

**THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF COOPER**  
**Regular Township Board Meeting**  
**January 11, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Cooper Charter Township Board was held, via Zoom Electronic Meeting, on Monday, January 11, 2021.

**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 Leslie Dickinson 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) December 14, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes
- b) December Receipts and Disbursements Report
- c) 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2020/2021 Fiscal Year Budget Report
- d) Planning / Zoning 2020 Year End Report
- e) 2020 Grants Final Worksheet

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: none

Absent: none

Motion carried 7-0

**ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA:**

Motion by Frederick supported by Tuinstra to approve the agenda as written.

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:**

A resident asked that there be a citizen comment section at the end of the meeting so that comments about topics on the agenda could be made after the meeting. Sorensen mentioned that during the meeting topics if anyone in the audience has a question, he is always willing to take comment during that agenda item.

**CONSIDER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

- Assistant Chiefs Report
- Monthly and Yearly Reports generated by Firefighter Chris Hoyt

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by Williams to approve.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: none

Absent: none

Motion carried 7-0

**DISCUSSION: EGLE STATUS LETTER AND PROPOSED TRANSFER OF THE CROWN VANTAGE LANDFILL PROPERTY TO GEORGIA PACIFIC.**

Motion by Williams, supported by Vlietstra to give tentative pre-approval for the transfer of the landfill property contingent on the offer from Georgia Pacific including all points outlined by Attorney Barbieri and that the final offer come back to this board for approval.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: none

Absent: none

Motion carried 7-0

**SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR THE 2021/2022 FISCAL YEAR GENERAL FUND BUDGET AND ADOPTION OF SPECIAL FUNDS FOR FEBRUARY 8, 2021.**

Motion by Tuinstra, supported by Janssen to approve setting the budget public hearing for February 8, 2021.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: none

Absent: none

Motion carried 7-0

**OLD BUSINESS: WATER PROJECT UPDATES**

**OLD BUSINESS: RIVERVIEW DRIVE SEWER PROJECT DRAINAGE ISSUE**

**KALAMAZOO COUNTY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE 2021 CONTRACT:**

Motion by Frederick, supported by DeHaan to approve this contract for not more than \$8000.00 total.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: none

Absent: none

Motion carried 7-0

**2021-2022 ROAD PROJECTS:**

Motion by Frederick, supported by Vlietstra to allow Trustee Frederick and Supervisor Sorensen to enter into discussions with KCRC to choose road work needed by our community while staying within our projected budget for 2021/2022 road repairs.

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

No: none

Absent: none

Motion carried 7-0

**DISCUSSION: MTA TRAINING BUNDLE**

Motion by Sorensen, supported by Tuinstra to approve the purchase of the Premium Training Bundle from MTA for both board members and staff at \$1900.00.

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

No: none  
Absent: none  
Motion carried 7-0

**STAFF MEMO AND RESOLUTION 21-189 TO INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. 258, AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT AMENDMENTS TO THE AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT AND USES:**

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by Williams to adopt Resolution 21-189.  
Yes: Frederick, Janssen, Sorensen, DeHaan, Tuinstra, Vlietstra, Williams

No: none  
Absent: none  
Motion carried 7-0

**STAFF MEMO AND RESOLUTION 21-188 TO INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. 257, AN ORDINANCE TO ACCESSORY BUILDING REQUIREMENTS:**

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by Janssen to adopt Resolution 21-188.  
Yes: Frederick, Janssen, Sorensen, DeHaan, Tuinstra, Vlietstra, Williams

No: none  
Absent: none  
Motion carried 7-0

**TRUSTEE COMMENTS:** Trustee Williams expressed concern over the possibility of zoom bombings occurring during our zoom meetings. Attorney Dickinson went on to explain the safe guards that are in place and what our options are if such a disruption should happen. Trustee Frederick wanted to reiterate that he is fully aware of what a great job our attorney has done, and continues to do for us during the PFAS crisis, he is just anxious to see the added attorney fees come to an end during these times when our budget is so stretched.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 pm.

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DeAnna Janssen, Clerk

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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 11th day of January, 2021.

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DeAnna Janssen, Clerk  
Cooper Charter Township