

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COOPER CHARTER
TOWNSHIP BOARD HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Cooper Charter Township Board was held on Monday, February 9, 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 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 Schiedel, supported by Vlietstra to approve the consent agenda consisting of January 12, 2015 Board Minutes, Payment of Bills, Constellation Trust 4th Quarter Statement for Section 115 Trust, Treasurer's Report and Gun Plain Master Plan Draft. Motion carried.

Motion by Janssen, supported by Vlietstra to approve agenda as amended by adding Kalamazoo County Counsel of Governments dues . Motion carried.

Citizens were offered an opportunity to address the board regarding subjects not on the agenda. Citizens had comments on the Coggan Farm composting operation and if they were still looking for another location for the composting. Questions about why other locations they were interested in moving to did not work out for them.

Public Hearing on 2015-2016 General Fund Budget

The Public Hearing on the 2015-2016 General Fund Budget was called to order.

The Clerk presented the notice of Public Hearing and proof of publication.

No written comments were received by the Clerk regarding the budget.

The Supervisor asked for any comments from the public.

There were no comments from the public.

The Supervisor declared the public hearing closed and entertained a motion to adopt the 2015-2016 General Fund Budget.

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by DeHaan to adopt by Resolution the 2015-2016 General Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending on March 31, 2016 at the highest functional level in the amount of \$1,261,200.00 for revenues and \$1,259,600.00 for expenditures, and

Furthermore, be it moved that the total millage to be levied in the 2015-2016 fiscal year is expected to generate approximately \$200,000.00 in revenues of which \$100,000.00 will be used for the purpose of funding road maintenance and construction and the balance to offset the expenses incurred in the other departments, and

Furthermore, be it moved that this budget be compared with actual expenditures on a periodic basis throughout the budget year that the budget be amended as necessary to prevent the expenditure of funds in excess of the budgeted amount. Also, that the Supervisor and the Clerk be authorized to transfer up to \$50,000.00 between functions if necessary.

And finally be it moved to adopt the appropriations act of Cooper Charter Township for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2016.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carried. Budget Resolution Adopted.

Motion by Buiskool, supported by Vlietstra to adopt the 2015-2016 Public Improvement, Fire Capitol Improvement, Water & Sewer, Street Light, and Collingwood & G. Avenue Special Assessment Sewer Fund budgets as presented and attached to these minutes.

The Supervisor asked for any comments from the board or the public.

There were no comments from the board or public.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carried. Budgets adopted.

The Fire Department Reports were read and discussed.

Motion by Janssen, supported by Buiskool to accept the 2014 Year End Truck Report. Motion carried.

Mr. Pat Wright, the Kalamazoo County Emergency Management Director, is asking the Township to adopt a resolution for the mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery from natural and human-made disasters within Cooper Charter Township by being part of the emergency management program. The resolution provides for the coordination and utilization of resources in Cooper Township and appoints an emergency management coordinator for this purpose.

Motion by Sytsma, supported by Janssen to adopt the Emergency Management Resolution as presented. Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carried. Resolution adopted.

Dues of \$25.00 for the Kalamazoo County Counsel of Governments were introduced. The Cooper Township Representatives to C.O.G. are the Supervisor with the alternate being the Treasurer.

Motion by DeHaan, supported by Vlietstra to pay the \$25.00 dues. 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 February 2015.

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