

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COOPER CHARTER  
TOWNSHIP BOARD HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Cooper Charter Township Board was held on Monday, April 11, 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 seventeen interested persons.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by all joining in a moment of silence for past Supervisor William Young who passed away. The board and audience joined 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 Vlietstra, supported by Janssen to approve the consent agenda consisting of March 14, 2016 Board Minutes, Treasurer's Report, and Payment of Bills, Motion carried.**

**Motion by Schiedel, supported by Buiskool to approve agenda as presented. Motion carried.**

**Motion by DeHaan, supported by Vlietstra to set May 9, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. for the Public Hearing on Street Lights and Recycling/Solid Waste Districts. Motion carried.**

Citizens were offered an opportunity to address the board regarding subjects not on the agenda.

Citizens expressed displeasure with the agricultural composting being done on Coggan Farms. Questions on how close the compost could be spread to adjoining property owners and the road were asked.

**Motion by Janssen, supported by Buiskool to accept the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year Budget Report. Motion carried.**

The Fire Department Reports were read and discussed.

**Motion by Sytsma, supported by Janssen to send out formal bids on a new Fire Engine to Pierce, Ferrara, and Spencer. Motion carried.**

**Motion by Sytsma, supported by Vlietstra to accept the April 2015 to March 2016 Fiscal Year Interest Report. Motion carried.**

**Motion by Vlietstra, supported by Buiskool to award the repair, sealcoat and striping of the parking areas at the Township Hall and Fire Departments to Bronco Asphalt Maintenance, a Cooper Township Business in the amount of \$7,340.00. Motion carried.**

**The board read a letter from Richard Granger of Gladstone, Michigan requesting a grave in the East Cooper Cemetery. His parents are buried there and he would like to be as close to their graves as possible.**

**Motion by Buiskool, supported by Vlietstra to deny Mr. Granger's appeal as a non-resident to be buried in the East Cooper Cemetery and adhere to the Cemetery Ordinance. Motion carried.**

**Motion by DeHaan, supported by Janssen to combine two lots 29 (3902-25-120-290 and 30 (3902-25-120-300) in Springbrook Meadows for Kenneth & Debrah Mellema. Motion carried.**

**The board and audience discussed Kalamazoo Area Building Authority and the current location at the Oshtemo Township Office. The consensus of all present was that the location is working out well for Cooper Township Residents and moving the location would cause confusion. The need to lower rates for permits was also discussed.**

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

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**Bonnie L. Sytsma, Clerk**

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**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 11<sup>th</sup> day of April 2016.**

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**Bonnie L. Sytsma, Clerk  
Cooper Charter Township**

