

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF COOPER
Regular Township Board Meeting
October 12, 2020

The regular meeting of the Cooper Charter Township Board was held, via Zoom Electronic Meeting, on Monday, October 12, 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 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 September 14, 2020 Meeting
- b) September Receipts and Disbursements Report
- c) August Treasurers Report
- d) RCKC Neighborhood Traffic Management Policy Draft

Motion by Schiedel supported by Janssen 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 requested we remove the Fire Department Reports from the agenda this month. She didn't get them from the Chief/Assistant Chief in time to get them in the packets. Motion by Frederick supported by Vlietstra 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:

1. Beth Griffin – discussed what would be on the agenda during State House of Representatives session in Lansing this week.
2. Tyrone Fleeman – would like to bring to the boards attention a commercial enterprise operating at 4987 West C Ave, an “AG” district road in Cooper Township. He has brought it to the Townships attention and doesn't feel that his, or the complaints in the past, are being taken seriously. His interest is in making the business adhere to the ordinance, not to alter the ordinance to work for the business.

3. Marcy Tiller – resides at 3533 West E Ave, Cooper Meadows Subdivision. Looking for an ordinance to dis-allow gun, bow, or cross bow practice in residential neighborhoods. She had an incident where a cross bow was being used in practice in another yard in the neighborhood and an arrow ending up in the side of her house.
4. Dan Williams – 1421 Remus St. Noticing a lot of semi-truck activity in his area and other surrounding roads.

CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED SETTLEMENT FOR WATER MAIN EXTENSION COSTS:

The \$5.4 million dollar settlement details were explained by Charles Barbieri from Foster Swift. Motion by Bricker supported by Vlietstra to approve this settlement agreement and to authorize Supervisor Sorensen to sign this document on the Township Boards behalf.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: none

Absent: none

Motion carried 7-0

CONSIDER SMBA 2021 BUDGET REPORT AND REVENUE / INSPECTIONS REPORT

Motion by Frederick supported by DeHaan to approve.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: none

Absent: none

Motion carried 7-0

CONSIDERATION OF FALL AND SPRING CURBSIDE BULK PICK-UP DATES FOR 2021; WEEKS OF APRIL 12TH AND OCTOBER 11TH:

Motion by Janssen supported by Vlietstra to approve.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: none

Absent: none

Motion carried 7-0

RESOLUTION 20-182 TO ADOPT 80/20 EMPLOYER-EMPLOYEE HEALTH CARE COSTS PER PA 152:

Motion by Frederick, supported by Vlietstra to adopt.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: none

Absent: none

Motion carried 7-0

RESOLUTION 20-183 TO WAIVE INTEREST AND PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO FILE PTA.

Motion by DeHaan, supported by Schiedel to adopt.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: none

Absent: none

Motion carried 7-0

RESOLUTION 20-184 WAIVING 1% INTEREST ON DEFERRED SUMMMER TAXES:

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by Janssen to adopt.

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

No: none

Absent: none

Motion carried 7-0

RESOLUTION 20-185 WAIVING 3% PENALTY:

Motion by Frederick, supported by Bricker to adopt.

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

No: none

Absent: none

Motion carried 7-0

CONSIDER PROPOSAL FROM CRIPPS FONTAINE EXCAVATING, INC:

For excavating the compromised water basins in the front parking lot. Motion by Frederick, supported by Vlietstra to approve.

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

No: none

Absent: none

Motion carried 7-0

CONSIDER DEYOUNG LANDSCAPE SERVICE PROPOSAL FOR SNOWPLOW SERVICES:

Motion by Janssen, supported by DeHaan to approve.

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

No: none

Absent: none

Motion carried 7-0

DISCUSSION: ORDINANCE OFFICER AND SUPPORT STAFF POSTITION:

DISCUSSION: PROPOSED SLEEMAN’S AUTO/COOPER PROPERTY EXCHANGE:

TRUSTEE COMMENTS:

Frederick – inquiry about ordinance mowing/blighted property tear downs being added to tax bills.

Bricker – questions about the cattle trucks driving down 12th Street and a speed study. Also, in state legislature there is interest in removing local zoning regarding gravel mining.

Attorney Genovich – spoke about the Township’s options regarding in person vs electronic meetings.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:19 pm.

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 12th day of October, 2020.

DeAnna Janssen, Clerk
Cooper Charter Township