

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF COOPER
Regular Township Board Meeting
April 10, 2023

The regular meeting of the Cooper Charter Township Board was held on Monday, April 10, 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:

None

Chief Emig and 40 interested people were present. Supervisor Sorensen called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Items on the consent agenda:

- a) Board Meeting Minutes of March 2023
- b) March Receipts and Disbursements Report
- c) March 2023 KCSO Calls for Service Report
- d) Attorneys Ordinance Enforcement Report - March
- e) Treasurers Report – March 2023
- f) ARPA Funds Worksheet

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

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA:

Sorensen asked to add the appointment of Chris Mihelich as the new Township Ordinance Officer, and to move the fire truck line item up to the Fire Report part of the agenda. Motion by Frederick supported by Williams to approve the consent agenda as amended. Motion carried 7-0.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

- a. Citizen noted her concern about the lack of details on the ballot for the Cooper Fire Department Special Assessment. Also wondered how many residents have internet available to them.
- b. Citizen noted his concern about why the board didn't have more meetings discussing the special assessment. Complained about Trustees not keeping citizens more informed. Also wondering what's going to happen to the \$400,000.00 (General Fund dollars used to support the Fire Dept Operating Budget) if/when the Fire Department Special Assessment is passed.
- c. Mike Boersma, Kal County Road Commissioner – comments included: RCKC still doing trees/branch pick-ups from the ice storm; 19th Street eroded road has been closed for safety reasons and RCKC will work with the township on how to resolve the issue.

CONSIDER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

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

PRESENTED RETIREMENT CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO FIREFIGHTER DON MCGEHEE. _____

FIRE DEPARTMENT REQUEST TO USE \$55,000.00 OF THEIR DESIGNATED ARPA FUNDS FOR PURCHASE OF 2022 FORD F350 TO BE USED AS A GRASS FIRE TRUCK:

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

2022/2023 4TH QUARTER REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT & BUDGET AMENDMENT:

Motion by Frederick, supported by Williams to approve the report and the amendment. Motion carried 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-245 INTRODUCING ORDINANCE NO. 264 TO AMEND THE TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 02-35-276-055:

Motion by Frederick, supported by DeHaan to Adopt Resolution 23-245.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: none

Motion carried 7-0.

CONSIDER APPOINTING TIM MOTT TO ZBA AS AN ALTERNATE ZBA MEMBER:

Motion by DeHaan, supported by Vlietstra to appoint. Motion carried 7-0.

SET MAY 8, 2023, FOR STREET LIGHT ASSESSMENT AND SOLID WASTE ASSESSMENT PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Motion by Janssen, supported by Frederick to re-appoint. Motion carried 7-0.

APPOINT CHRISTOPHER MIHELICH AS NEW COOPER TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE OFFICER:

Motion by DeHaan, supported by Janssen to appoint and welcome Christopher Mihelich as the new Ordinance Officer effective immediately. Motion carried 7-0.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS:

All members thanked Firefighter McGehee for all his years of service. Clerk Janssen also mentioned to the board that Otsego Schools has submitted a request for a special election in August.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.

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 10th day of April 2023.

DeAnna Janssen, Clerk
Cooper Charter Township