

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COOPER CHARTER  
TOWNSHIP BOARD HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Cooper Charter Township Board was held on Monday, April 13, 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:** Approximately ten 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 March 9, 2015 Board Minutes, Treasurer's Interest Report, Payment of Bills, Minutes of Election Commission and Planning Commission Annual Report. Motion carried.

Motion by Janssen, 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. There were none.

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by Buiskool to accept the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2014-2015 Fiscal Year Budget report. Motion carried.

The Fire Department reports were read and discussed.

Motion by Schiedel, supported by Janssen to accept Fire Department reports. Motion carried.

Motion by Sytsma, supported by Janssen to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Household Hazardous Waste Contract with the total amount reserved for actual disposal of items from Township buildings and offices to be zero. Motion carried.

The board discussed joining Miss Dig and the new MISS DIG legislation, Public Act 174, that directs all townships to join and pay a fee monthly based on the municipality's population per the latest census. Historically, the Townships in Kalamazoo County did not participate in the MISS DIG program with respect to sanitary sewer. There was no

law requiring membership but now the Michigan Public Services Commission has been empowered to levy fines for any municipality not participating.

Motion by Janssen, supported by Schiedel to join MISS DIG and pay the monthly fee of \$32.69. Motion carried.

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by Buiskool to Designate Bank of America; Private Bank; Flagstar Bank; Advia Credit Union; Mercantile Bank; PNC; Comerica; Consumers Credit Union; Multi- Bank Securities; Fifth-Third Bank; Huntington Bank; FNB of Michigan and any other FDIC Insured Institutions as depositories of Township Funds for 2015-2016 fiscal year. Motion carried.

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by DeHaan to authorize the demolition of 1902 Roosevelt due to a court order and hire Bernie's Haul Away to do the work. Motion carried.

Motion by Schiedel, supported by Vlietstra to approve the demolition of 1865 Colby, 1787 Colby, and 5298 Weller and partner with Kalamazoo County to each pay half of the cost. Motion carried.

Motion by Janssen, supported by Buiskool to adopt by Resolution the addition of language to Personnel Policy and Procedure Manual.

**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 Buiskool to approve the Kalamazoo Regional Water and Wastewater Commission dues of \$4,092.00. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned.

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Bonnie L. Sytsma, Clerk

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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 13<sup>th</sup> day of April 2015.**

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