

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF COOPER
Regular Township Board Meeting
July 13, 2020

The regular meeting of the Cooper Charter Township Board was held, via Zoom Electronic Meeting, on Monday, July 13, 2020.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Supervisor, Jeff Sorensen
Clerk, DeAnna Janssen
Treasurer, Carol DeHaan
Trustee, Jim Frederick
Trustee, Bob Schiedel
Trustee, Rob Bricker – arrived at 7:08pm
Trustee, Fred Vlietstra

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Also present was Laura Genovich of Foster Swift and 6 interested people. Supervisor Sorensen called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Items on the consent agenda were:

- a) Board Meeting Minutes of June 8, 2020 Meeting
- b) June Receipts and Disbursements Report
- c) May Treasurers Report

Motion by Frederick supported by Vlietstra to approve the consent agenda as written.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: none

Absent: Bricker

Motion carried 6-0

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA:

Motion by Schiedel supported by Vlietstra to approve the agenda as written.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: none

Absent: Bricker

Motion carried 6-0

None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Laura Comerford – 3639 Liverpool Avenue – read a document to the board regarding issues in her neighborhood of Cooper Meadows. The document will be filed with the official minutes.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Motion by Frederick supported by Janssen to approve the Fire Department Reports.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: none

Absent: none

Motion carried 7-0

DISCUSSION: KALAMAZOO CITY WATER 2020 PROJECTS. VERN JOHNSON, OF KALAMAZOO COUNTY, JAMES BAKER / DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICES FOR CITY OF KALAMAZOO, ENGINEERS BRIAN VILMONT, AND TOM WHEAT FROM PREIN NEWHOFF WILL BE PRESENT TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS. Talking points from James Baker will be filed with the official minutes.

AMENDMENT TO 2015 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW KALAMAZOO COUNTY ACCESS TO EXISTING GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS (GIS):

Motion by Schiedel supported by Vlietstra to adopt.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: none

Absent: none

Motion carried 7-0

ELECTIONS UPDATE:

Janssen noted that ballots went into the mail last week, and that all the election workers were trained, in house, last week.

2020/2021 FISCAL YEAR 1ST QUARTER BUDGET REPORT:

Motion by Vlietstra supported by Frederick to approve.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: none

Absent: none

Motion carried 7-0

TRUSTEE COMMENTS:

Frederick – Fire Department practice of doing a fire truck birthday drive-by during Covid-19 – was very appreciated by so many residents that benefited from this practice.

Bricker– Newsletter is great...thank you very much for doing such a great job. Thank you to Fire Department for the great job you're doing.

Vlietstra – Very happy with everything our township does and the efforts it makes on behalf of its citizens.

DeHaan – Taxes are coming in very heavy right now.

Sorensen – reiterated how happy we've been with the Fire Department and their actions.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:59pm.

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 (electronic) board meeting held on the 13th day of July, 2020.

DeAnna Janssen, Clerk
Cooper Charter Township