

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

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

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:

Chief Emig and 4 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 October 2022
- b) Receipts and Disbursements Report
- c) October 2022 KCSO Calls for Service Report
- d) Treasurers Report
- e) 3rd Quarter HHW Report
- f) 2022/2023 Final Road Projects and Payments Report
- g) 2022 3rd Quarter Constellation Trust Performance Evaluation

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

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA:

Motion by Williams, supported by Tuinstra to approve the agenda as written.
Motion carried 7-0.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: none

PRESENTATION BY SCOTT KEESLING OF GEORGIA PACIFIC ON PROGRESS AT THE LANDFILL SITE:

CONSIDER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by Frederick to approve the reports and direct the clerk to place advertisements for firefighters on website, newsletter, and township sign. Motion carried 7-0.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 22-232 TO INTRODUCE ORDINANCE 263 - REZONING:

Motion by Williams, supported by Janssen to adopt Resolution 22-232.

Roll Call Vote:

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

NO: none

ABSENT: none

Motion Carried 7-0.

OCBA QUOTE FOR PARK GRANT DESIGN WORK:

Motion by Frederick, supported Tuinstra to approve creation of grant documents for the township park and walking trails for approximately \$10,000.00.

Motion Carried 7-0.

2022/2023 2ND QUARTER BUDGET REPORT

Motion by DeHaan, supported by Janssen to approve.

Motion Carried 7-0.

CONSIDERATION OF CURRENT CEMETERY EXPENSES AND COSTS TO PURCHASE:

Motion by DeHaan, supported by Tuinstra to approve, in an effort to defray the costs of operation, an increase in the price of Burial Rights to \$250.00, Non-Resident Burial Rights to \$750.00, and Administration Costs added to Open/Closing Fees of \$100.00.

Motion Carried 7-0.

2023 SPRING AND FALL CURBSIDE PICK-UP DATES: WEEKS OF MAY 8 & OCTOBER 23.

Motion by Williams, supported by Janssen to approve.

Motion Carried 7-0.

CONSIDER HHW REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS:

Motion by DeHaan, supported by Janssen to to deny the request for additional funds in the 2022 calendar year.

Motion Carried 7-0.

CONSIDER ICC AND GRAPHIC SCIENCES QUOTES FOR PURCHASING LASERFICHE AND HISTORICAL DOCUMENT SCANNING FOR RECORD RETENTION.

Motion by DeHaan, supported by Tuinstra to approve using some of the remaining ARPA funds to purchase the municipal version of Laserfiche from ICC and to move forward with the scanning project by Graphic Sciences.

Motion Carried 7-0.

CONSIDER SMBA 2023 BUDGET

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by Janssen to approve the budget and for the Treasurer and Supervisor to send a letter to the SMBA board regarding Cooper getting the proposed budget earlier in the year and the process for determining raises for the inspector and staff at SMBA.

Motion Carried 7-0.

ELECTION UPDATE.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS:

Frederick – appreciates the fiscal conversations held at this board meeting.

Williams – Julie Johnson is doing a great job.

Vlietstra – mentioned that someone in his church are new residents to the township and when they found out he was a trustee they commented to him that they had been to the township hall and the staff was very friendly and super helpful.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 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 November 2022.

DeAnna Janssen, Clerk
Cooper Charter Township