

**THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF COOPER**  
**Township Board Meeting**  
**October 9, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Cooper Charter Township Board was held on Monday, October 9, 2017 at the Cooper Charter Township Hall, 1590 West D. Avenue, Kalamazoo MI.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Supervisor, Jeff Sorensen  
Clerk, DeAnna Janssen  
Trustee, Brenda Buiskool  
Trustee, Bob Schiedel  
Trustee, Jim Frederick  
Trustee, Fred Vlietstra

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Treasurer, Carol DeHaan

Also present was Township Fire Chief Terry Emig and approximately 8 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 September 11, 2017 Meeting
- b. Receipts and Disbursements Report
- c. Re-Approval of AT&T Franchise Agreement thru 2028

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 6-0.

**ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA:** Grant match request added to fire report agenda line by Sorensen.

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by Buiskool to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried 6-0.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

Resident Shirley Collins, 1454 West C Avenue presented a letter to the Township Board (read by Sorensen) regarding missing speed limit signs on West C Avenue.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Chief Emig reported on State of Michigan EMS Protocol changes and Fire Department Open House at Station 2 on Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. Sorensen reported that Assistant Chief Klok would like to request a match for grant funds received from the Kalamazoo County Fire Chiefs Association.

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by Frederick to approve the \$1022.00 grant match funds for the 28 new pagers and 1 docking station, and the \$1680.00 for extended warranties. Motion carried 6-0.

**ACCEPT 2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER 2017/2018 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET REPORT**

Motion by Buiskool, supported by Schiedel to accept the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2017/2018 Fiscal Year Budget Report for information. Motion carried 6-0.

**RESOLUTION 17-104 TO ADOPT CEMETERY ORDINANCE NO. 244 AMENDING CEMTERY ORDINANCE NO. 237 INCLUDING THE ELIMINATION OF FREE BURIAL RIGHTS**

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by Frederick to adopt Resolution 17-104. Roll call vote:

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

NO: None

ABSENT: DeHaan

Motion Carried. Resolution Adopted

**RESOLUTION 17-103 TO SET FEE SCHEDULE FOR CEMETERY ORDINANCE**

Motion by Schiedel, supported by Buiskool to adopt Resolution 17-103. Roll call vote:

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

NO: None

ABSENT: DeHaan

Motion Carried. Resolution Adopted

**RESOLUTION 17-102 TO INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO 245, AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT AMENDMENTS TO THE TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUDING THE ADDITION OF REGULATIONS REGARDING SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS**

Motion by Frederick, supported by Janssen to adopt Resolution 17-102. Roll call vote:

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

NO: None

ABSENT: DeHaan

Motion Carried. Resolution Adopted

**RESOLUTION 17-101 TO WAIVE INTEREST AND PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO FILE A PROPERTY TRANSFER AFFIDAVIT**

Motion by Janssen, supported by Vlietstra to adopt Resolution 17-101. Roll call vote:

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

NO: None

ABSENT: DeHaan

Motion Carried. Resolution Adopted

**RESOLUTION 17-100 POVERTY EXEMPTION**

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by Buiskool to adopt Resolution 17-100. Roll call vote:

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

NO: None

ABSENT: DeHaan

Motion Carried. Resolution Adopted

**RESOLUTION 17-99 TO WAIVE 1% INTEREST ON DEFERRED SUMMER TAXES PAID AFTER FEBRUARY 14**

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by Buiskool to adopt Resolution 17-99. Roll call vote:

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

NO: None

ABSENT: DeHaan

Motion Carried. Resolution Adopted

**RESOLUTION 17-98 TO WAIVE 3% LATE PENALTY CHARGES**

Motion by Frederick, supported by Buiskool to adopt Resolution 17-98. Roll call vote:

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

NO: None

ABSENT: DeHaan

Motion Carried. Resolution Adopted

**RESOLUTION 17-96 TO ADOPT 80%/20% EMPLOYER/EMPLOYEE HEALTH CARE COST OPTION AS SET FORTH IN 2011 PUBLIC ACT 152, THE PUBLICLY FUNDED HEALTH INSURANCE CONTRIBUTION ACT.**

Motion by Schiedel, supported by Vlietstra to adopt Resolution 17-96. Roll call vote:

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

NO: None

ABSENT: None

Motion Carried. Resolution Adopted

**REVIEW / APPROVAL OF SMBA BUDGET**

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by Schiedel to approve the 2018 SMBA Budget. Motion Carried 6-0.

**DISCUSSION – CYPRUS CREEK**

**DISCUSSION – ALAMO TOWNSHIP**

Motion by Schiedel, supported by Vlietstra to allow the Clerk & Deputy Clerk to assist Alamo Township with their November 2017 Election and to bill them appropriately for the hours of the Deputy Clerk. Motion Carried 6-0.

**TRUSTEE COMMENTS:**

Trustee Frederick mentioned some concerns regarding continued road work needed.

Resident comments regarding continued activities at the Kalamazoo Rod and Gun Club.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.

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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 9<sup>th</sup> day of October 2017.

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DeAnna Janssen, Clerk  
Cooper Charter Township