

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF COOPER
Regular Township Board Meeting
August 9, 2021

The regular meeting of the Cooper Charter Township Board was held on Monday, August 9th, 2021.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Supervisor, Jeff Sorensen
Clerk, DeAnna Janssen
Treasurer, Carol DeHaan
Trustee, Jim Frederick
Trustee, Dan Williams
Trustee, Adam Tuinstra
Trustee, Fred Vlietstra

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Also present was Chief Emig, John Crumb of GLSW, Brian Vilmont of Prein Newhof and 26 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 July 12, 2021
- b) Receipts and Disbursements Report
- c) Constellation Trust 1st Quarter Statement

The board and citizens were asked if they wanted any items removed from the consent agenda. No requests were made. Motion by Frederick, supported by Vlietstra to approve the consent agenda as written. Motion carried 7-0.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA:

Trustee Williams would like to add a 90-day review of Ordinance Officer Jack Woods employment, Lt Jeff Baker is being added to the agenda to speak. Motion by DeHaan, supported by Vlietstra to approve the agenda as amended.

Motion carried 7-0.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

- asked the KCSD about a stolen trailer case in Cooper Township and wondering why its so expensive to take items to the dump/transfer station.
- Amarillo/Citadel/Tanda roads are all beat up with pot holes.
- wondering about mail theft and a post office box in Cooper.

LT JEFF BAKER FROM KALAMAZOO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT RE-INTRODUCED HIMSELF TO THE PUBLIC AND SPOKE TO THE BOARD ABOUT STATS IN COOPER TOWNSHIP. Mail theft, fraud, motor vehicle theft, catalytic convertor thefts are some of the current issues.

CONSIDER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- Chiefs Reports

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by Tuinstra to approve the reports. Motion carried 7-0.

CONSIDERATION OF 2020/2021 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FROM AUDITORS:

Motion by Janssen, supported by Williams to approve. Motion carried 7-0.

DISCUSSION – 20TH STREET, REMUS, BEVERLY FLOODING: Road Commission will be working on cleaning their ditches and drains in that area as well as speaking with Consumers Energy regarding expanding the size of the Consumers Energy culvert north of Roosevelt Rd to help reduce the standing water more quickly.

DISCUSSION – JOHN CRUMB WITH GLSW RE: SEWER INSTALL AT 5410 COLLINGWOOD

DISCUSSION - REPLACEMENT SIGN ACROSS FROM TOWNSHIP HALL:

Motion by Janssen, supported by DeHaan to approve the quote from Sign Crafters and to order the new sign.
Motion carried 7-0.

CONTINUED DISCUSSION – KALAMAZOO CITY FREE WATER PROJECT: Brian Vilmont from Prein Newhof spoke about the punch lists and things still yet to do.

2021/2022 ROAD PROJECTS PAYMENT PROGRESS REPORT:

RESOLUTION 21-204 SUPPORTING THE FEDERAL PROCUREMENT CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY SET FORTH BY MTA IN PREPERATION FOR ARPA FUNDS:

Motion by Frederick, supported by Vlietstra to adopt Resolution No. 21-204.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: none

Absent: none

Motion carried 7-0

RESOLUTION NO. 21-202 FOR 2ND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 260 (ANIMALS):

Motion by Janssen, supported by Vlietstra to adopt Resolution No. 21-202.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: none

Absent: none

Motion carried 7-0

RESOLUTION NO. 21-205 FOR INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE 261 (LIND):

Motion by Frederick to deny. With no support, the motion dies.

Motion by Janssen, supported by Vlietstra to adopt Resolution No. 21-205.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: Frederick

Absent: none

Motion carried 6-1

90-DAY REVIEW OF ORDINANCE OFFICER EMPLOYMENT

Motion by Williams, supported by Janssen to retain Jack Wood as permanent part-time employee.

Motion carried 7-0.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS:

Janssen – advised the board that a letter was sent to those yet to pay their Riverview Sewer Assessment; Workman’s Comp Audit was last week; Chart of Accounts State mandated change has started.

Sorensen – mentioned the Township campus is having some mice problems and have contracted with a company to clean them out and maintain a rodent free area.

Williams – spoke about the flooding issue and is glad that the Road Commission and Drain Commission are working with the Township to help resolve some of these issues.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

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 board meeting held on the 9th day of August, 2021.

DeAnna Janssen, Clerk
Cooper Charter Township