

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF COOPER
Special Township Board Meeting
January 31, 2023

The regular meeting of the Cooper Charter Township Board was held on Monday, January 9, 2023.

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 26 interested people present. Sorensen called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 23-239 BALLOT LANGUAGE FOR MAY 2, 2023 ELECTION

Sorensen requested that several words of the resolution be removed to clarify that this resolution is specifically for Fire Service not Police or Ambulance Service. Motion by Williams, supported by Vlietstra to Adopt this Resolution (including text amendments suggested by Sorensen **IF** attorney Homier thinks the changes are necessary). Attorney Homier suggested the text of the Resolution be adopted as written.

Roll Call Vote:

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

NO: none

ABSENT: none

Motion Carried 7-0.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

*Is it fair that citizens comments are coming at the end of the meeting instead of the beginning. Why isn't the township using their fund balance to pay for the fire program instead of going to a vote of the people for a special assessment? Why was the meeting only posted 6 days ago?

*Wish the edited version of the resolution had been available on the website. Why weren't the ARPA funds in their entirety given to the fire department instead of dividing it up for different projects?

*Resident spoke that she is worried that her \$1300.00 a month of social security will not cover all of her expenses and an increase in taxes. Also stated that she is an election worker and the township facilities do need some expansion for several reasons...she just doesn't want to see it turned into a Tash Mahal.

*Resident asked about the language being revised on the resolution already voted on.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 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 special board meeting held on the 31st day of January 2023.

DeAnna Janssen, Clerk
Cooper Charter Township