

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF COOPER
Regular Township Board Meeting
August 10, 2020

The regular meeting of the Cooper Charter Township Board was held, via Zoom Electronic Meeting, on Monday, August 10, 2020.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Also present was Laura Genovich and Charles Barbieri of Foster Swift and 2 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 July 13, 2020 Meeting
- b) July Receipts and Disbursements Report
- c) June Treasurers Report
- d) 2020/2021 Road Projects and Payments Report

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: none

Absent: none

Motion carried 7-0

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA:

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: none

Absent: none

Motion carried 7-0

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Motion by Frederick supported by Schiedel 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: WITH JENNIFER ANTEL FROM WEST MICHIGAN TRAILS AND GREENWAYS COALITION REGARDING THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE R2R TRAILWAY.

CONSIDER DELAYING 3% SCHEDULED INCREASE IN THE RIVERVIEW SEWER PROJECT ASSESSMENT AMOUNT DUE TO COVID DIFFICULTIES AROUND THE STATE.

Motion by Frederick, supported by Vlietstra to delay this increase until October 2021.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: none

Absent: none

Motion carried 7-0

REQUEST TO COMBINE RE- KEVIN BOYER:

Motion by Bricker, supported by Janssen to approve the combination of these properties.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: none

Absent: none

Motion carried 7-0

REQUEST TO COMBINE RE- LILLIAN RACKLEY:

Motion by Schiedel, supported by DeHaan to approve the combination of these properties.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: none

Absent: none

Motion carried 7-0

CONSIDERATION OF 2019/2020 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DRAFT

Motion by Janssen, supported by Bricker to approve.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: none

Absent: none

Motion carried 7-0

DISCUSSION – FIRST RESPONDER HAZARD PAY PREMIUMS PROGRAM (CARES ACT):

Motion by Janssen, supported by Schiedel to approve this application and upon receipt of the \$1000.00 per firefighter to include that in the next available fire payroll that gets issued.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: none

Absent: none

Motion carried 7-0

DISCUSSION – ELECTION UPDATES:

Motion by DeHaan, supported by Schiedel to pay a hazard premium of \$25 per election worker for the August 2020 Election and \$50 per election worker for the November 2020 election to show the townships appreciation to those workers who were willing/able to commit to work the elections during the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: none

Absent: none

Motion carried 7-0

CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS CLIENT/ATTORNEY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION:

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by Bricker to enter into Closed Session.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: none

Absent: none

Motion carried 7-0

Motion by Bricker, supported by Frederick to exit Closed Session and to accept attorney Barbieri's recommendations.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: none

Absent: none

Motion carried 7-0

TRUSTEE COMMENTS:

Frederick – questions about recycling costs and road project progress

Bricker - thank you to all the election workers for their hard work on the August Election.

Sorensen – cattle truck issues for Cooper Township and Gun Plain Township will hopefully come to a resolution with new management at that facility.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

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 10th day of August, 2020.

DeAnna Janssen, Clerk
Cooper Charter Township