

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COOPER CHARTER
TOWNSHIP BOARD HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Cooper Charter Township Board was held on Monday, January 12, 2015 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 seventeen 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 December 8, 2014 Board Minutes, Payment of Bills, and Comstock Township Master Plan. Motion carried.

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

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

Brenda Rakow, 8344 North 17th Street inquired about discussion on agenda items and when the public could ask questions related to an agenda item.

Supervisor Sorensen responded that he will usually ask if the audience has any questions or comments when the board's discussion is done.

Marilyn Lamborn, 8484 North 17th Street requested that the board meeting date be posted on the parking lot sign.

Boyd Pufpaff, 3607 West D Avenue provided the board with a letter outlining his concerns with environmental issues in the township. He would like the board to institute regulations on dumping, fracking, oil wells, and random commercial dumping on landscape and river valley. He wants to stop the commercial waste spreaders parading up and down our roads even though this waste is generated outside the township.

Richard Rakow, 8344 North 17th Street stated that Cooper has been a dumping ground and the Department of Environmental Quality has not regulated it. He wants regulations on fracking and dumping of waste. He does not want any special exceptions and would like to see the Township's Charter include the regulations.

Marc Rowson, 9979 North 17th Street wants to know how farm equipment can be used to transport waste because it ruins our roads.

Martin Moon, 5131 North 20th Street is concerned about tanker trucks transporting waste on the roads. He wants to know if the Department of Environmental Quality is taking soil samples from the fields where this waste is being applied.

There were no more citizen comments.

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by Janssen to adopt Ordinance No. 233 by Resolution No. 14-63, to amend the Township Insurance and Pension Ordinance.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carried.

The Fire Department Reports were read and discussed.

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by Janssen to start the specs process on purchasing a new engine to replace 211. Motion carried.

Motion by DeHaan, supported by Buiskool to purchase a 2015 Explorer to use as a new rescue vehicle and not to be billed before April 1, 2015. Motion carried.

Motion by Janssen, supported by Vlietstra to accept resignation of Ben Sheffers. Motion carried.

Motion by Janssen, supported by Vlietstra to set the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year General Fund Budget and Special Funds for February 9, 2015. Motion carried.

Motion by DeHaan, supported by Vlietstra to accept the 3rd Quarter 2014-2015 Fiscal Year Report. Motion carried.

Motion by Janssen, supported by Buiskool to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Household Hazardous Waste Contract for 2015 services. Motion carried.

Motion by DeHaan, supported by Buiskool to combine Lot 1 and Lot 2 of Hidden Valley Park (3902-36-105-250 and 3902-36-105-260) for David & Althea Grooten. Motion carried.

Motion by Janssen, supported by Buiskool to replace the Township Complex generator with the cost of replacement not to exceed \$14,500.00. Motion carried.

Motion by Janssen, supported by Vlietstra to start the engineering process to extend public water mains from Cooper Township west into Alamo Township. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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 12th day of January 2015.

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

