

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF COOPER
Regular Township Board Meeting
May 9, 2022

The regular meeting of the Cooper Charter Township Board was held on Monday, May 9, 2022.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Chief Emig and 18 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 11, 2022
- b) Receipts and Disbursements Report
- c) March Treasurers Report
- d) KCSO April 2022 Calls for Service Report
- e) Constellation Trust – 4th Quarter Report
- f) 1st Quarter 2022 Household Hazardous Waste Report

The board and citizens were asked if they wanted any items removed from the consent agenda. Motion by Frederick, supported by Tuinstra to approve the consent agenda as written. Motion carried 7-0.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA:

Motion by Janssen, supported by Vlietstra to approve the agenda as written.
Motion carried 7-0.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Citizen complaining about his property ordinance issues on Douglas Rd.
Citizen spoke about his family's long-time life in Cooper Township and how much he loves it here.
Citizen wanted to let us know that she has noticed speeding vehicles on Douglas Ave.
Citizen spoke about the cemetery and how there are some sink holes because of the rain.
Non-resident spoke about someone running for district court in Kalamazoo County
Citizen requested better parking at River Valley Trail; hiring a Marketing Expert; newsletter to inform residents more often than just with the tax bills; email for newsletters; email for tax reminders.
Citizen states that the Township Board is targeting just specific individuals for ordinance violations. Would like a meeting with several board members and Cooper Townships Ordinance Attorney.
Citizen, who had another citizen speak for him, has a lawn care business and complained about a neighbor stealing some of his equipment, which he reported. Since then, the neighbor continues to complain about him with the township ordinance enforcement.

JEFF BAKER, LIEUTENANT KALAMAZOO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Lieutenant Baker introduced Lieutenant Steve Beers as a new contact person for Cooper Township staff and citizens.

CONSIDER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Supervisor mentioned that the fire department application we have in our packet had been withdrawn from consideration. Motion by Williams, supported by DeHaan to approve the report. Motion carried 7-0

PUBLIC HEARING ON SOLID WASTE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT:

Motion by Tuinstra, supported by Vlietstra to open the Public Hearing on the Township Solid Waste Special Assessment District
Motion Carried 7-0.

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 Janssen, supported by Vlietstra to close the public hearing.
Motion Carried 7-0.

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by DeHaan to adopt the Solid Waste Special Assessment District Resolution assessing the sum of approximately \$215,849.00 at a rate of \$58.83 against each residential property specially benefited by this district.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No – none

Absent – none

Motion Carried 7-0.

PUBLIC HEARING ON STREET LIGHT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT:

Motion by Tuinstra, supported by Williams to open the Public Hearing on the Township Street Light Special Assessment District
Motion Carried 7-0.

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 Frederick, supported by Vlietstra to close the public hearing.
Motion Carried 7-0.

Motion by DeHaan, supported by Tuinstra to adopt the Street Light Special Assessment District Resolution assessing the sum of approximately \$80,000.00 at a rate of .58/00 of a mil levied against the properties benefited by said lighting.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No – none

Absent – none

Motion Carried 7-0.

CONTINUED DISCUSSION – NEW PHONE SYSTEM – VANBELKUM VS TDS.

Request from DeHaan to hold off and get more quotes.

DISCUSSION – 2021/2022 WATER PROJECT.

ELECTION UPDATE.

Motion by Frederick, supported by Tuinstra to purchase the new tabulator for elections.

Motion carried 7-0.

QUOTE FROM RI STAFFORD – DRIVEWAY AGGREGATE/SCRAPING AT WEST COOPER CEMETERY.

Request from Williams to hold off and get additional quotes.

REQUEST FOR COMBINATION OF 4272 & 4316 ROLLRIDGE AVE.

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

DISCUSSION- ASPHALT MAINTENANCE.

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

TRUSTEE COMMENTS:

Trustee Frederick asked about an ordinance violation that is due in court. Also mentioned that he respects the work that Ordinance Officer Jack Woods does...toughest job in Cooper Township.

Supervisor Sorensen commented that the new LED lighting that he signed up for with Consumers Energy will save the township about \$1300.00 a year in electrical costs and that Consumers Energy will pay a nice portion of the up-front costs to get them changed.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 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 9th day of May 2022.

DeAnna Janssen, Clerk
Cooper Charter Township