

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF COOPER
Township Board Meeting
October 14, 2019

The regular meeting of the Cooper Charter Township Board was held, on Monday, October 14, 2019 at the Cooper Charter Township Hall, 1590 West D. Avenue, Kalamazoo MI.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Supervisor, Jeff Sorensen
Clerk, DeAnna Janssen
Trustee, Jim Frederick
Trustee, Bob Schiedel
Trustee, Rob Bricker

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Treasurer, Carol DeHaan
Trustee, Fred Vlietstra

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 September 9, 2019 Meeting
- b. August and September Treasurers Reports
- c. September Receipts and Disbursements Report
- d. Gull Lake Sewer & Water 2018/2019 Financial Statement
- e. Life EMS June/July Operations Summary
- f. 2nd Quarter 2019/2020 Fiscal Year Budget Report

The board and citizens were asked if they wanted any items removed from the consent agenda. Motion by Schiedel supported by Bricker to approve the consent agenda as written. Motion carried 5-0.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA:

Motion by Frederick supported by Janssen to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried 5-0.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Updates on Coggin Farm Composting? Envirologic will be on hand October 21 & 22 to observe and report on testing of soil.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- a. Chiefs Report
- b. Asst't Chiefs Report

Motion by Janssen supported by Bricker to accept these reports. Motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF 2018/2019 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

Motion by Frederick, supported by Janssen to approve. Motion carried 5-0.

DISCUSSION: RIVERVIEW/BRACKETT ROAD & SEWER PROJECT UPDATE BY PAUL

SCHRAM OF WIGHTMAN: Road Commission crews are currently working on curbing and gutters, next week they will start on the aggregate that goes in prior to paving. Sewer is completed and tested. Connections can start occurring October 29th.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 19-164 TO ADOPT 80% / 20% EMPLOYER EMPLOYEE HEALTH CARE COST OPTION AS SET FORTH IN 2011 PUBLIC ACT 152, THE PUBLICLY FUNDED HEALTH INSURANCE CONTRIBUTION ACT:

Motion by Bricker supported by Schiedel to approve Resolution 19-164.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Schiedel, Sorensen, Janssen, Frederick, Bricker

No: none

Absent: DeHaan, Vlietstra

Motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 19-161 TO WAIVE 3% LATE PENALTY CHARGE FOR QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS:

Motion by Frederick supported by Janssen to approve Resolution 19-161.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Schiedel, Sorensen, Janssen, Frederick, Bricker

No: none

Absent: DeHaan, Vlietstra

Motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 19-162 TO WAIVE 1% INTEREST IF DEFERRED SUMMER TAXES PAID AFTER FEBRUARY 14TH:

Motion by Janssen supported by Frederick to approve Resolution 19-162.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Schiedel, Sorensen, Janssen, Frederick, Bricker

No: none

Absent: DeHaan, Vlietstra

Motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 19-163 TO WAIVE INTEREST AND PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO FILE A PROPERTY TRANSFER AFFIDAVIT:

Motion by Janssen supported by Bricker to approve Resolution 19-163.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Schiedel, Sorensen, Janssen, Frederick, Bricker

No: none

Absent: DeHaan, Vlietstra

Motion carried 5-0.

APPOINT CHRISTOPHER FEIL TO THE COOPER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION TO COMPLETE A PARTIAL TERM ENDING APRIL 2021:

Motion by Frederick, supported by Janssen to appoint Chris Feil to Planning Commission. Motion carried 5-0.

RE-APPOINT SHERYL GLUCHOWSKI, KEITH URBAN, AND CURTIS FLOWERS TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS FOR TERMS ENDING NOVEMBER 2022:

Motion by Schiedel, supported by Bricker to re-appoint all three to the ZBA. Motion carried 5-0.

CHANGE DATES OF MARCH 9, 2020 TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING AND MARCH 10, 2020 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING BECAUSE OF THE MARCH PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY:

Motion by Janssen, supported by Bricker to change the March 9, 2020 Township Board Meeting to March 16, 2020 and the March 10 Planning Commission Meeting to March 3, 2020. Motion carried 5-0.

RIVERVIEW / MT OLIVET SEWER PROJECT (OUT OF RIGHT OF WAY) BID OPENING RESULTS FROM PREIN&NEWHOF:

Motion by Schiedel, supported by Bricker to approve the Prein & Newhof recommendation of low bidder Harris ConAg LLC for the project. Motion carried 5-0.

DISCUSSION: 2019/2020 ROAD PROJECT PROGRESS AND 2020/2021 ROAD PROJECTS

CONSIDERATION OF FALL (WEEK OF OCTOBER 12, 2020) AND SPRING (WEEK OF APRIL 13, 2020) CURBSIDE BULK PICK-UP DATES FOR 2020:

Motion by Janssen, supported by Bricker to approve these dates. Motion carried 5-0.

DISCUSSION: STYROFOAM RECYCLING

Motion by Sorensen, supported by Schiedel to reaffirm that Cooper Township Styrofoam Recycling will be for Cooper Township residents only. All use by neighboring municipalities will cease due to concerns regarding increased traffic and insurance reasons. Motion carried 5-0.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS: None.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 07:45pm.

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 14th day of October 2019.

DeAnna Janssen, Clerk
Cooper Charter Township