

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COOPER  
CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD HELD ON APRIL 18, 2016**

The special meeting of the Cooper Charter Township Board was held on Monday, April 18, 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:** Township Attorney Michael D. Homier and Oshtemo Township Attorney James Porter.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. The Clerk informed the board that due and proper notice of the special meeting had been posted according to law.

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

The board discussed the Kalamazoo Area Building Authority (KABA) and the dismissal/resignation of the Director recently. Permit fees and the repeated complaints from Cooper Township residents that the fees are too high was given much consideration. The members of KABA are Comstock, Kalamazoo, Oshtemo and Cooper Township. Comstock and Kalamazoo Townships would like to move the KABA office closer to the east side of the County. Oshtemo and Cooper Townships would like to keep the office in the same location and lower the permit fees.

Motion by Janssen, supported by Buiskool to authorize the Supervisor and KABA Representative DeHaan to investigate the withdrawal of Cooper Township from KABA and work on distribution of assets.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

**No:** None.

**Absent:** None.

Motion carried.

**Cooper Township Ordinance Enforcement Attorney Roxanne C. Seeber from Bauckham, Sparks, Thall, Seeber & Kaufman sent correspondence requesting that the Cooper Township Board agree to allow Bauckham, Sparks, Thall, Seeber & Kauffman, P.C. to represent Kalamazoo and/or Comstock Charter Townships in the matter of the possible dissolution/withdrawal of the Kalamazoo Area Building Authority and waive any potential conflict of interest respecting the matter.**

**Motion by DeHaan, supported by Schiedel to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Conflict of Interest Waiver for Attorney Roxanne C. Seeber from Bauckham, Sparks, Thall, Seeber & Kaufman P.C. to represent Kalamazoo and/or Comstock Charter Townships in the matter of the possible dissolution/withdrawal of the Kalamazoo Area Building Authority and waive any potential conflict of interest respecting the matter. Motion carried.**

**Motion by Janssen, supported by Vlietstra to explore the option to hire an Environmental Engineer and direct the Executive Committee to bring back to the board the best candidate. Motion carried.**

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

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

