

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF COOPER
Township Board Meeting
June 12, 2017

The regular meeting of the Cooper Charter Township Board was held on Monday, June 12, 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 6 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 May 8, 2017 Meeting
- b. Receipts and Disbursements Report
- c. Michigan Township Association Dues Invoice
- d. 1st Quarter Report for Constellation Trust

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

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA: Supervisor would like to add two items. Discussion on new well, and appointments to the Planning Commission and ZBA.

Motion by Vlietstra supported by Frederick to amend the agenda. Motion Carried 7-0.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Marty Janssen from the KCTA with general information regarding the Central Transit Authority.
Jim Hanson spoke and expressed his dissatisfaction with the work the KCRC is doing.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

The Fire Department Reports were read and discussed. Chief Emig asked for the boards consideration in looking into a new light bar for one of the trucks. He also asked for approval to have a medical group do Titer Testing on all the firefighters. In addition, he was asking options for charging for rescues on the river.

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by Frederick to get the Titer Testing done on all department members at \$38.00 per person. Motion Carried 7-0.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION SUPPORTING STATE OF MICHIGAN REPLACEMENT ELECTIONS EQUIPMENT GRANT APPLICATION:

Motion by DeHaan, supported by Schiedel to adopt Resolution.

Roll Call Vote:

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

NO – None

Absent – None

Motion Carried, Resolution Adopted.

DISCUSSION – 1% MILLAGE ROLLBACK: Discussion about need/process of putting a proposal on the May 2018 Ballot to roll the township millage line item back to 1%. Attorney said that the Rollback is basically just restoring the assessment back to its original amount. Treasurer and Clerk were directed to get some more information about amount that would be collected with this possible change and what, if any, cost the township would incur for placing a proposal on the ballot.

DISCUSSION – RIVERVIEW / KEYES SPECIAL ASSESSMENT VIA BOARD ACTION VS CITIZEN PETITION: Discussion about process of creating a special assessment via Township Board Initiative. Other information provided was that this would affect approximately 181 homes/201 parcels. The Road Commission has agreed to partner with this project to help reduce the cost to the residents. The project is currently being considered for a 2019 construction date.

MTA PRINCIPLES OF GOVERNMENT PLEDGE:

Pledge was read by supervisor to the board. Motion by Buiskool, supported by Schiedel to sign the pledge.

Motion Carried 7-0

APPOINTMENTS TO PLANNING COMMISSION AND ZBA:

Motion by DeHaan, supported by Frederick to approve the appointment of Chad Crosby to the Cooper Township Planning Commission to complete the remaining term of Larry Stehouwer, ending April 2020, and to appoint David Fooy to the Cooper Township ZBA as an Alternate with a term ending June 2020.

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by Janssen to appoint Fooy. Motion Carried 7-0.

PROPOSED PURCHASE OF NEW WELL: Due to rotting connections, Rice Well Services were called for some emergency repairs to the well. Rice Well Services also informed the township that the well casing was rotten and needs replacing. The well was dug in 1980.

Motion by DeHaan, supported by Frederick to replace the well at a cost of \$6019.00 by Rice Well Services.

Motion Carried 7-0.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS:

Frederick asked how the road meeting regarding Douglas and D avenue intersection went. The Supervisor said that the road commission plans to put turning lanes on all four sides of the intersection (without widening the road), but also add curbing that is currently absent. June 26th is the next meeting with the affected businesses.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

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 12th day of June 2017.

DeAnna Janssen, Clerk
Cooper Charter Township