

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COOPER CHARTER
TOWNSHIP BOARD HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Cooper Charter Township Board was held on Monday, November 9, 2015 at the Cooper Charter Township Hall, 1590 West D. Avenue, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

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

Members Absent: None.

Also Present: Approximately sixteen interested persons.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by all joining in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion by Janssen, supported by Buiskool to approve the consent agenda consisting of October 12, 2015 Board Minutes, Payment of Bills, and Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Motion by Schiedel, supported by Janssen to approve agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Citizens were offered an opportunity to address the board regarding subjects not on the agenda.

A question on burning after dark and who to call to have the fire put out was discussed. The Kalamazoo County Sheriff's non-emergency telephone number was given to the audience as a call number if the fire is after Township office hours.

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by Janssen to adopt by Resolution the consolidation and restatement of the retirement plan documents to accommodate Internal Revenue Service regulatory changes.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carried. Resolution Adopted.

Motion by Janssen, supported by DeHaan to approve the combination of lots 228 (Parcel #3902-26-351-660) and 229 (Parcel #3902-26-351-670) of Supervisors Plat of Whiteman for Steven and Terry Vandiver, 1896 Roosevelt. Motion carried.

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by Buiskool to accept the 2nd quarter 2015/2016 Fiscal Year Budget Report for information. Motion carried.

Motion by Schiedel, supported by Vlietstra to set the Bulk Pick-up dates for spring as April 18, 2016 and fall as September 26, 2016. Motion carried.

The Fire Department Reports were read and discussed. The Fire Chief and Assistant Chief recommended promotions for firefighters Emig, Klok, Gregory, and Hoyt. The hours of classroom education and training underscores the dedication and determination that the firefighters have shown. The Township Board expressed their appreciation for the time and efforts that the firefighters have given to make the fire department outstanding.

Motion by Schiedel, supported by Janssen to accept the recommendation from the Fire Chief and Assistant Chief to promote Jason Emig from Lieutenant to Captain and Darrick Gregory, Jason Klok, and Chris Hoyt to Lieutenant effective December 1, 2015. Motion carried.

Motion by Buiskool, supported by Janssen to accept a draft of the 2016/2017 General Fund Budget and set the Public Hearing on the 2016/2017 General Fund Budget for February 8, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Motion by Sytsma, supported by Schiedel to sign the letter of understanding for an additional \$450.00 paid to the Household Hazardous Waste Program for Cooper Township participation. Motion carried.

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

Bonnie L. Sytsma, Clerk

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 9th day of November 2015.

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