

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF COOPER
Regular Township Board Meeting
September 14, 2020

The regular meeting of the Cooper Charter Township Board was held, via Zoom Electronic Meeting, on Monday, September 14, 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 of Foster Swift and 3 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 August 10, 2020 Meeting
- b) Closed Session Minutes available for review by board members until 8/10/2021
- c) August Receipts and Disbursements Report
- d) July Treasurers Report
- e) 2020/2021 Road Projects and Payments Report

Motion by Bricker 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:

Janssen mentioned that she had been asked to add to the agenda a discussion topic regarding returning to in person Township Board Meetings. Motion by Schiedel supported by Frederick to approve the agenda as amended.

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 Janssen 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

APPROVAL TO LEVY THE FOLLOWING ON THE 2020 WINTER TAX BILL:

- a) Levy 1% PTAF and 3% Penalty; waive penalty for Senior Citizens
- b) Levy 0.8473 for Township Tax
- c) Levy \$50.83 per Household for collection, disposal, and recycling of Solid Waste
- d) Levy .5800 Mills per thousand for Street Light District
- e) Levy Collingwood & G Ave, Riverview Industrial, Henshaw/Moffett Sewer, Levy Liens for cleanup and mowing, and Delinquent Special Assessments on the Tax Roll.
- f) Reaffirm Investment Policy

Motion by Vlietstra supported by Frederick to approve a. – f. above for the 2020 Winter Tax Bill.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: none

Absent: none

Motion carried 7-0

DISCUSSION: ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MICHIGAN RENEWAL:

Motion by Vlietstra supported by Bricker to approve.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: none

Absent: none

Motion carried 7-0

IT RIGHT QUOTE FOR 2ND ROUND OF NEW COMPUTERS AND A NEW SERVER:

Motion by Frederick, supported by Bricker to approve.

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

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

DISCUSSION – WHEN ARE WE BACK TO IN PERSON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETINGS?

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by Bricker to return to in person meetings, regardless of the Executive Order, and against advice of attorney.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Frederick, Vlietstra, Bricker

No: Janssen, Sorensen, DeHaan, Schiedel

Absent: none

Motion defeated 3-4

TRUSTEE COMMENTS:

Janssen – mentioned some grants in the works to help pay for all the extra’s that have been needed because of COVID -19. Frederick – thank you for the Roads Project Report, Water Project communications are better. Bricker – great job budgeting computer upgrades ½ last year and ½ this year.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44pm.

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 14th day of September, 2020.

DeAnna Janssen, Clerk
Cooper Charter Township