

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COOPER CHARTER
TOWNSHIP BOARD HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 9, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Cooper Charter Township Board was held on Monday, May 9, 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 Homier and approximately twelve 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 April 11 and April 18, 2016 Board Minutes, Treasurer's Report, Payment of Bills, Constellation Trust 1st Quarter Performance Evaluation Report. Motion carried.

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by Buiskool to approve agenda as amended to add a report from Lt. Jeff Christensen, Kalamazoo County Sheriff Department. Motion carried.

Public Hearing on Township Wide Street Light District.

Motion by Janssen, supported by Vlietstra to open the Public Hearing on the Township Wide Street Light Special Assessment District. Motion carried.

Notice of public hearing, affidavit of mailing and proof of publication were presented at the hearing. There were no written or oral comments received prior to the public hearing on the proposed Street Light Special Assessment District. The Supervisor then asked for any public comment.

There was no public comment.

Motion by Buiskool, supported by Vlietstra to close the Public Hearing on Street Lights.

Motion by DeHaan, supported by Janssen to adopt the Street Light Special Assessment District Resolution assessing the sum of approximately \$67,000.00 at a rate of .5800 of a mill levied against the properties benefited by said lighting.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None

Absent: None

Motion carried. Street Light Special Assessment District Resolution adopted.

Public Hearing on Township Wide Solid Waste District.

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by Janssen to open the Public Hearing on Recycling, Disposal, and Collection of Solid Waste Special Assessment District. Motion carried.

There were no written or oral comments received on the proposed Solid Waste Special Assessment District prior to the Public Hearing. The Supervisor asked for any public comment.

There was no public comment.

The board explained that each household was charged on their tax bill \$36.00 and what the special assessment district paid for: twice a year curbside waste pick-up, Household Hazardous Waste Services, and curbside recycling every other week.

Motion by Janssen, supported by Buiskool to close the Solid Waste Public Hearing.

Motion by Buiskool, supported by Schiedel to adopt the Solid Waste Special Assessment District Resolution in the sum of approximately \$130,000.00 at a rate of \$36.00 against the residential properties benefited within said district.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes Buiskool, Schiedel, DeHaan, Sorensen, Janssen, Sytsma, and Vlietstra

No: None

Absent: None

Motion carried. Solid Waste Special Assessment District Resolution adopted.

Lt. Jeff Christensen from the Kalamazoo County Sheriff Department addressed the board on the crime in Cooper Township. He stated things were quiet and the only problem was people squatting or living in structures that were foreclosed on. He assured the board that if people were found in foreclosed houses they would be arrested.

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

Mr. Vince Carahaly stated that he is running for the 6th Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners and that he lives in Richland.

Mr. Ron Kendall stated that he is running for the 6th Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners and he lives in Richland.

The 6th District for County Commissioner is made up of Cooper, Richland, and Ross Townships.

The fire department reports were read and discussed.

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by Janssen to authorize the Supervisor to award the painting of the interior of Station #1 and Station #2 to the lowest bid. Motion carried

Motion by Janssen, supported by Schiedel to refinish the garage floor of the office complex and award the bid to Mulder Waterproofing & Sealants in the amount of \$4,495.00. Motion carried.

Motion by DeHaan, supported by Vlietstra to go into CLOSED SESSION pursuant to MCL 15.268 (h) to consider a written attorney client privileged communication at 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carried. Closed Session.

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by Janssen to return to OPEN SESSION at 8:30 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carried. Open Session.

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by Buiskool to accept the Township Attorney's written opinion as discussed in closed session. 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 9th day of January 2016.

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