

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

The regular meeting of the Cooper Charter Township Board was held on Monday, July 11, 2016 at the Cooper Charter Township Hall, 1590 West D. Avenue, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

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

Members Absent: Vlietstra.

Also Present: Approximately fifteen interested persons.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by all joining in a moment of silence for all the shooting victims of the last few months and then all 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 Buiskool supported by DeHaan to approve the consent agenda consisting of June 13, 2016 Board Minutes, Payment of Bills, acknowledgment of funds received by WMTG, and Multi-year Plan on Aging from State Office on aging. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Schiedel, supported by Janssen to approve the combination of Parcel No. 3902-36-102-310 and 320 with an address of 5951 Nancy Ann Drive for Jack and Debbie Galbreath. Motion carried.

Motion by DeHaan, supported by Buiskool to combine Parcel No. 3902-26-351-395 and 410 with an address of 6104 North 20th Street for James Baker and Susan Wade. Motion carried.

Motion by Janssen, supported by DeHaan to adopt Cemetery Ordinance No. 237 by Resolution 16-75.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: Buiskool.

Absent: Vlietstra.

Motion carried. Ordinance No. 237 by Resolution 16-75 adopted.

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

Steven Cox, 1190 East D Avenue commented that his health was much better this year and he thinks that better composting procedures at the Coggan Farm was the explanation.

Fire Department reports were read and discussed.

The Fire Chief will compare the bids from Ferrara, Spencer, and Pierce for the new pumper and bring a recommendation back to the board at the August 8, 2016 meeting.

Motion by Janssen, supported by Sytsma to adopt Resolution 16-76 approving the First Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement to allow withdrawal of a participating local unit from Kalamazoo Area Building Authority (KABA).

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None.

Absent: Vlietstra.

Motion carried. Resolution 16-76 adopted.

The board discussed the Separation Agreement with the Kalamazoo Area Building Authority. The consensus of the board is that separation is necessary and that serving our residents by lowering permits fees and having more of a local presence was important.

Motion by Sytsma, supported by Janssen to authorize signing the Separation Agreement with Kalamazoo Area Building Authority and adopt Resolution 16 – 77 approving the Separation Agreement.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None.

Absent: Vlietstra.

Motion carried. Resolution 16-77 adopted.

Motion by Janssen, supported by Buiskool to accept the 1st Quarter 2016-2017 Fiscal Year Budget Report for information. 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 11th day of July 2016.

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