

**THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF COOPER**  
**Special Township Board Meeting**  
**April 9, 2020**

The special electronic meeting of the Cooper Charter Township Board was held, on Thursday, April 9, 2020 via teleconference.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Also present was Mike Homier from Foster Swift and 1 interested person. Supervisor Sorensen called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:** Frederick asked to remove item e from the consent agenda and add to regular agenda for discussion. Motion by Frederick, supported by Schiedel to approve the consent agenda as amended.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: none

Absent: none

Motion carried 7-0.

**ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA:** Sorensen asked to add a complaint about the Fire Department to the regular agenda. Motion by Schiedel supported by Vlietstra to approve the agenda as amended.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: none

Absent: none

Motion carried 7-0.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

None

**MAY 5, 2020 ELECTION UPDATE:**

Janssen mentioned that she has sent out 456 ballots to date and has just begun to receive email and U.S. mail applications generated from the states mailing. The Election Day plan, per the state guideline, is to only have the Absent Voter Counting Board and the Clerk's office at the township hall open for voting on the May 5, 2020 Election. ALL OTHER PRECINCTS WILL BE CLOSED! Voters appearing to vote in person or register to vote will be held in a que in the meeting room and only one person at a time will be allowed into the Clerks office to register to vote and/or receive an absent voter ballot, which then must be voted and turned back in immediately. The Clerks office will be adhering to distancing/safety requirements.

**DISCUSSION OF KALAMAZOO REGIONAL WATER & WASTEWATER COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP DUES:**

Motion by Frederick, supported by DeHaan to approve payment of these dues.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: none

Absent: none

Motion carried 7-0.

**DISCUSSION OF ESPER ELECTRIC QUOTES:** Bricker asked that the two quotes go on separate motions. Motion by Bricker, supported by Vlietstra to approve the Esper Electric Quote for Sign Service work.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: none

Absent: none

Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Frederick, supported by Janssen to approve the Esper Electric Quote for Cooper Bridge LED.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: none

Absent: none

Motion carried 7-0.

**DISCUSSION REGARDING GOVERNORS ORDER TO REMAIN CLOSED & TOWNSHIP OPERATIONS:**

**RESOLUTION 20-176 CONTINUE PROVIDING BASIC OPERATIONS OF THE TOWNSHIP**

Motion by Janssen supported by Bricker to approve Resolution 20-176.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: none

Absent: none

Motion carried 7-0.

**DISCUSSION OF 4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER 2019/2020 FISCAL YEAR BUDGE REPORT**

**DISCUSSION OF FIRE DEPARTMENT COMPLAINT:**

Motion by Frederick, supported by Vlietstra to allow, during the COVID-19 quarantine, the fire department to, on occasion, respond to resident requests for fire truck drive by celebration of a child's birthday. The added benefit being that fire department trainees receive some much needed/required drive time. This practice will resume being disallowed after the quarantine time has lapsed.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: none

Absent: none

Motion carried 7-0.

**TRUSTEE COMMENTS:**

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

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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 special board meeting held on the 9th day of April, 2020.

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DeAnna Janssen, Clerk  
Cooper Charter Township