<u>MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COOPER CHARTER
TOWNSHIP BOARD HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2016</u>

The regular meeting of the Cooper Charter Township Board was held on Monday,
January 11, 2016 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 eleven 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 Schiedel, supported by Vlietstra to approve the consent agenda consisting of
December 14, 2015 Board Minutes, Payment of Bills, Treasurer's Report and Advisory
Letter from State of Michigan on Video/Cable changes.   Motion carried.

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

Motion by Janssen, supported by Buiskool to adopt Ordinance No. 235 by Resolution 16 –
73 to rezone parcel No. 3902-31-476-020, 3902-31-476-031, and 3902-31-476-039 with an
address of 5161 and 5011 N. 14th Street from "R-5" (High Density Residential) to "R-3"
(Single and Two Family Residential) for Mark Vlietstra and to amend the Zoning District
Map.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carried. Ordinance Adopted.

Motion by DeHaan, supported by Janssen to adopt Ordinance No. 236 by Resolution 16 – 74 to amend the Junk Dealers, Junk Yards and Places for Dismantling of Automobiles Ordinance (Ordinance No. 1) to make violations punishable as a municipal civil infraction; to specify civil sanctions for violation of the Ordinance and to repeal all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: **None.**

Absent: **None.**

Motion carried. Ordinance Adopted.

A letter from Mr. and Mrs. Roland Redmond to bury a non-taxpaying resident in the West Cooper Cemetery was discussed. The board discussed the number of requests to bury non-taxpaying residents and that the board sympathizes with the families but need to keep cemetery land for taxpaying residents.

Motion by DeHaan, supported by Vlietstra to follow out present Cemetery Ordinance that only taxpaying residents may be buried in the Township Cemetery. Motion carried.

Citizens were offered an opportunity to address the board.

Mr. Marc Rowlson, 9979 North 17th Street thanked the board for having the trash that was left by someone on West C Avenue picked up.

Fire Department Reports were read and discussed.

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by DeHaan to accept the 2015 Basic Fire Data Report and the Year End Truck Report for information. Motion carried.

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by Janssen to approve the six-month suspension for firefighter Fouch for not making drill quota. Motion carried.

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by Janssen to adopt by Resolution the addition of Alamo Township to the Kalamazoo Valley Intergovernmental Ambulance Agreement.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carried.

Motion by Janssen, supported by Buiskool to accept the 3rd Quarter Expense Budget Report for 2015-2016. Motion carried.

The Public Hearing for the 2016/2017 Fiscal Year General Fund and Special Fund Budgets was discussed.

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

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  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 11th day of January 2016.

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Bonnie L. Sytsma, Clerk
Cooper Charter Township