

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF COOPER
Township Board Meeting
October 8, 2018

The regular meeting of the Cooper Charter Township Board was held on Monday, October 8, 2018 at the Cooper Charter Township Hall, 1590 West D. Avenue, Kalamazoo MI.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

Also present was Chief Emig 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 September 10, 2018 Meeting
- b. August Treasurer's Report
- c. Fiscal Year 2018/2019 2nd Quarter Budget Report
- d. 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 7-0.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA:

Supervisor Sorensen asked to add Lt. Jeff Baker with Kalamazoo County Sheriffs Dept, Ambulance Agreement, and Bulk Trash Pick-Up 2019 dates to the agenda. Motion by Schiedel, supported by Buiskool to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried 7-0.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Resident comments included 1) thanks to the township for setting up a meeting with Margaret O'Brien. Still very worried and concerned about the manufacturing waste being applied to Cooper Township farm properties.

LT. JEFF BAKER, KALAMAZOO COUNTY SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT – Spoke to the audience about the fraudulent problems that are currently plaguing Cooper Township and Southwest Michigan.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS & STATS:

- a. Kalamazoo Valley Intergovernmental Ambulance Agreement – Motion by Frederick, supported by Buiskool to approve the new agreement with the changes discussed. Motion carried 7-0.
- b. Chiefs Report - Motion by Vlietstra, supported by Janssen to allow the chief to hire 3 new firefighters. Chief will get information to the clerk to get the paperwork and physicals processed. Motion carried 7-0.
- c. Assistant Chiefs Report

REQUEST TO COMBINE - 3902-26-476-570 & 3902-26-476-580:

Motion by Frederick, supported by DeHaan to approve this combination. Motion carried 7-0

REQUEST TO COMBINE PARCELS – 3902-36-280-310 & 3902-36-280-300:

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by Schiedel to approve this combination. Motion carried 7-0

DISCUSSION - STAFFING:

Motion by Schiedel, supported by Vlietstra to approve the recommended increases and give the executive committee approval to negotiate terms with the potential return employee to replace Julie Muller.

RESOLUTION 18-123 TO ADOPT 80% / 20% EMPLOYER EMPLOYEE HEALTH CARE COST OPERATION AS SET FORTH IN 2011 PUBLIC ACT 152, THE PUBLICLY FUNDED HEALTH INSURANCE CONTRIBUTION ACT:

Motion by DeHaan, supported by Buiskool to approve Resolution 18-123.

Roll Call Vote:

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

NO: None

ABSENT: None

Resolution Adopted

RESOLUTION 18-124 TO WAIVE 3% LATE PENALTY CHARGE FOR QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS:

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by Frederick to approve Resolution 18-124.

Roll Call Vote:

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

NO: None

ABSENT: None

Resolution Adopted

RESOLUTION 18-125 TO WAIVE 1% INTEREST ON DEFERRED SUMMER TAXES PAID PRIOR TO FEBRUARY 14:

Correction by the Treasurer that the resolution heading should say PRIOR TO FEBRUARY 14, not AFTER FEBRUARY 14. Motion by Frederick, supported by DeHaan to approve Resolution 18-125.

Roll Call Vote:

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

NO: None

ABSENT: None

Resolution Adopted

RESOLUTION 18-126 POVERTY EXEMPTION:

Motion by Janssen, supported by Vlietstra to approve Resolution 18-126.

Roll Call Vote:

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

NO: None

ABSENT: None

Resolution Adopted

RESOLUTION 18-127 TO WAIVE INTEREST AND PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO FILE A PROPERTY TRANSFER AFFIDAVIT:

Motion by DeHaan, supported by Janssen to approve Resolution 18-127.

Roll Call Vote:

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

NO: None

ABSENT: None

Resolution Adopted

RESOLUTION 18-128 STATE DISASTER CONTINGENCY FUND GRANT:

Motion by DeHaan, supported by Vlietstra to approve Resolution 18-128 and allow the Supervisor to sign the resolution when all the information has been gathered and added to the document.

Roll Call Vote:

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

NO: None

ABSENT: None

Resolution Adopted

2019 ROAD PROJECTS DISCUSSION:

Discussed bringing a list of proposed 2019 local road projects to the Township Board for discussion at the November board meeting.

DISCUSSION: 20 ACRE DONATION TO TOWNSHIP:

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS APPOINTMENTS:

Motion by DeHaan, supported by Schiedel to re-appoint Mark Reynolds and Stephen Magura to the ZBA for a three-year term to end November 2021. Motion carried 7-0.

SPRING / FALL CURBSIDE DATES & DISCUSSION –

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by DeHaan to approve week of April 15th, 2019 for spring and week of October 14, 2019 for fall curbside pick-up, but only advertise the spring date in case the board decides to delete the fall 2019 curbside. Motion carried 7-0.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS:

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.

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 8th day of October 2018.

DeAnna Janssen, Clerk
Cooper Charter Township