

**THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF COOPER**  
**Township Board Meeting**  
**May 14, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Cooper Charter Township Board was held on Monday, May 14, 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, Jim Frederick  
Trustee, Fred Vlietstra  
Trustee, Brenda Buiskool

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Trustee, Bob Schiedel

Also present was Chief Emig, Lieutenant Jeff Baker and approximately 12 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 April 9, 2018 Meeting
- b. Receipts and Disbursements Report
- c. Gull Lake Sewer & Water Authority 2018/2019 Budget
- d. Response to State Proposal for Assessing Reform
- e. Constellation Trust Quarterly Performance Evaluation
- f. KVIAA February/March Summary

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 Vlietstra to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 6-0.

**ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA:** Sorensen added 12A to the Agenda.... Road Commission Discussion. Motion by Buiskool, supported by Vlietstra to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried 6-0.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

Dan Seibert of Paw Paw, running for State Representative – introduced himself to the board.  
Mark Rowlson asked a question of the Supervisor regarding a few properties in the township.  
Lieutenant Jeff Baker introduced himself as a KCSD officer now assigned to Cooper Township.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS & STATS**

**PUBLIC HEARING ON STREET LIGHT DISTRICT:**

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by Frederick to open the Public Hearing on the Township Wide Street Light Special Assessment District. Motion carried 6-0.

Notice of public hearing, affidavit of mailing and proof of publication were presented at the hearing. There were no written or oral comments received prior to the public hearing on the proposed Street Light Special Assessment District. The Supervisor then asked for any public comment.

There was no public comment.

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by Buiskool to close the public hearing. Motion carried 6-0

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by Buiskool to adopt the Street Light Special Assessment District Resolution assessing the sum of approximately \$69,000.00 at a rate of .5800 of a mill levied against the properties benefited by said lighting.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None

Absent: Schiedel

Motion carried. Street Light Special Assessment District Resolution adopted.

### **PUBLIC HEARING ON SOLID WASTE DISTRICT:**

Motion by DeHaan, supported by Vlietstra to open the Public Hearing on the Township Wide Solid Waste Special Assessment District. Motion carried 6-0.

Notice of public hearing, affidavit of mailing and proof of publication were presented at the hearing. There were no written or oral comments received prior to the public hearing on the proposed Solid Waste Special Assessment District. The Supervisor then asked for any public comment.

There was no public comment.

Motion by Frederick, supported by Vlietstra to close the public hearing. Motion carried 6-0

Motion by Buiskool, supported by Frederick to adopt the Solid Waste Special Assessment District Resolution assessing the sum of approximately \$155,719.00 at a rate of \$42.78 against the properties benefited by this solid waste program.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None

Absent: Schiedel

Motion carried. Solid Waste Special Assessment District Resolution adopted.

### **REQUEST TO SPLIT / COMBINE TARKOWSKI PROPERTIES**

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by Frederick to split the noted piece from 3902-36-301-042 and add it to 3902-36-301-061. Motion carried 6-0.

### **DISCUSSION: FLAGS ACROSS KALAMAZOO**

Motion by DeHaan, supported by Frederick to purchase 13 flag subscriptions at \$35 each, to decorate both cemeteries and the bridge during 5 holidays. Motion carried 6-0.

### **DISCUSSION: INTERGOVERNMENTAL FIRE PROTECTION HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENT AGREEMENT**

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by Janssen to approve Coopers continued participation.

Motion carried 6-0.

### **DISCUSSION: DEMOLITION OF 5631 N. 20<sup>TH</sup> STREET & 5814 N. 20<sup>TH</sup> STREET**

Sorensen informed the board that the County is willing to take down one of the two current properties up for demolition if the township could pay for the other. Motion by Frederick, supported by Vlietstra to approve invoice for payment. Motion carried 6-0.

**DISCUSSION: ROAD COMMISSION PROJECTS:**

Sorensen informed the board about \$24,000.00 of additional funds available from the Road Commission for road work in the 2018 season. Motion by Vlietstra, supported by Buiskool to allow the executive board to research and decide on a project to use this free money on. Motion carried 6-0.

**TRUSTEE COMMENTS:**

Reminder about a special board meeting with Wightman Ward on Monday May 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00pm. Frederick made comment that the PC is a little confused about what their function is, specifically. Sorensen mentioned, for information, that the Township Enforcement Officers have had 183 cases opened in 2018, of which 159 have been closed.

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

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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 14<sup>th</sup> day of May 2018.

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DeAnna Janssen, Clerk  
Cooper Charter Township