

**THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF COOPER**  
**Regular Township Board Meeting**  
**June 13, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Cooper Charter Township Board was held on Monday, June 13, 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 10 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 9, 2022
- b) Receipts and Disbursements Report
- c) 2021/2022 Fiscal Year OPEB Accounting Report from Watkins Ross
- d) KCSO May 2022 Calls for Service Report

The board and citizens were asked if they wanted any items remove from the consent agenda. Trustee Frederick asked to pull the Receipts and Disbursements Report for discussion. Motion by Janssen, supported by Vlietstra to approve the consent agenda as amended. Motion carried 7-0.

**ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA:**

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

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

Citizen asked for information about a complaint regarding his neighbor.  
Citizen spoke to the residents about the problems he is having with the Township garnishing wages from him and his wife because of ordinance violations.  
Citizen wanted to read a complaint for another resident – having not received responses for his inquiries.

**CONSIDER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

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

**REQUEST FOR HOURLY INCREASE FOR JOHN SCOTT MAINTENANCE HOURS**

Motion by DeHaan, supported by Vlietstra to increase as requested. Motion carried 7-0.

**DISCUSSION OF ADDITION OF MONTHLY ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT REPORT TO  
CONSENT AGENDA MOVING FORWARD:**

**REAPPOINT STEPHANIE DAVIS TO ZBA FOR A 3-YEAR TERM TO END APRIL, 2025**

Motion by Williams, supported by Frederick to reappoint. Motion Carried 7-0.

**CONTINUED DISCUSSION – NEW PHONE SYSTEM**

Motion by Williams, supported by Vlietstra to purchase the new system from Tel-Net. Motion carried 7-0.

**REQUEST FOR COMBINATION – 5914 QUARTZ**

Motion by Frederick, supported by DeHaan to approve the combination. Motion Carried 7-0.

**CONTINUED DISCUSSION – WEST COOPER CEMETERY DRIVEWAY QUOTES**

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by Frederick to go with VanGemert & Sons Excavating for the driveway work. Motion carried 7-0.

**DISCUSSION- TOWNSHIP BUILDING ADDITION/RENOVATION.**

Motion by Tuinstra, supported by Frederick to table office remodel until a special meeting to hear public discussion regarding other possible resident ideas regarding the ARPA funds. Motion carried 7-0.

**RECIEPTS & DISBURSMENTS- PULLED FROM CONSENT FOR DISCUSSION:**

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

**TRUSTEE COMMENTS:**

Trustee Frederick looks forward to some other ideas from the board regarding ARPA fund use. Frederick also had questions about the restoration of yards from the parchment area water project.

Trustee Williams commented that he liked having the list of reasons for the proposed revisions and that he likes the idea of the Ordinance Enforcement Report on a monthly basis.

Supervisor Sorensen commented that there was a 20<sup>th</sup> street leak in the fresh water line for sewer. The residents will not see rises in their rates because of the temporary increase in their flow. The city will be calculating the May and June bills based on the pre-leak flow rates!

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

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DeAnna Janssen, Clerk

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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 13th day of June 2022.

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DeAnna Janssen, Clerk  
Cooper Charter Township