

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF COOPER
Township Board Meeting
June 10, 2019

The regular meeting of the Cooper Charter Township Board was held, on Monday, June 10, 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 10 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 May 13 and May 29, 2019 Meetings
- b. Informational Minutes of June 3, 2019 Meeting
- c. April Treasurers Report
- d. May Receipts and Disbursements Report

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

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA:

Sorensen asked to add Lt Baker to the agenda. Motion by Vlietstra, supported by Frederick to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried 7-0.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None.

1. 1454 West C Ave – has any of the water around here been tested, I have concerns because of Kalsec. Sorensen said that Kalsec has been tested by Fleis & Vandenbrink and to date has not allowed Cooper Township to do an independent testing of their water/soils.
2. Also, wondering about speed limits? People are traveling way too fast on West C Ave. Lt Baker said that he will look into the previous speed study results, and would look at doing another one on West C Ave.
3. 1317 East G Ave has the same problem with speeding traffic.
4. 9979 N 17th St – wondering what's happening with Kalsec? Some smells have happened lately and why wont they let Cooper Twp test the soil/water? Citizens of Cooper Township have to live here and we should be able to get answers, why wait until we have a "PFAS" sort of situation. Janssen said that she had spoken with the Kalsec hotline and reported the smells. She was told that Kalsec had just "turned" the compost rows the day the smell was noted.

LT BAKER PRESENTED STATS REGARDING MAIL THEFT:

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- a. Chiefs Report - Chief supplied trailer quote for the new rescue boat in the amount of \$8050.00. Sorensen mentioned that this trailer expense was included on the 2019/2020 budget. Motion by Schiedel, supported by Buiskool to approve purchase of trailer. Motion Carried 7-0.
- b. Deputy Chiefs Report
- c. Stats Report for March, April, May

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

DISCUSSION – RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO DENY PROPOSED TEXT AMENDMENT TO ALLOW FOR “EVENT CENTERS” AS A SPECIAL EXCEPTION USE IN THE “R-1” DISTRICT –

Motion by Buiskool, supported by Vlietstra to support the Planning Commission recommendation and deny the request. Motion carried 7-0.

DISCUSSION – MTA 2019/2020 DUES INVOICE –

Motion by Frederick, supported by Janssen to pay these dues. Motion carried 7-0.

DISCUSSION – RIVERVIEW SEWER PROJECT – COLLINGWOOD TO MT OLIVET:

Sorensen informed the board that he had obtained the easements to run sewer along this piece in order to bring sewer to this vacant R-4 and Commercially zoned property. Engineers are suggesting that if the water is going to go into this area, we should put this sewer in before the water since it sits on the same side of the road but much deeper than the water. More information will hopefully come to this board at the next board meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 19-152 TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 251 AMENDING THE SEWER ORDINANCE:

Motion by Frederick, supported by Buiskool to Adopt Resolution 19-152.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: none

Absent: none

Motion carried 7-0.

DISCUSSION – 2020 CITY WATER UPDATES -

RESOLUTION NO. 19-153 TO UPDATE FEE SCHEDULE-

Motion by DeHaan, supported by Buiskool to Adopt Resolution 19-153.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: none

Absent: none

Motion carried 7-0.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS:

Frederick asked about the property on Travis being demolished. Then asked if we have any of this money come back to the township? DeHaan answered that occasionally the Land Bank will provide some funds for some of these demolitions, but the board began, years ago, to budget \$15,000.00 per year to try to clean up the area.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

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 10th day of June 2019.

DeAnna Janssen, Clerk
Cooper Charter Township