

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF COOPER
Regular Township Board Meeting
March 14, 2022

The regular meeting of the Cooper Charter Township Board was held on Monday, March 14, 2022.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Supervisor, Jeff Sorensen
Treasurer, Carol DeHaan
Clerk, DeAnna Janssen
Trustee, Jim Frederick
Trustee, Dan Williams
Trustee, Adam Tuinstra
Trustee, Fred Vlietstra – arrived at 7:20pm

MEMBERS ABSENT: none

Assistant Chief Brian Klok, Ransom District Library Board Member Alan Asselmeier, Library Director Joe Gross, and 8 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 February 14, 2022
- b) Receipts and Disbursements Report
- c) January Treasurers Report

The board and citizens were asked if they wanted any items removed from the consent agenda. Motion by Frederick, supported by Williams to approve the consent agenda as written. Motion carried 6-0.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA:

Request by Treasurer to add Resolution 22-226 to the Agenda. Motion by Janssen, supported by Williams to approve the agenda as amended.

Motion carried 6-0.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Resident complaint; habitat house on Thayer is a horrible eyesore for the neighborhood, can you do anything about it.

Becket Jones introduced himself; attorney running for 8th District Court Judge in Kalamazoo County.

CONSIDER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Motion by Janssen, supported by Frederick to approve the reports and the request to purchase 2 dual band portable radios, ventilation fan (from next year's budget), and flow test kit (from next year's budget) for \$24,200.00 with the remaining 2021-2022 budget funds. Motion carried 6-0.

RANSOM LIBRARY BOARD MEMBER ALAN ASSELMEIER AND RANSOM LIBRARY DIRECTOR JOE GROSS PRESENTATION:

CONSIDER APPOINTING DAVID DAHLQUIST TO RANSOM DISTRICT LIBRARY BOARD FOR A 4-YEAR TERM ENDING IN MARCH 2026:

Motion by Sorensen, supported by Frederick to appoint David Dahlquist to Ransom Library Board for a term to end March 2026. Motion carried 7-0.

DISCUSS STREET LIGHT LOCATION REQUESTS.

CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO THE 2021/2022 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET.

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

CONSIDER RE-APPOINTING THE FIRM OF SIEGFRIED CRANDALL AS TOWNSHIP AUDITORS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022/2023 AND AUTHORIZE CLERK TO SIGN AUDIT LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING:

Motion by DeHaan, supported by Tuinstra to appoint. Motion carried 7-0.

CONSIDER RE-APPOINTING PREIN & NEWHOFF AS TOWNSHIP ENGINEERS AND WIGHTMAN & ASSOCIATES ENGINEERING AS ALTERNATE TOWNSHIP ENGINEERS ON SPECIAL PROJECTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022/2023:

Motion by Tuinstra, supported by Vlietstra to appoint. Motion carried 6-1.

CONSIDER RE-APPOINTING JULIE JOHNSTON, A.I.C.P. AS TOWNSHIP PLANNING/ZONING COORDINATOR FOR THE 2022/2023 FISCAL YEAR:

Motion by Frederick, supported by Tuinstra to appoint. Motion carried 7-0.

CONSIDER RE-APPOINTING MICHAEL HOMIER OF FOSTER SWIFT AS TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY WITH ROXANNE SEEBER OF BAUCKHAM, SPARKS, ROLFE, LOHRSTORFER & THALL, P.C. AS ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT COUNCEL FOR THE 2022/2023 FISCAL YEAR.

Motion by DeHaan, supported by Janssen to appoint. Motion carried 7-0.

CONSIDER ADOPTING MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE 2022/2023 FISCAL YEAR:

Motion by Frederick, supported by Williams to adopt as amended. Motion carried 7-0

CONSIDER ADOPTING FEE SCHEDULE FOR 2022/2023 FISCAL YEAR:

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by Williams to adopt as amended. Motion carried 7-0.

DESIGNATE TCF BANK; CIBA; FLAGSTAR BANK; ADVIA CREDIT UNION; MERCANTILE BANK; PNC; COMERICA; CONSUMERS CREDIT UNION; MULTI-BANK SECURITIES; FIFTH-THIRD BANK; HUNTINGTON BANK; FNB OF MICHIGAN AND ANY OTHER FDIC INSURED INSTITUTIONS AS DEPOSITORIES OF TOWNSHIP FUNDS FOR THE 2022/2023 FISCAL YEAR:

Motion by Janssen, supported by Tuinstra to designate all the above for the 2022/2023 fiscal year. Motion carried 7-0.

CONSIDER HOURLY WAGE AND PER DIEM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022/2023:

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

MOTION TO ALLOW SUPERVISOR, CLERK, AND TREASURER TO ABSTAIN FROM VOTING ON THEIR INDIVIDUAL SALARIES:

Motion by Tuinstra supported by Williams to allow. Motion carried 7-0.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION 22-221 TO ESTABLISH TOWNSHIP TREASURER'S SALARY AT \$63,150.00 FOR THE 2022/2023 FISCAL YEAR.

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by Tuinstra to adopt.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

“YES” – Vlietstra, Sorensen, Janssen

“NO” – Frederick, Tuinstra, Williams

“ABSTAIN” – DeHaan

Motion denied 3-3.

Motion by Frederick, supported by Tuinstra to adopt as amended to maintain current salary at \$61,310.00 for the 2022/2023 fiscal year.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

“YES” – Vlietstra, Sorensen, Janssen, Frederick, Tuinstra, Williams

“NO” – none

“ABSTAIN” – DeHaan

Motion carried 6-0.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION 22-222 TO ESTABLISH TOWNSHIP CLERK’S SALARY AT \$63,150.00 FOR THE 2022/2023 FISCAL YEAR.

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by Tuinstra to adopt as amended to maintain current salary at \$61,310.00 for the 2022/2023 fiscal year.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

“YES” – Vlietstra, Sorensen, DeHaan, Williams, Frederick, Tuinstra

“NO” – none

“ABSTAIN” – Janssen

Motion carried 6-0.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION 22-223 TO ESTABLISH TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR’S SALARY AT \$63,150.00 FOR THE 2022/2023 FISCAL YEAR.

Motion by DeHaan, supported by Frederick to adopt as amended to maintain current salary at \$61,310.00 for 2022/2023 fiscal year.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

“YES” – Vlietstra, Janssen, DeHaan, Williams, Frederick, Tuinstra

“NO” – none

“ABSTAIN” – Sorensen

Motion carried 6-0.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION 22-224 FOR PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT DESIGNEE APPOINTMENTS FOR THE 2022/2023 FISCAL YEAR.

Motion by DeHaan, supported by Frederick to adopt.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

“YES” – Vlietstra, Frederick, Janssen, DeHaan, Tuinstra, Williams, Sorensen

“NO” – none

Motion carried 7-0.

CONSIDER APPROVAL TO SIGN AND PAY 2022/2023 INSURANCE BINDERS.

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

DISCUSS AND APPOINT 3-YEAR LAWN MAINTENANCE CONTRACT.

Motion by DeHaan, supported by Vlietstra to approve Property Revolution. Motion carried 6-1.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION 22-226 – REVISED POVERTY EXEMPTION.

Motion by Williams, supported by DeHaan to adopt.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

“YES” – Vlietstra, Frederick, Janssen, DeHaan, Tuinstra, Williams, Sorensen

“NO” – None

Motion carried 7-0.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS:

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

DeAnna Janssen, Clerk

Attested: Jeff 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 14th day of March 2022.

DeAnna Janssen, Clerk
Cooper Charter Township