

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF COOPER
Regular Township Board Meeting
April 12, 2021

The regular meeting of the Cooper Charter Township Board was held, via Zoom Electronic Meeting, on Monday, April 12, 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, Dan Williams.... attending virtually from Cooper Township, MI;
Trustee, Adam Tuinstra.... attending virtually from Cooper Township, MI.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Trustee, Fred Vlietstra

Also present was Leslie Dickinson and Charles Barbieri of Foster Swift, Julie Johnston, Chief Emig and 6 interested people. Supervisor Sorensen called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Items on the consent agenda:

- a) Board Meeting Minutes of March 8, 2021
- b) Receipts and Disbursements Report
- c) Treasurers Report
- d) 4th Quarter 2020/2021 Fiscal Year Budget Report
- e) Kalamazoo County Resolution to Declare State of Emergency
- f) 2021 Cooper Township Road Projects Document

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: none

Absent: Vlietstra

Motion carried 6-0

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA:

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: none

Absent: Vlietstra

Motion carried 6-0

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

- Comment from a citizen that the construction in front of her home on Riverview last year was supposed to place her mailbox on her side of the road. She said she felt very unsafe crossing the road and wanted them to come back and do what they promised.
- Same citizen stated that the grade of her drive from sidewalk to road is such that it is causing lots of standing water, thus an ice rink in the winter.

CONSIDER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- Chiefs Reports
- Assistant Chiefs Report

Motion by Janssen, supported by Frederick to approve the reports.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: none

Absent: Vlietstra

Motion carried 6-0

ROAD COMMISSION DISCUSSION; SOLUTION TO THE RIVERVIEW DRAINAGE PROBLEM:

SET MAY 10, 2021 FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON STREET LIGHTS AND SOLID WASTE DISTRICT:

Motion by Janssen, supported by Williams to set May 10, 2021 for Public Hearing of Street Light and Solid Waste Districts.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: none

Absent: Vlietstra

Motion carried 6-0

FINAL CONSIDERATION- SALE OF PROPERTY TO GEORGIA PACIFIC:

Motion by Williams, supported by Sorensen to proceed with property transfer, as presented at tonight's meeting by Charles Barbieri of Foster Swift, to Georgia Pacific/Global Remediation & Environmental Services, LLC.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: none

Absent: Vlietstra

Motion carried 6-0

DISCUSSION- INTERURBAN AGREEMENT TO ESTABLISH TRAILWAYS COMMITTEE

Motion by DeHaan, supported by Frederick to send a letter of agreement, conceptually, with the request that Kalamazoo County Parks Department be included on this Committee as a partner with Cooper Township regarding all things park related.

Roll Call Vote:

Frederick, Janssen, Sorensen, DeHaan, Tuinstra, Williams

No: none

Absent: Vlietstra

Motion carried 6-0

DISCUSSION – AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021

RESOLUTION 21-200 ADOPTING ORDINANCE NO 259 (ANIMALS AND HONEY BEES):

Motion by Williams, supported by Janssen to adopt Resolution 21-200, including the revisions to the ordinance noted on the Planning Directors Staff Memo.

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

No: none

Absent: Vlietstra

Motion carried 6-0

TRUSTEE COMMENTS:

Frederick – spoke about the increasing frequency of river water rescues in Cooper Township.

Janssen – spoke about the need to expand the township hall in order to accommodate a third AV Counting board for future large elections. The expansion is also needed for public safety, expanded storage and vault space, update electrical and mechanical, expanded parking for residents, employees, and fire service.

Sorensen – spoke about residents looking for the long-awaited restoration after the water construction project went in last year. He says that the restorations are starting this spring and will be continuing as the balance of the water project unfolds this year.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 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 12th day of April, 2021.

DeAnna Janssen, Clerk
Cooper Charter Township