian Koziatek introduced himself as someone who works for the Nature Center and has moved into the Township.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

The Fire Department Reports were read and discussed. Chief Emig and Assistant Chief Klok requested board approval to hire 3 additional firefighters.

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by Schiedel to allow the additions to the fire department roster. Motion carried 7-0.

DISCUSSION OF HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE AGREEMENT RENEWAL:

Motion by Frederick, supported by Vlietstra to approve payment for 2017 in the amount of \$8000.00. Motion carried 7-0.

DISCUSSION AND ACCEPTANCE OF 3RD QUARTER 2016/2017 BUDGET REPORT:

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by DeHaan to accept this report. Motion carried 7-0.

DISCUSSION – PROPOSED SALE OF 1991 SPARTAN GMC PUMPER:

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by Frederick to allow Supervisor to move forward with advertising. Motion carried 7-0.

DISCUSSION ON 2017 ROAD PROJECTS:

Sorensen stated that after touring the 2016 road projects, he will be working with the Kalamazoo County Road Commission to get the following failed 2016 road projects redone at no expense to Cooper Township: East DE Ave, North 23rd Street, East E Ave, Fineview, and possibly West Baseline.

In addition, looking for approval to direct the complete 2017 PAR Funds towards an HMA Reconstruct on Walkers Ridge Rd and Red Rock Trail.

Motion by Frederick, supported by Schiedel to allow Supervisor to move forward with these projects. Motion carried 7-0.

REINTRODUCE ORDINANCE 242 WITH RESOLUTION 17-90 FOR FIRST READING:

Motion by DeHaan, supported by Vlietstra to adopt. Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Vlietstra, Frederick, Janssen, DeHaan, Schiedel, Buiskool, Sorensen

No: none

Absent: none

Motion carried 7-0.

CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ATTORNEYS OPINION:

Motion by Buiskool, supported by Frederick to go into closed session. Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Vlietstra, Frederick, Janssen, DeHaan, Schiedel, Buiskool, Sorensen

No: none

Absent: none

Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Buiskool, supported by Vlietstra to come out of closed session. Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Vlietstra, Frederick, Janssen, DeHaan, Schiedel, Buiskool, Sorensen

No: none

Absent: none

Motion carried 7-0.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS: Frederick made mention that he was looking forward to the Joint Meeting on 01/10/2017. Discussion ensued.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.

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 9th day of January, 2017.

DeAnna Janssen, Clerk
Cooper Charter Township