

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

The regular meeting of the Cooper Charter Township Board was held, via Zoom Electronic Meeting, on Monday, December 14, 2020.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Supervisor, Jeff Sorensen.... attending virtually from Cooper Township, MI;
Clerk, DeAnna Janssen.... attending virtually from Cooper Township, MI;
Treasurer, Carol DeHaan.... attending virtually from Cooper Township, MI;
Trustee, Jim Frederick.... attending virtually from Cooper Township, MI;
Trustee, Fred Vlietstra.... attending virtually from Cooper Township, MI;
Trustee, Dan Williams.... attending virtually from Cooper Township, MI;
Trustee, Adam Tuinstra.... attending virtually from Cooper Township, MI.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None.

Also present was Laura Genovich of Foster Swift and 9 interested people. Supervisor Sorensen called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Items on the consent agenda were:

- a) Board Meeting Minutes of October 12, 2020 Meeting
- b) October/November Receipts and Disbursements Report
- c) September and October Treasurers Reports
- d) 2nd Quarter 2020/2021 Fiscal Year Budget Report
- e) Constellation Trust Quarterly Performance Evaluations
- f) Gull Lake Sewer & Water Authority Audit – received and available for review
- g) City of Parchment Notice of Master Plan Draft and Public Hearing

Request by Frederick to remove line item b) for discussion at the end of the regular agenda. Motion by Vlietstra, supported by Williams to approve the consent agenda as amended.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Frederick, Janssen, Sorensen, DeHaan, Tuinstra, Vlietstra, Williams

No: none

Absent: none

Motion carried 7-0

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA:

Addition of October/November Receipts and Disbursements line in the Consent Agenda. Motion by Frederick supported by Vlietstra to approve the agenda as amended.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Frederick, Janssen, Sorensen, DeHaan, Tuinstra, Vlietstra, Williams

No: none

Absent: none

Motion carried 7-0

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Bob Schiedel spoke and thanked the board for the cards and food. Also wanted to congratulate the new trustees and wish them good luck.

CONSIDERATION OF OPEN MEETINGS ACT ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT:

Reviewed with board by Attorney Genovich, with the stipulation that a few of the dates may change in the near future due to a recent Senate vote. Motion by Janssen, supported by DeHaan to approve.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Frederick, Janssen, Sorensen, DeHaan, Tuinstra, Vlietstra, Williams

No: none

Absent: none

Motion carried 7-0

PRESENTATION BY MICHIGAN DEPT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES ELLERY JOHNSON AND DR JORDAN BAILEY REGARDING THE PFAS EXPOSURE & HEALTH STUDY.

Dr Jordan provided information about the program and said that any residents in the PFAS exposure area should call 1-855-322-3037 and ask to join the program. Additional information can be found on the Cooper Township Website...<http://www.coopertwp.org/parchment-water-supply-contamination-information/>

CONSIDER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- October Chiefs Report and Stats Report
- September and October Assistant Chiefs Reports

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by Janssen to approve.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Frederick, Janssen, Sorensen, DeHaan, Tuinstra, Vlietstra, Williams

No: none

Absent: none

Motion carried 7-0

REQUEST TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION TO HEAR DETAILS REGARDING THE KALAMAZOO WATER AND WASTEWATER COMMISSION VS CITY OF KALAMAZOO LEGAL PROCEEDINGS:

Postponed until January 11, 2021 Township Board Meeting

RESOLUTION 20-186 APPROVING WATER SERVICES AGREEMENT:

Postponed until January 11, 2021 Township Board Meeting

RESOLUTION 20-187 APPROVING THIRD AMENDED AND RESTATED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH KALAMAZOO WATER AND WASTEWATER COMMISSION:

Postponed until January 11, 2021 Township Board Meeting

PRESENTATION BY PAUL SCHRAM OF WIGHTMAN & ASSOCIATES, REGARDING RIVERVIEW DRIVE SEWER PROJECT DRAINAGE ISSUE:

Discussion was had and all agreed to discuss again at January 11, 2021 Township Board Meeting

DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED SLEEMAN'S AUTO / COOPER TOWNSHIP PROPERTY EXCHANGE:

Motion by Williams, supported by Vlietstra to approve exchanging properties.

Yes: Frederick, Janssen, Sorensen, DeHaan, Tuinstra, Vlietstra, Williams

No: none

Absent: none

Motion carried 7-0

DISCUSSION OF ELECTION RESULTS:

PROPOSED APPROVAL OF 2019/2020 DASHBOARD DOCUMENTS PREPARED BY SIEGFRIED CRANDALL:

Motion by Frederick, supported by Vlietstra to approve.

Yes: Frederick, Janssen, Sorensen, DeHaan, Tuinstra, Vlietstra, Williams

No: none

Absent: none

Motion carried 7-0

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN ADOPTION AGREEMENT ADDENDUM:

Motion by Williams, supported by Janssen to approve.

Yes: Frederick, Janssen, Sorensen, DeHaan, Tuinstra, Vlietstra, Williams

No: none

Absent: none

Motion carried 7-0

RE-APPOINT SHERYL GLUCHOWSKI, LARRY STEHOUWER, LARRY ROOT, AND STEPHANIE DAVIS TO THE BOARD OF REVIEW FOR A 2-YEAR TERM ENDING JANUARY 2023:

Motion by Frederick, supported by Vlietstra to re-appoint Sheryl Gluchowski, Larry Stehouwer, Larry Root, and Stephanie Davis to the Board of Review for a 2-year term ending January 2023.

Yes: Frederick, Janssen, Sorensen, DeHaan, Tuinstra, Vlietstra, Williams

No: none

Absent: none

Motion carried 7-0

2021/2022 PROPOSED BUDGET FOR REVIEW BEFORE JANUARY WORK SESSION:

DISCUSSION – WATER PROJECT UPDATE:

DISCUSSION – NOVEMBER MEETING CANCELLATION

DISCUSSION – ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER CANDIDATE JACK WOOD:

Motion by Frederick, supported by Tuinstra to offer Jack Wood the ordinance enforcement job at \$25/hr, with the requirement of a 90-day performance review.

Yes: Frederick, Janssen, Sorensen, DeHaan, Tuinstra, Vlietstra, Williams

No: none

Absent: none

Motion carried 7-0

ADDITION OF OCTOBER/NOVEMBER RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENT REPORT FROM CONSENT AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION: Inquiry from Frederick about the \$28,000.00 grant for covid hazard pay that the firefighters received, and from Vlietstra about a \$12,000.00 vehicle maintenance payment that was noted on the report.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS:

Janssen – KRESA plans a May election, Accident Fund Workman’s Comp Audit= \$2268.00 refund, total Foster Swift invoices since PFAS was \$121,393.00, PFAS portion was \$38,700.00.

Frederick – asked about lack of access to high speed internet in some sections of Cooper Township.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm.

DeAnna Janssen, Clerk

Attested: 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 December, 2020.

DeAnna Janssen, Clerk
Cooper Charter Township