

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COOPER CHARTER
TOWNSHIP BOARD HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2016

The regular meeting of the Cooper Charter Township Board was held on Monday, February 8, 2016 at the Cooper Charter Township Hall, 1590 West D. Avenue, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Members Present: Buiskool, Schiedel, DeHaan, Sorensen,
Sytsma, Janssen, and Vlietstra.

Members Absent: None.

Also Present: Approximately twenty interested persons.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by all joining in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The board and citizens were asked if they wanted to have any items removed from the consent agenda. There were none.

Motion by Schiedel, supported by Vlietstra to approve the consent agenda consisting of January 11, 2016 Board Minutes, Payment of Bills, Treasurer's Report and Constellation Trust 4th Quarter Statement. Motion carried.

Motion by Janssen, supported by Buiskool to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Citizens were offered an opportunity to address the board.

Several citizens questioned the role of the Department of Environmental Quality as it relates to the Flint water crisis and also to the Agricultural composting on Coggan Farms. Citizens also were concerned about fracking and would like to see it stopped.

Mr. Marty Janssen from the Kalamazoo County Transportation Authority offered information on the May 3, 2016 Election. The Kalamazoo County Transportation Authority is asking for a renewal of .315 mills.

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by Janssen to open the Public Hearing on the 2016-2017 General Fund Budget. Motion carried.

Public Hearing on 2016-2017 General Fund Budget

The Public Hearing on the 2016-2017 General Fund Budget was called to order.

The Clerk presented the notice of Public Hearing and proof of publication.

No written comments were received by the Clerk regarding the budget.

The Supervisor asked for any comments from the public.

There were no comments from the public.

Motion by Vlietstra supported by Janssen to close the Public Hearing on the 2016-2017 General Fund Budget. Motion carried.

The Supervisor declared the public hearing closed and entertained a motion to adopt the 2016-2017 General Fund Budget.

Motion by Janssen, supported by Vlietstra to adopt by Resolution the 2016-2017 General Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending on March 31, 2017 at the highest functional level in the amount of \$1,292,200.00 for revenues and \$1,292,200.00 for expenditures, and

Furthermore, be it moved that the total millage to be levied in the 2016-2017 fiscal year is expected to generate approximately \$200,000.00 in revenues of which \$100,000.00 will be used for the purpose of funding road maintenance and construction and the balance to offset the expenses incurred in the other departments, and

Furthermore, be it moved that this budget be compared with actual expenditures on a periodic basis throughout the budget year that the budget be amended as necessary to prevent the expenditure of funds in excess of the budgeted amount. Also, that the Supervisor and the Clerk be authorized to transfer up to \$50,000.00 between functions if necessary.

And finally be it moved to adopt the appropriations act of Cooper Charter Township for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2017.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Vlietstra, Janssen, Sytsma, Sorensen, DeHaan, Schiedel, Buiskool.

No: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carried. Budget Resolution Adopted.

Motion by Schiedel, supported by Buiskool to adopt the 2016-2017 Public Improvement, Fire Capitol Improvement, Water & Sewer, Street Light, and Collingwood & G. Avenue Special Assessment Sewer Fund budgets as presented and attached to these minutes.

The Supervisor asked for any comments from the board or the public.

There were no comments from the board or public.

Roll Call Vote:

**Yes: Schiedel, Buiskool, DeHaan, Sorensen, Sytsma, Janssen,
and Vlietstra.**

No: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carried. Budgets adopted.

The Fire Department Reports were read and discussed.

The Firefighter Association is requesting a Local Governing Body Resolution for Charitable Gaming from the Township to have raffles and sell tickets for future events.

Motion by Janssen, supported by Vlietstra to adopt the Local Governing Body Resolution for Charitable Gaming Licenses for the Firefighters Association.

Roll Call Vote:

**Yes: Vlietstra, Janssen, Sytsma, Sorensen, DeHaan, Schiedel,
and Buiskool.**

No: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carried. Resolution adopted.

Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study (KATS) is a forum where townships, cities, villages, the Road Commission, public transit agencies, the counties of Kalamazoo and Van Buren and the Michigan Department of Transportation meet to cooperatively plan projects in Kalamazoo County and a portion of eastern Van Buren County. The Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study is seeking Federal planning funds for Fiscal Year 2016. They are asking for a local match that comes from the value of contributed services that Cooper would have using consultants. It then is a Third Party In-Kind Contribution with no cash going directly to KATS from Cooper Township.

Motion by Buiskool, supported by Vlietstra to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Third Party In-Kind Contributions Agreement with Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study to receive Federal planning funds. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned.

Bonnie L. Sytsma, Clerk

Jeffrey R. Sorensen, Supervisor

I, the undersigned Bonnie L. Sytsma, 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 8th day of February 2016.

Bonnie L. Sytsma, Clerk

Cooper Charter Township

