

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF COOPER
Regular Township Board Meeting
May 10, 2021

The regular meeting of the Cooper Charter Township Board was held, via Zoom Electronic Meeting, on Monday, May 10th, 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 Anne Seuryneck and 15 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 April 12, 2021
- b) Receipts and Disbursements Report
- c) Treasurers Reports
- d) 4th Quarter 2020/2021 Constellation Trust

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 Janssen, supported by Sorensen 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:

- Statement by resident that all Cooper Residents should be allowed to have small animals to help feed their families and/or have as pets.
- Statement by long term resident that the current animal ordinance seems prohibitive for keeping small animals. Also concerned about the cost of enforcement.

CONSIDER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- Chiefs Reports

Motion by Williams, 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:

Motion by DeHaan, supported by Janssen to postpone this decision to obtain more information.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: none

Absent: Vlietstra

Motion carried 6-0

PUBLIC HEARING ON SOLID WASTE DISTRICT:

Motion by Frederick, supported by Williams to open the Public Hearing on the Township Solid Waste Special Assessment District

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: none

Absent: Vlietstra

Motion carried 6-0

Notice of public hearing, affidavit of mailing and proof of publication were presented at the hearing. There were no written or oral comments received prior to the public hearing on the proposed Solid Waste Special Assessment District. The Supervisor then asked for any public comment.

There was no public comment.

Motion by Williams, supported by Frederick to close the public hearing.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: none

Absent: Vlietstra

Motion carried 6-0

Motion by Janssen, supported by Tuinstra to adopt the Solid Waste Special Assessment District Resolution assessing the sum of approximately \$203,761.20 at a rate of \$55.40 against each residential property specially benefited by this district.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: none

Absent: Vlietstra

Motion carried 6-0. Solid Waste Special Assessment District Resolution Adopted

PUBLIC HEARING ON STREET LIGHT DISTRICT:

Motion by Frederick, supported by Williams to open the Public Hearing on the Township Wide Street Light Special Assessment District

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: none

Absent: Vlietstra
Motion carried 6-0

Notice of public hearing, affidavit of mailing and proof of publication were presented at the hearing. There were no written or oral comments received prior to the public hearing on the proposed Street Light Special Assessment District. The Supervisor then asked for any public comment.

There was no public comment.

Motion by Janssen, supported by Williams to close the public hearing.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: none

Absent: Vlietstra

Motion carried 6-0

Motion by Janssen, supported by Tuinstra to adopt the Street Light Special Assessment District Resolution assessing the sum of approximately \$75,000.00 at a rate of .5800 of a mil levied against the properties benefited by said lighting.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: none

Absent: Vlietstra

Motion carried 6-0. Street Light Special Assessment District Resolution Adopted.

KALAMAZOO REGIONAL WATER & WASTEWATER COMMISSION YEARLY INVOICE:

Motion by Sorensen, supported by Frederick to approve.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: none

Absent: Vlietstra

Motion carried 6-0

DISCUSSION REGARDING POSSIBLE REVISIONS TO NEWLY ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO 259 (ANIMALS AND HONEY BEES):

Motion by Frederick, supported by Williams to move forward with the revisions outlined by Planner Julie Johnston and to plan on First Reading at the June 14 Township Board Meeting.

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

No: none

Absent: Vlietstra

Motion carried 6-0

ELECTION UPDATE:

Janssen provided a narrative about the May 4, 2021 voter turnout.

DISCUSSION/APPROVAL OF EMERGENCY VEHICLE PRODUCTS INVOICES:

Motion by Frederick, supported by Tuinstra to approve payment.

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

No: none

Absent: Vlietstra

Motion carried 6-0

TRUSTEE COMMENTS:

- Frederick mentioned that he had spoken to Vlietstra and that he is doing better each day and looks forward to returning to our meetings.
- Frederick also stated that he is proud to be part of a more conservative township board and that he likes that we, when possible, save money for some of the larger purchases we need to make, rather than taking out loans and/or adding it to our citizens tax bills.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 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 10th day of May, 2021.

DeAnna Janssen, Clerk
Cooper Charter Township