

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF COOPER
Regular Township Board Meeting
June 12, 2023

The regular meeting of the Cooper Charter Township Board was held on Monday, June 12, 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 15 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 May
- b) May Receipts and Disbursements Report
- c) May 2023 KCSO Calls for Service Report
- d) Ordinance Enforcement Report - May
- e) Treasurers Report – April 2023
- f) ARPA Funds Worksheet
- g) Construction Expenses Worksheet
- h) 2022/2023 Fiscal Year OPEB Accounting Report from Watkins Ross

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

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA:

Motion by Tuinstra, supported by Vlietstra to add a Township Construction Project Discussion to end of the agenda and to approve the consent agenda as amended. Motion carried 7-0.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Resident asked when any of the ARPA money was going to be spent for the people. In addition, the resident complained that the parking for the trail head is insufficient and is constantly full.

CONSIDER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

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

MTA DUES INVOICE FOR APPROVAL:

Motion by Frederick, supported by Williams to approve for payment. Motion carried 7-0.

DISCUSSION: NORTH 19th STREET

REQUEST TO COMBINE 36-176-740 & 36-180-060:

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

DISCUSSION: DISSOLUTION AND LIQUIDATION OF SMBA

ITEM ADDED TO AGENDA: TOWNSHIP CONSTRUCTION PROJECT:

Motion by Tuinstra, supported by DeHaan to reconfirm this boards plans to not go over the \$1,750,875.00 budget for the new construction project without board approval. Motion carried 7-0.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS:

- Vlietstra commented that both Wightman and Road Commission are doing a great job on the 12th Street Road Project.
- Frederick commented that gravel mining and the removal of local control is a current topic at the state legislature. Anyone that can reach out to Matt Hall and proclaim against the bill would be appreciated.
- Janssen mentioned that clarification from the state regarding proposal 2 changes is trickling in very slowly. At this time, new legislation to address all the changes has been introduced. The early voting portion on proposal 2 appears to be up to locals to decide whether they will run a single location for early voting, group together with a neighbor jurisdiction for a single location, or work with the county to create a location(s) in the county for all residents to vote at for early voting. Janssen mentioned that at this time she is in leaning towards the township run single location.
- Williams commented that Parchment has been actively trying to implement a Veterans Memorial and are looking for donations via a brick program.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

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 June 2023.

DeAnna Janssen, Clerk
Cooper Charter Township