

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF COOPER
Township Board Meeting
April 8, 2019

The regular meeting of the Cooper Charter Township Board was held, on Monday, April 8, 2019 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 11 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 11, 2019 Meeting
- b. February Treasurers Report
- c. March Receipts and Disbursements Report
- d. Life EMS Dec/Jan Operations Summary

The board and citizens were asked if they wanted any items removed from the consent agenda. Motion by Schiedel, supported by Vlietstra to approve the consent agenda as written. Motion carried 7-0.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA:

Supervisor Sorensen added Discussion with Paul Schramm regarding Riverview Sewer Project and Letter of Support for PFAS Health Investigation

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: 1. Mark Rowlson – update on the core sample at Coggin Farms? Nothing new at this time per Supervisor Sorensen.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- a. Chiefs Report

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by Frederick to accept these reports. Motion carried 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 19-147 DECLARING A FULL US131 BUSINESS ROUTE INTERCHANGE BETWEEN THE WEST MAIN AND D AVENUE INTERCHANGES A TOP PRIORITY:

Motion by Janssen, supported by DeHaan to Adopt Resolution 19-147.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: none

Absent: none

Motion carried 7-0.

REQUEST FOR COMBINATION 3902-26-476-371, 390, 400 BY BECKY ANSON:

Motion by Janssen, supported by Frederick to Approve combination.

Motion carried 7-0.

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH PROCLAMATION:

Motion by Janssen, supported by Sorensen to approve this Proclamation.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: none

Absent: none

Motion carried 7-0.

SET MAY 13, 2019 FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON STREET LIGHT AND SOLID WASTE DISTRICTS:

Motion by DeHaan, supported by Vlietstra to set this Public Hearing date for May 13, 2019.

Motion carried 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 19-144 TO SUPPORT OR OPPOSE GIVING TOWNSHIP BOARDS THE OPTION TO MAKE TOWNSHIP POSITIONS NON-PARTISAN ON FUTURE BALLOTS:

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by DeHaan to table until May 13, 2019 Board Meeting.

Motion carried 7-0.

DISCUSSION REGARDING PURCHASE OF NEW TOWNSHIP VEHICLE:

Motion by Frederick, supported by Schiedel to allow the Supervisor to proceed with the purchase.

Motion carried 7-0.

PAUL SCHRAM OF WIGHTMAN ASSOCIATES – Provided an update on the process of establishing a contract/agreement with KCRC regarding the joint Riverview Street/Sewer project.

CONSIDERATION OF 4TH QUARTER 2018-2019 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET REPORT:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 19-145 ZOYA METRO ACT PERMIT APPLICATION:

Motion by Frederick, supported by Buiskool to Adopt Resolution 19-145.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: none

Absent: none

Motion carried 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 19-146 TO APPROVE DISTRIBUTION OF MASTER PLAN AMENDMENT APPLICATION AND NOTICE OF INTENT:

Motion by Janssen, supported by DeHaan to Adopt Resolution 19-146.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: none

Absent: none

Motion carried 7-0.

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR MDHHS APPLICATION TO CONDUCT A HEALTH STUDY IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ATSDR TO EVALUATE THE POTENTIAL IMPACTS RESULTING FROM PFAS CONTAMINATION IN COOPER TOWNSHIP:

Motion by Schiedel, supported by Buiskool to approve letter of support.

Motion carried 7-0

TRUSTEE COMMENTS:

Trustee Buiskool – discussed things she learned at the MTA Conference she attended last week.

Trustee Sorensen - Congratulations to Jeff Sorensen for obtaining President Status at MTA.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 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 8th day of April 2019.

DeAnna Janssen, Clerk
Cooper Charter Township