

# THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF COOPER

Regular Township Board Meeting

October 9, 2023

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

## **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Supervisor, Jeff Sorensen

Clerk, DeAnna Janssen

Trustee, Jim Frederick

Trustee, Dan Williams

Trustee, Adam Tuinstra

Trustee, Fred Vlietstra

## **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Treasurer, Carol DeHaan

Retired Chief Emig and Assistant Chief Klok, as well as 31 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 September 11, 2023
- b) September Receipts and Disbursements Report
- c) September 2023 KCSO Calls for Service Report
- d) Treasurers Report – August 2023
- e) 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2023-2024 Revenue vs Expense Report
- f) Ordinance Enforcement Report – August, September
- g) Construction Change Orders
- h) Updated ARPA Funds Worksheet
- i) Updated Construction Expenses Worksheet

Sorensen and Janssen commented on a couple errors in the September 11, 2023, minutes that need to be corrected. The board and citizens were asked if they wanted any items removed from the consent agenda. Motion by Williams, supported by Frederick to approve the consent agenda as amended. Motion carried 6-0.

## **ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA:**

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by Janssen to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried 6-0.

## **CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

Resident asked why Terry Emig was no longer the Fire Chief.

Rachel from Kalamazoo County dropped off some flyers and spoke about a Climate Action/Climate Justice Questionnaire as well as an upcoming training provided by MSU Extension and Kalamazoo County's Housing and Planning & Development Departments to help communities plan for attainable, affordable, and inclusive housing.

Resident asked if the board had any information about the stolen golf carts dumped on properties on the east side of Cooper Township.

Debbie from the Road Commission of Kalamazoo County stopped in to let the board and residents know that they have some employment positions available and for anyone interested to check out the Road Commission Website.

**CONSIDER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

Motion by Janssen, supported by Frederick to appoint Brian Klok as Interim Chief. Motion carried 6-0.  
Motion by Williams, supported by Vlietstra to accept the reports. 6-0.

**CONSIDER OFFER FOR THE G AVENUE LOTS OWNED BY COOPER TOWNSHIP:**

Motion by Frederick, supported by Tuinstra to not accept the offer. Motion carried 6-0.

**RESOLUTION 23-251 TO ADOPT ASSESSING POLICY:**

Motion by Williams, supported by Vlietstra to adopt.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAY: none

ABSENT: DeHaan

Motion carried 6-0.

**RESOLUTION 23-252 TO ADOPT 80-20 EMPLOYER-EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE COST SHARING:**

Motion by Frederick, supported by Vlietstra to adopt.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAY: none

ABSENT: DeHaan

Motion carried 6-0.

**RESOLUTION 23-253 TO WAIVE INTEREST & PENALTY:**

Motion by Janssen, supported by Williams to adopt.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAY: none

ABSENT: DeHaan

Motion carried 6-0.

**RESOLUTION 23-254 TO WAIVE 1% ON SUMMER DEFERMENTS:**

Motion by Frederick, supported by Williams to adopt.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAY: none

ABSENT: DeHaan

Motion carried 6-0.

**RESOLUTION 23-255 TO WAIVE 3% PENALTY**

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by Frederick to adopt.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAY: none

ABSENT: DeHaan

Motion carried 6-0.

**RESOLUTION 23-256 TO AUTHORIZE THE COOPER CHARTER TOWNSHIP PARTICIPATING JURISDICTION CLERK TO ENTER AND SIGN AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR EARLY VOTING ELECTION SERVICES BETWEEN KALAMAZOO COUNTY AND ASSOCIATED**

**MUNICIPALITIES AND ANY SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR AMENDMENT TO THE SAME AGREEMENT.**

Motion by Williams, supported by Vlietstra to adopt.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAY: none

ABSENT: DeHaan

Motion carried 6-0.

**TRUSTEE COMMENTS:**

Vlietstra, Williams, and Frederick – thanked the board for letting them go to the educational conference last week.

Frederick asked if the Road Commission invoices are finished or are we expecting more yet this year?

Tuinstra asked if the County Parks Master Plan update had been scheduled yet and if the Cooper Township River Park project was on it? Rachel at county planning will check on it and make sure the township is looped in on that process.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.

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DeAnna Janssen, Clerk

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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 9th day of October 2023.

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DeAnna Janssen, Clerk  
Cooper Charter Township