

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

The regular meeting of the Cooper Charter Township Board was held on Monday, December 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 was Fire Chief Terry Emig, Township Zoning Administrator Russ Wicklund, and approximately 5 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 November 13, 2017 Meeting
- b. Receipts and Disbursements Report
- c. Gull Lake Sewer & Water Authority Audit
- d. Letter of Support – Southwest Michigan Prosperity Committee
- e. Accept letter from Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Office

The board and citizens were asked if they wanted to have any items removed from the consent agenda. There were none. Motion by Frederick, supported by Buiskool to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 7-0.

**ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA:**

Supervisor Sorensen asked to add 3 items to the agenda. Increase in Attorney Fees, Purchase of Land, and Appointment of new Ordinance Enforcement Officer.

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

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

Questions about Coggin Farms recycled material composting and where that material is being placed in light of other problems happening in Michigan. Re-iterated request to have well testing done on the Coggin Farms properties.

Comment that the speed limit monitoring trailer didn't work 100% of the time when placed on C Avenue.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

Chief Emig requested permission to hire two new fire fighters to replace the two retirees. Motion by Vlietstra, supported by Schiedel to approve the request. Motion carried 7-0.

Chief Emig also requested that the current burn permit process be revised to only allow 7 days of burning instead of 30 days of burning. Request will be considered.

**PRESENTATIONS TO ROBERT DECOSTER AND JEREMY COCHRAN:**

Retiree Certificates of Appreciation for Robert DeCoster and Jeremy Cochran for years of service to the Cooper Township Fire Department.

**PRESENTATION OF UPDATED MASTER PLAN BY ZONING ADMINISTRATOR:**

Motion by DeHaan, supported by Schiedel to approve the draft of the updated Master Plan and present it to the surrounding districts for their 63-day review. Motion carried 7-0.

**DISCUSSED – SOLAR FARM LEASE:**

Motion by DeHaan, support by Vlietstra to sign the lease agreement with Harvest Energy Solutions. Motion carried 7-0.

**APPOINTED LAWRENCE ROOT TO BOARD OF REVIEW**

Motion by Frederick, support by Vlietstra to appoint Larry Root to the Cooper Township Board of Review for a 2-year term. Motion carried 7-0.

**DISCUSSED PROPOSED INCREASE IN ATTORNEYS HOURLY FEE:**

Motion by Frederick, supported by Janssen to approve the increase in Attorney Homiers’ hourly fee from \$190.00 per hour to \$200.00 per hour. Motion carried 7-0.

**DISCUSSED HIRING OF NEW ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:**

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by Buiskool to allow the executive board to make a decision after continued discussion. Motion carried 7-0.

**DISCUSSED THE PURCHASE OF LAND:**

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by Buiskool to approve the purchase of ½ acre property adjacent to Cooper Fire Station #2 for \$48,000.00. Motion carried 7-0.

**TRUSTEE COMMENTS:**

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

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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 December 2017.

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DeAnna Janssen, Clerk  
Cooper Charter Township