

**THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF COOPER**  
**Township Board Meeting**  
**August 13, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Cooper Charter Township Board was held on Monday, August 13, 2018 at the Cooper Charter Township Hall, 1590 West D. Avenue, Kalamazoo MI.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Clerk, DeAnna Janssen

Also present was Deputy Clerk Debbie Holtman, Chief Emig and approximately 18 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 July 9, 2018 Meeting
- b. Minutes of July 17, 2018 Special Meeting
- c. June Cash Reconciliation Report
- d. 2017/2018 Financial Statement from Auditors
- e. Receipts and Disbursements Report

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

**ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA:**

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by Frederick to approve agenda as written. Motion carried 6-0.

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

Resident comments included 1) the need for water testing at Coggan Farm. 2) the great job that Wightman and Associates did on the proposed sewer project.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS & STATS:**

Motion by Schiedel, supported by Vlietstra to approve these reports. Motion carried 6-0.

**DISCUSSION – PARCHMENT WATER:**

Senator Margaret O'Brien talked about the joint effort between Cooper Township, City of Parchment, City of Kalamazoo and Kalamazoo Township in the delivery of water to those residents affected by the recent water crisis. She stated that the Parchment City Water wells have been flushed several times. Representative Beth Griffin gave her thanks to all those who have helped during the water crisis. Parchment City Mayor, Robert Britigan praised those organizations who helped with the delivery of water to residents affected by the water crisis. Mayor Britigan stated that the City of Parchment has entered into a 1 year water supply agreement with the City of Kalamazoo.

Supervisor Sorensen stated that the DEQ may be testing a few of the shallow wells in the area of North Westnedge Ave. He also stated that there are no plans to test water on the west side of the river. Those residents in attendance were told that they will receive information from the Kalamazoo County Health Department regarding getting a filter if their test results warrant the need for one.

**QUOTE FOR NEW ELECTION LAPTOPS:**

Motion by Schiedel, supported by Frederick to approve this purchase. Motion carried 6-0.

**CONSIDER R-1 SHOOTING RANGE LANGUAGE TO REFER TO PLANNING COMMISSION:**

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by DeHaan to refer this document to the Planning Commission for further review. Motion carried 6-0.

**REQUEST TO COMBINE PARCELS – 2600 ROOSEVELT:**

Motion by Frederick, supported by Vlietstra to approve this action. Motion carried 6-0.

**REQUEST TO SPLIT AND COMBINE PARCELS – 5460 KEYES:**

Motion by Buiskool, supported by Schiedel to approve this action. Motion carried 6-0.

**DISCUSSION: ROADS**

A decision was made to have Trustee Frederick, Supervisor Sorensen and Treasurer DeHaan compose a letter to the Kalamazoo County Road Commission regarding what Cooper Township would like to do for road improvements.

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION 18-122 TO ADOPT ORDINANCE No. 247 – NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTIONS ASSOCIATION UNIFORM FIRE CODE, 2018 EDITION.**

Motion by DeHaan, supported by Frederick to adopt this resolution.

Roll Call Vote:

YES: Vlietstra, Frederick, Sorensen, DeHaan, Schiedel and Buiskool

NO:

ABSENT: Janssen

Motion Carried 6-0.

**TRUSTEE COMMENTS:** none

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm.

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Debbie Holtman, Deputy Clerk

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Attested by: Jeff R. Sorensen, Supervisor

I, the undersigned Debbie Holtman, the duly qualified and appointed Deputy 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of August 2018.

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Debbie Holtman, Deputy Clerk  
Cooper Charter Township