

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF COOPER
Special Township Board Meeting
July 17, 2018

The special meeting of the Cooper Charter Township Board was held on Tuesday, July 17, 2018 at the Parchment High School Auxiliary Gymnasium, 1916 East G Ave, Parchment Mi 49004.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

Also present was Mike Homier, John Crumb of Gull Lake Sewer & Water and approximately 350 interested people. Supervisor Sorensen called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and all joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTORNEY HOMIER

Spoke to the purpose of the public hearing under Act 188 to establish a special assessment district for a public improvement and, in this case, a special assessment district for sanitary sewer. This public hearing is for the purposed of hearing objections to the improvement and the tentative designation of the special assessment district. Another public hearing would be required to hear objections regarding the special assessment roll if the Township Board proceeds to establish the special assessment and construct the improvement.

Attorney Homier further explained the public hearing is the opportunity for the Township Board to hear the concerns of the public related to the project, which was substantial. Attorney Homier further explained the statutory process and that the Township has received many written objections to the improvement and the district and while the Township believes it has received written objections from record owners of property exceeding more than 20% of the total land area in the tentatively designated district, the Township has also determined that it would not, at this time, proceed with the project given the significant number of objections, including the financial hardship this project could cause. While the Township may revisit a sewer project at a later date, the scope of any such project may be significantly different than originally proposed and would likely include informational meetings to present such information to the public..

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA:

Sorensen requests that items 5, 6, and 7 be removed from the agenda due to overwhelming response from what the Township believes to be more than 20% of the proposed district.

Motion by DeHaan, supported by Janssen to approve agenda as amended. Motion carried 7-0.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Road construction questions, sight distance on Simmons and "G", inquiry about getting leaf pick-up in the township.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS: none

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 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 special board meeting held on the 17th day of July 2018.

DeAnna Janssen, Clerk
Cooper Charter Township