

**THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF COOPER**  
**Township Board Meeting**  
**September 11, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Cooper Charter Township Board was held on Monday, September 11, 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  
Trustee, Fred Vlietstra

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** none

Also present were Township Fire Chief Terry Emig and approximately 4 interested people.

Supervisor Sorensen called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and all joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Sorensen called for a moment of Silence to commemorate the 16<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 911 Attack.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Items on the consent agenda were:

- a. Minutes of August 14, 2017 Meeting
- b. 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 Vlietstra to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 7-0.

**ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA:** none

Motion by Brenda, supported by Vlietstra to approve the agenda. Motion carried 7-0.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:** none

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Chief Emig informed the board that the new Fire Truck has been delivered and is located in House 1.

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by Frederick to approve the Fire Stats report for information.

Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Schiedel, supported by Frederick to approve the Cripps Fontaine Estimate for property improvements to the back part of House 2 property. Motion carried 7-0.

**APPROVAL TO LEVY THE FOLLOWING ON THE 2017 WINTER TAX BILL:**

- a) Levy 1% PTAF and 3% Penalty; waive penalty for Senior Citizens.
- b) Levy 0.8549 for Township Tax.
- c) Levy \$39.25 per Household for collection, disposal, and recycling of Solid Waste.
- d) Levy .5800 mills per thousand for Street Light District.
- e) Levy Collingwood & G. Avenue, Riverview Industrial, Henshaw/Moffett Sewer, and Delinquent Special Assessments on the Tax Roll.

f) Reaffirm Investment Policy.

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by DeHaan to approve the addition of all the above on the Winter 2017 Tax Bill.

Roll call vote:

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

NO: None

ABSENT: None

Motion Carried.

**RESOLUTION 17-94 TO INTRODUCE – PROPOSED CEMETERY ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS**

Motion by Janssen, supported by Schiedel to adopt Resolution 17-94 and to set Second Reading for October 9, 2017. Roll call vote:

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

NO: None

ABSENT: None

Motion Carried. Resolution Adopted

**DISCUSSION – RFP FROM GULL LAKE SEWER AND WATER**

Motion by Frederick, supported by Vlietstra to approve the RFP for distribution to Prein & Newhoff, Fleis & Vandenbrink, and Wightman & Associates. Motion Carried 7-0.

**DISCUSSION – PROPOSED STATE LAWS REGARDING SHORT-TERM RENTAL PROPERTIES**

Motion by DeHaan, supported by Schiedel to adopt a resolution similar to Texas Townships Short Term Rental Properties Resolution, to be created and signed as soon as possible.

Roll call Vote:

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

NO: None

ABSENT: None

Motion Carried. Resolution Adopted

**DISCUSSION – ROD AND GUN CLUB**

Additional information provided regarding the club's most current activities of providing space for law enforcement training on the property. Resident complaints continue to come in and more information should be available when the case that Attorney Homier is involved in is completed. The office will continue to research for accurate dates regarding the purchase of the involved properties.

**TRUSTEE COMMENTS:**

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

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DeAnna Janssen, Clerk

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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 11<sup>th</sup> day of September 2017.

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DeAnna Janssen, Clerk  
Cooper Charter Township