

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COOPER CHARTER
TOWNSHIP BOARD HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Cooper Charter Township Board was held on Monday, June 13, 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 fifteen 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 Janssen, supported by Buiskool to approve the consent agenda consisting of May 9, 2016 Board Minutes, Payment of Bills, and letter from Kalamazoo County Fair Council. Motion carried.

Motion by Schiedel, supported by Vlietstra to approve the agenda as amended by adding a request for Active 911 under Fire Department Business. Motion carried.

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

Comments were made about the Coggan Farm Composting site and quality of life and who determines if they are in violation of the composting plan.

Vince Carahaly and Ron Kendall introduced themselves as Republican candidates for the 6th District County Commissioner position.

Harvey Hana introduced himself as a Democratic candidate for Township Trustee.

The West Michigan Trail and Greenways Collation who are requesting local governments to donate toward an effort to develop a bike trail between Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids and would like the Township to make a donation. The state legislature has declared that a statewide system of trails “will provide for public enjoyment, health, and fitness; encourage constructive leisure-time activities; protect open space, cultural and historical resources, and habitat for wildlife and plants; enhance the local and state economies; link communities, parks, and natural resources; create opportunities for rural-urban exchange, agricultural education, and the marketing of farm products, and preserve corridors for

possible future use for other public purposes. Therefore, the planning, acquisition, development, operation, and maintenance of trails are in the best interest of this state and are a public purpose” MCL 324.72102.

Motion by Janssen, supported by Buiskool to approve a monetary donation to support the West Michigan Trail and Greenways in the amount of \$500.00. Motion carried.

The Fire Department Reports were read and discussed.

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by DeHaan to accept the Fire Department Payroll and Stats Reports. Motion carried.

The Assistant Fire Chief, Brian Klok address the board about the request for the Township to join the Active 911 System. This is a digital messaging system the delivers alarms, maps, and other critical information instantly. Active 911 also allows response efforts to be monitored in real time. This system is county wide and part of the dispatch center. This would be a secondary means of receiving our dispatch. The cost be approximately \$10.00 per device for a total of \$280.00.

Motion by DeHaan, supported by Janssen to join the Active 911 System for a total of \$280.00. Motion carried.

Motion by Buiskool, supported by Vlietstra to accept for 1st Reading Ordinance No. 237, Cemetery Ordinance Amendments and set 2nd Reading and adoption for July 11, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carried.

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by Schiedel to pay Michigan Township Association Dues in the amount of \$5,332.61 with an additional \$159.68 for legal defense. 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 13th day of June 2016.

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