

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF COOPER
Township Board Meeting
April 9, 2018

The regular meeting of the Cooper Charter Township Board was held on Monday, April 9, 2018 at the Cooper Charter Township Hall, 1590 West D. Avenue, Kalamazoo MI.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

Also present was Chief Emig and approximately 5 interested people. Supervisor Sorensen called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and all joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Items on the consent agenda were:

- a. Minutes of March 13, 2018 Meeting
- b. Receipts and Disbursements Report
- c. Treasurer's Interest Report for 2017/2018 Fiscal Year

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 Buiskool to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 7-0.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA: Janssen asked to add the May Election (12b) as a topic of discussion and Sorensen asked to add the Dark Store Topic (12a) to the Agenda.

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

None

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS & STATS Chief Emig spoke about Image Trend for fire department state reporting options. More information will be forthcoming, from the chief, regarding price.

Motion by DeHaan, supported by Vlietstra to accept the FD Reports. Motion carried 7-0

RANSOM DISTRICT LIBRARY BOARD RE-APPOINTMENT:

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by Frederick to reappoint Tom Klein to the Ransom District Library Board for another 4 year term to expire May 2022. Motion carried 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-118 ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE TOWNSHIP MASTER PLAN

Motion by Frederick, supported by Buiskool to Adopt Resolution 18-118.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None

Absent: None

Motion carried 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-119 ADOPTING CONSUMERS ENERGY ELECTRIC FRANCHISE RENEWAL ORDINANCE No. 246

Motion by DeHaan, supported by Janssen to Adopt Resolution 18-119.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None

Absent: None

Motion carried 7-0.

SET MAY 14, 2018 FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS – STREET LIGHT AND SOLID WASTE

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by Schiedel to set May 14, 2018 for the Street Light and Solid Waste Public Hearings.

Motion carried 7-0

2017/2018 FISCAL YEAR 4TH QUARTER BUDGET REPORT

Motion by Frederick, supported by Schiedel to approve 2017/2018 Fiscal Year 4th Quarter Budget Report.

Motion carried 7-0.

UPDATE ON TAX FORCLOSURES –

Sorensen presented the board with addresses that have been flagged by the county due to tax foreclosure. He suggests raising these properties. They include 5814 N 20th, 5631 N 20th, 5188 Keyes, and 1926 Travis Rd. More information will be provided at the May meeting.

“DARK STORE” DISCUSSION AND REQUEST FOR FUNDS

Motion by Schiedel, supported by Vlietstra, to approve sending \$500.00 to the City of Escanaba to help fund this project. Motion carried 7-0.

MAY 2018 ELECTION

Motion by Schiedel, supported by Vlietstra to allow Richland Township to run Cooper Townships portion of the May 2018 Election. Motion passed 7-0

TRUSTEE COMMENTS: Frederick asked about the Homeless Aid Millage, (passed a few years ago) has helped the homeless in Kalamazoo County in light of the proposed Senior Millage coming up in the August Election. Janssen also mentioned that the State would be holding a hearing this week regarding changing the Veterans Exemption from property taxes to income taxes. Buiskool asked about the progress of the northbound trail expansion.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

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 9th day of April 2018.

DeAnna Janssen, Clerk
Cooper Charter Township