

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF COOPER
Regular Township Board Meeting
September 11, 2023

The regular meeting of the Cooper Charter Township Board was held on Monday, September 1, 2023.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Clerk, DeAnna Janssen
Treasurer, Carol DeHaan
Trustee, Jim Frederick
Trustee, Dan Williams
Trustee, Adam Tuinstra
Trustee, Fred Vlietstra

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Supervisor, Jeff Sorensen

Chief Emig and 14 interested people were present. Trustee Frederick called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Items on the consent agenda:

- a) Board Meeting Minutes of August 14th
- b) Board Meeting Minutes of August 31st Special Meeting
- c) Closed Session Minutes of August Special Board Meeting
- d) August Receipts and Disbursements Report
- e) August 2023 KCSO Calls for Service Report
- f) Treasurers Report – July 2023
- g) 2023/2024 Road Projects Worksheet
- h) Construction Change Orders

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 6-0.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA:

Janssen asked to add Resolution 23-250 to the agenda as line-item number 12.5.

Motion by Janssen, supported by DeHaan to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried 6-0.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

1. Resident wondering what happened with the parks that we were planning on putting on the township properties...are the funds being rolled into the construction? Also inquired about what happened to the fire dept renovations that the proposed special assessment earlier this year would have gone towards? In addition, why is the health insurance deductible only \$250? Most companies have a much higher deductible these days. Trustees...please make sure you look at all the employees benefits and not just their hourly salary. Lastly, the trustees are “hired” to be the checks and balances of the “full time” employees.
2. Resident wondering what the plan is for getting the county park at the river up and running and why no answers are coming forth regarding that request? What is the total spent or scheduled to be spent on the construction? What was the special meeting about on August 31st? Also thinks we should be looking at a 5-year millage to help the fire department.
3. Mike Boersma – Kalamazoo County Road Commissioner – finished up 12th Street and 24th Street projects and are now working on resolving the 19th Street problem– permanent barricades, with a turnaround area, to stop traffic along the stretch of the road due to the hazardous conditions. Road Commission is also looking for financial help from other agencies to help mitigate this problem very

near the river. Shoulder work for some break off shoulder areas should be reported to the road commission for consideration. When asked, Commissioner Boersma said he would ask about a 4-way red blinking light at 14th and D Ave.

CONSIDER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by Tuinstra to approve the reports. Motion carried 6-0.

MULDERS MOVING AND STORAGE INVOICE:

Motion by Williams, supported by DeHaan to approve. Motion carried 6-0.

CONSIDER MID-YEAR RAISES:

Motion by Williams, supported by Janssen to approve effective immediately. Motion carried 6-0.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO LEVY 1% INTEREST PER MONTH AFTER 9/14 AND 3% PENALTY, .8278 FOR TOWNSHIP TAX, \$64.12 PER HOUSEHOLD FOR COLLECTION/ DISPOSAL/ RECYCLING OF SOLID WASTE, .5800 MILLS PER THOUSAND FOR STREET LIGHT DISTRICT, RIVERVIEW DRIVE SEWER, LIENS FOR CLEANUP AND MOWING, AND DELINQUENT SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS ON THE TAX ROLL:

Motion by DeHaan, supported by Vlietstra to approve.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYE: Vlietstra, Janssen, DeHaan, Tuinstra, Williams, Frederick

NAY: none

ABSENT: Sorensen

Motion carried 6-0.

RENEWAL OF BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 2023:

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by Williams to approve.

Motion carried 6-0.

CONSIDER OFFER FROM WISSER'S SERVICE CENTER FOR LOT ON MT OLIVET ROAD:

Motion by DeHaan, supported by Frederick to decline offer from Wisser's. Motion carried 6-0.

UPDATED ARPA FUNDS WORKSHEET AND CONSTRUCTION EXPENSE WORKSHEET FOR DISCUSSION

CONSIDER RESOLUTION 23-250 POVERTY EXEMPTION RESOLUTION AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Motion by DeHaan, supported by Janssen to adopt Resolution 23-250.

Roll Call Vote:

AYE: Williams, Tuinstra, DeHaan, Vlietstra, Frederick, Janssen

NAY: none

ABSENT: Sorensen


Motion carried 6-0.

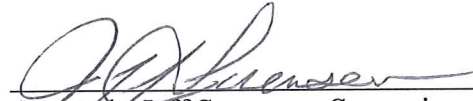
TRUSTEE COMMENTS:

Janssen mentioned that HHW Funds are reportedly getting low per the County. Once the funds are exhausted, she will put the notice on the website so that residents are aware of the possible expenses they will incur if they go to recycle after the funds are depleted.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:55pm.


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 11th day of September 2023.



DeAnna Janssen, Clerk
Cooper Charter Township