

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF COOPER
Regular Township Board Meeting
June 14, 2021

The regular meeting of the Cooper Charter Township Board was held, via Zoom Electronic Meeting, on Monday, June 14th, 2021.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Supervisor, Jeff Sorensen.... attending virtually from Hillsdale, 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.
Trustee, Fred Vlietstra.... attending virtually from Cooper Township, MI

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Also present was Laura Genovich, John Crumb, Terry Emig and 9 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 May 10, 2021
- b) Receipts and Disbursements Report

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: none

Absent: none

Motion carried 7-0

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA:

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: none

Absent: none

Motion carried 7-0

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

- One citizen commented that he has been leaving voicemails and emails for the supervisor pertaining to the proposed street water problems on Riverview and has received no return emails or phone calls.

CONSIDER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- Chiefs Reports and Stats Reports
- Assistant Chiefs Reports

Motion by Williams, supported by Vlietstra to approve the reports.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: none

Absent: none

Motion carried 7-0

CRIPPS EXCAVATING, INC INVOICE FOR APPROVAL:

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by Frederick to approve this invoice for payment.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: none

Absent: none

Motion carried 7-0

MTA DUES INVOICE FOR APPROVAL:

Motion by Frederick, supported by Tuinstra to approve this invoice for payment.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: none

Absent: none

Motion carried 7-0

DISCUSSION – KALAMAZOO BROADBAND COMMITTEE

DISCUSSION: SOLUTION TO THE RIVERVIEW DRAINAGE PROBLEM:

Motion by Williams, supported by DeHaan to approve the solution previously presented by the Road Commission where the Road Commission is financially responsible for these repairs and there is no cost sharing by the township.

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

No: none

Absent: none

Motion carried 7-0

DISCUSSION: KALAMAZOO CITY FREE WATER PROJECT

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by Williams to discontinue collecting all water fees and to return any fees that have been collected since the March 15, 2021 effective date for the Kalamazoo City Water Agreement.

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

No: none

Absent: none

Motion carried 7-0

CONSIDER RESOLUTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT 1 – WASTE NOT C&D RECYCLING CENTER – TO THE KALAMAZOO COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN:

Motion by Frederick, supported by Vlietstra to adopt this resolution.

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

No: none

Absent: none

Motion carried 7-0

CONSIDER RESOLUTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT 2 – MILLER ROAD TRANSFER CENTER – TO THE KALAMAZOO COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN:

Motion by Janssen, supported by Vlietstra to adopt this resolution.

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

No: none
Absent: none
Motion carried 7-0

DISCUSSION: OPEN TOWNSHIP OFFICE TO PUBLIC JULY 1ST AND DISCONTINUE ZOOM BOARD MEETINGS:

Motion by Janssen, supported by Tuinstra to approve these changes effective July 1st, 2021.

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

No: none
Absent: none
Motion carried 7-0

TRUSTEE COMMENTS:

- Williams asked the clerk to explain why the animal ordinance revisions were not being presented at this meeting.
- Janssen advised that the animal ordinance revisions did require a public hearing at the Planning Commission before it could come back to the township board for 1st reading. That Planning Commission Public Hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, June 16, 2021. She also mentioned that she does expect the 1st reading to be on the Township Boards July agenda.
- Frederick commented on his displeasure with how the restoration work for the city water project is being handled. He said that he lays the blame squarely on the shoulders of Prein & Newhof Engineering since they are the ones with the supervising engineers on site and that they shouldn't be letting poor work (hydro-seeding sidewalks and houses) go unchecked.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:09pm.

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 June, 2021.

DeAnna Janssen, Clerk
Cooper Charter Township