

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF COOPER
Regular Township Board Meeting
September 13, 2021

The regular meeting of the Cooper Charter Township Board was held on Monday, September 13th, 2021.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Supervisor, Jeff Sorensen
Also present was Chief Emig, John Crumb of GLSW, and 15 interested people. Trustee Frederick called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Items on the consent agenda:

- a) Board Meeting Minutes of August 9, 2021
- b) Receipts and Disbursements Report
- c) June/July Treasurers Report

The board and citizens were asked if they wanted any items removed from the consent agenda. No requests were made. Motion by Williams, supported by Vlietstra to approve the consent agenda as written. Motion carried 6-0.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA:

Janssen requested adding "F. Reaffirmation of the Investment Policy" to Agenda Item #9, left off in error. Motion by DeHaan, supported by Tuinstra to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried 6-0.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

CONSIDER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- Chiefs Reports
- July Monthly Fire Report
- July Assistant Chiefs Report
- August Assistant Chiefs Report

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by DeHaan to approve the reports. Motion carried 6-0.

DISCUSSION - LETTER REGARDING 5410 COLLINGWOOD NEED FOR CITY HOOK-UP:

Motion by Williams supported by Tuinstra to move forward, the week of October 4th, thru GLSW, with required dewatering/ water hook-up and a strong recommendation for hookup to sanitary sewer at the same time. Motion carried 6-0.

RESOLUTION 21-207 TO APPROVE THE ADDITION OF MICHIGAN COOPERATIVE LIQUID ASSETS SECURITIES SYSTEM (MICHIGAN CLASS) TO THE COOPER CHARTER TOWNSHIP INVESTMENT POLICY:

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by Frederick to adopt Resolution No. 21-207.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: none

Absent: Sorensen

Motion carried 6-0

APPROVAL TO LEVY THE FOLLOWING ON THE 2021 WINTER TAX BILL:

- a) 1% PTAF (3% PENALTY WAIVED FOR ALL FOR 2021)
- b) 0.838800 FOR TOWNSHIP TAX
- c) \$55.40 PER HOUSEHOLD FOR COLLECTION, DISPOSAL, AND RECYCLING OF SOLID WASTE
- d) .5800 MILLS PER THOUSAND FOR STREET LIGHT DISTRICT
- e) RIVERVIW DRIVE SEWER, LIENS FOR CLEANUP AND MOWING, AND DELINQUENT SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS ON THE TAX ROLL
- f) REAFFIRM THE INVESTMENT POLICY

Motion by Janssen, supported by Tuinstra to approve all.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: none

Absent: Jeff Sorensen

Motion carried 6-0

CONTINUED DISCUSSION – KALAMAZOO CITY FREE WATER PROJECT:

RESOLUTION 21-206 FOR SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE 261-LIND:

Motion by Janssen, supported by Vlietstra to adopt Resolution No. 21-206.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Janssen, DeHaan, Tuinstra, Williams, Vlietstra

No: Frederick

Absent: Sorensen

Motion carried 5-1

BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD RENEWAL EFFECTIVE DEC 2021:

Motion by Frederick, supported by Vlietstra to approve. Motion Carried 6-0.

DISCUSSION- HEALTH CARE BENEFITS FOR SPOUSE/FAMILY:

Motion by Janssen, supported by DeHaan to revert back to the pre-August 2021 Health Insurance Policy that states only full-time employees are eligible for health insurance benefits. Motion Carried 6-0

TRUSTEE COMMENTS:

Trustee Williams commented that he hadn't heard anything yet about the Township/Road Commission/ Drain Commission/ Consumers Power collusion to take steps to help lessen the flooding in the 20th Street areas during heavy rains.

Clerk Janssen commented...Election Commission to meet @ 6:30pm before the October 11th meeting, public test for the November election should be scheduled for October 21st, ballots for the November election should be available Saturday Sept 18th.... but we have yet to receive the ballots, chart of accounts state mandated changes' are progressing rapidly.

Trustee Frederick commented about an error in the minutes from the August PC Meeting.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

DeAnna Janssen, Clerk

Attested: Carol DeHaan, Treasurer

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 13th day of September 2021.

DeAnna Janssen, Clerk
Cooper Charter Township