

**THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF COOPER**  
**Township Board Meeting**  
**May 13, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Cooper Charter Township Board was held, on Monday, May 13, 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 15 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 8 and April 15, 2019 Meetings
- b. April Receipts and Disbursements Report
- c. 2018 Interest Report
- d. Letter of Intent to Support Community Advisory Group for PFAS Health Study
- e. 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019 HHW Report

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:**

Clerk Janssen asked to amend the agenda to include the Assistant Chiefs Report and a presentation by Ransom District Library about the new building. Motion by Frederick, supported by Buiskool to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried 7-0.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** None.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

- a. Chiefs Report

Motion by Frederick, supported by DeHaan to approve purchase of the rescue boat. The boat was on the 2019/2020 budgeted. Motion carried 7-0.

- b. Deputy Chiefs Report

Motion by Janssen, supported by Buiskool to accept these reports. Motion carried 7-0.

**DISCUSSION – TOWNSHIP FUNDED RIVERVIEW RD SEWER PROJECT** – Treasurer explained to the board the recommendations for the connection plans and costs to residents for this project.

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by Janssen to amend the original material to reflect a 10 year mandatory connection to this sewer system and if a voluntary assessment is requested, a mandatory ½ down payment at connection with the balance paid over 5 years at a 5% interest rate. Motion carried 7-0.

## **DISCUSSION – 2020 CITY WATER UPDATES**

### **RESOLUTION NO. 19-148 TO AUTHORIZE CONSUMERS ENERGY TO MAKE CHANGES IN THE LIGHTING SERVICE AS PROVIDED IN THE STANDART LIGHT CONTRACT:**

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by Frederick to Adopt Resolution 19-148.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: none

Absent: none

Motion carried 7-0.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 19-149 TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CONSUMERS ENERGY FOR FURNISHING LIGHTING SERVICE WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF COOPER:**

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by Schiedel to Adopt Resolution 19-149.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: none

Absent: none

Motion carried 7-0.

### **DISCUSSION – PURCHASE OF 4G VERIZON MODEMS FOR ALL 7 DS-200 TABULATORS @ \$325/MODEM:**

Motion by DeHaan, supported by Frederick to allow clerk to purchase the new modems. Motion carried 7-0.

### **DISCUSS QUOTE FROM IT RIGHT FOR COMPUTER UPDATES:**

Motion by Frederick, supported by Schiedel to approve the IT Right quote.

Motion carried 7-0.

### **REAPPOINT ALAN ASSELMEIER TO RANSOM LIBRARY BOARD FOR ANOTHER 4 YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 2023:**

Motion by Janssen, supported by Vlietstra to approve the reappointment.

Motion carried 7-0.

### **PRESENTATION OF NEW LIBRARY PLANS BY ALAN ASSELMEIER & TOM KLEIN, LIBRARY TRUSTEES AND JOE GROSS, LIBRARY DIRECTOR**

### **APPOINT JASON WIERSMA TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION, AS OF JUNE 2019, TO FILL A PARTIAL TERM DUE TO EXPIRE APRIL 2020.**

Motion by Frederick, supported by Buiskool to approve this appointment.

Motion carried 7-0.

### **APPOINT DAVID FOOY TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS, AS OF JUNE 2019, TO FILL A PARTIAL TERM DUE TO EXPIRE NOVEMBER 2021.**

Motion by DeHaan, supported by Vlietstra to approve this appointment.

Motion carried 7-0.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON STREET LIGHT DISTRICT:**

Motion by Janssen, supported by Vlietstra to open the Public Hearing on the Township Wide Street Light Special Assessment District. Motion carried 7-0.

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 not public comment.

Motion by Janssen, supported by Vlietstra to close the public hearing. Motion carried 7-0.

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

NO: none

ABSENT: none

Motion carried. Street Light Special Assessment District Resolution Adopted

**PUBLIC HEARING ON SOLID WASTE DISTRICT:**

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by Frederick to open the Public Hearing on the Township Wide Solid Waste Special Assessment District. Motion carried 7-0.

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 Vlietstra, supported by Buiskool to close the public hearing. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Frederick, supported by DeHaan to adopt the Solid Waste Special Assessment District Resolution assessing the sum of approximately \$170,012.00 at a rate of \$46.63 against the properties benefited by this solid waste program.

Roll Call Vote:

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

NO: none

ABSENT: none

Motion carried. Solid Waste Special Assessment District Resolution Adopted

**TRUSTEE COMMENTS:** None

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

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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 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 2019.

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DeAnna Janssen, Clerk  
Cooper Charter Township