

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COOPER CHARTER
TOWNSHIP BOARD HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Cooper Charter Township Board was held on Monday, August 8, 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 eighteen 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 Schiedel to approve the consent agenda consisting of July 11, 2016 Board Minutes, Payment of Bills, AT & T Annual Report, Charter Communications notice of adding new channel, and letter of support for blight elimination funding. Motion carried.

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

Marty Janssen, of the Kalamazoo County Transportation Authority Board and the Central County Transportation Authority presented the new changes to the transportation system. Beginning September 6, 2016, the transportation system will have late night service until 11:15 p.m. and Sunday service 8:15 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.

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

Comments on the need for more testing at the Coggan Farm composting operation and if putting protest signs on citizen's yards would be allowed under the Township Sign Ordinance were presented.

Fire Department Reports were read and discussed.

The Fire Chief and Assistant Chief have made the recommendation to purchase the Pierce Fire Engine for \$468,556.00 with a discount of \$18,876.00 if prepaid when ordered. That

would bring the cost to \$449,680.00 and the time frame for the delivery approximately eight months.

Motion by Schiedel, supported by Janssen to accept the recommendation from the Fire Chief and Assistant Chief and purchase the Pierce Fire Engine for \$468,556.00 and approve the prepayment to receive the \$18,876.00 discount. Motion carried.

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by Buiskool to accept the draft of the 2015/2016 Fiscal Year Audit. Motion carried.

Motion by DeHaan, supported by Vlietstra to adopt Resolution 16-78 introducing Ordinance No. 238 to amend the Land Division and Site Condominium Ordinance.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carried. Resolution adopted.

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by Janssen to adopt Resolution 16-79 introducing Ordinance No. 239 to amend Sections 120.230 and 120.250 regarding Industrial Districts.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carried. Resolution adopted.

Motion by Janssen, supported by Vlietstra to adopt Resolution 16-80 introducing Ordinance No. 240 to amend Section 120.410 (B) of the Zoning Ordinance.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carried. Resolution adopted.

Motion by Janssen, supported by Vlietstra to deny the request from Wheels for Wishes, a non-profit organization to link to our Website. Motion carried.

The board discussed the new creation of the Southwest Michigan Building Authority after the separation from Kalamazoo Area Building Authority. The new authority (SMBA) will take effect October 3, 2016 and will be the Township of Oshetmo and Cooper.

Motion by DeHaan, supported by Janssen to adopt the SMBA Building Official Position Description along with appointing Jerry Reitenour as the designated Building Official for Cooper Township and accept for introduction Ordinance No. 241 by Resolution 16-82.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carried. Resolution adopted.

Motion by Janssen, supported by Buiskool to approve the Ordinance Enforcement Officer job description and offer the part-time position to Charles Stack at \$15.00 an hour. 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 8th day of August 2016.

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