

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF COOPER
Regular Township Board Meeting
December 12, 2022

The regular meeting of the Cooper Charter Township Board was held on Tuesday, December 12, 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, Julie Johnston, 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 November 2022
- b) Receipts and Disbursements Report
- c) November 2022 KCSO Calls for Service Report
- d) Treasurers Report
- e) Monthly Ordinance Enforcement Report – October & November
- f) Graphic Packaging Article - FYI

The board and citizens were asked if they wanted any items remove from the consent agenda. Trustee Williams asked to remove line E & F for discussion. Motion by Frederick supported by DeHaan to approve the consent agenda amended. Motion carried 7-0

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA:

Trustee Frederick asked to add a discussion item to the agenda regarding the past water project in the Parchment area. Motion by Vlietstra supported by Williams to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried 7-0.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Resident has concern that there is selected enforcement on Ordinance Enforcement in Cooper Township.

Mike Boersma – Road Commission of Kalamazoo County – addressed questions by residents and board members regarding tree trimming and clean-up of the downed wood...noting that pink flags are placed at Road Commission downed trees and unless residents call within 14 days to ask the Road Commission to remove the wood, it will be their responsibility to take care of it.

CONSIDER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

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

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 22-233 TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 263 - REZONING:

Motion by Williams, supported by Vlietstra to adopt Resolution 22-233.

Roll Call Vote:

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

NO: none
ABSENT: none
Motion Carried 7-0.

MI-GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR TOWNSHIP PARK AND TOWNSHIP TRAIL:

Public Comment: Resident asked if a farmers' market could be included as part of the plan. Another question was about what the maintenance plan going forward would be for the park facilities.
Discussion by Board.

Motion by Williams, supported by Janssen to approve Resolution 22-234 to Support a Michigan Spark Grant for a Township Park with a 10% Township Board Contribution through The Department of Natural Resources.
Roll Call Vote:
YES: Vlietstra, Frederick, Janssen, Sorensen, Tuinstra, Williams, DeHaan
NO: none
ABSENT: none
Motion Carried 7-0.

Motion by DeHaan supported by Frederick to approve Resolution 22-235 to Support a Michigan Spark Grant for a Township Trail with a 10% Township Board Contribution through The Department of Natural Resources.
Roll Call Vote:
YES: Vlietstra, Frederick, Janssen, Sorensen, Tuinstra, Williams, DeHaan
NO: none
ABSENT: none
Motion Carried 7-0.

CONSIDERATION OF FINAL STEP 3 APPROVAL FOR THE HUNTERS RIDGE SITE CONDOMINIUM.

Motion by Frederick, supported by Williams to grant final Step 3 approval of the Hunter's Ridge Site Condominium Plan, Master Deed, Bylaws, and all other supporting documents.
Motion Carried 7-0.

DISCUSSION REGARDING RESIDENT LETTER RE: G AVE SIDEWALKS

Supervisor to compose a letter to the resident expressing the boards thoughts on the matter.

CONSIDER RE-APPOINTING BOARD OF REVIEW MEMBERS:

Motion by DeHaan, supported by Williams to re-appoint ZBA Members Sheryl Gluchowski, Larry Stehouwer, Stephanie Davis, and Taylor Miller as Alternate for a two-year term to expire November 2024.
Motion Carried 7-0.

CONSIDER HHW 2023 CONTRACT:

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by Frederick to approve the new contract with a \$10,000.00 cap on funds.
Motion Carried 7-0.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 2022 DASHBOARD DOCUMENTS.

Motion by DeHaan, supported by Tuinstra to approve.
Motion Carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT REPORTS- OCTOBER & NOVEMBER FROM CONSENT AGENDA

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

DISCUSSION - GRAGHIC PACKAGING ARTICLE FROM CONSENT AGENDA

DISCUSSION – WATER PROJECT – ADDED TO AGENDA AT MEETING

TRUSTEE COMMENTS:

Williams – Julie Johnston is doing a great job...as our Planner and as an election worker.

Sorensen – pamphlet on the dais is from the Road Commission for Cooper Projects.

Frederick – road projects looked good this year.

Vlietstra – comments regarding SMBA discussions from last meeting.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 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 12th day of December 2022.

DeAnna Janssen, Clerk
Cooper Charter Township