

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COOPER CHARTER  
TOWNSHIP BOARD HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Cooper Charter Township Board was held on Monday, June 8, 2015 at the Cooper Charter Township Hall, 1590 West D. Avenue, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

**Members Present:** Buiskool, Schiedel, DeHaan, Sytsma, Janssen, Vlietstra.

**Members Absent:** Sorensen.

**Also Present:** Township Attorney Michael Homier and approximately seven interested persons.

Clerk Sytsma called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and invited all to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Clerk informed the board that the Supervisor was ill and unable to attend the meeting. The board was required by law to appoint a President Pro Tem for the meeting.

Motion by Sytsma, supported by Janssen to appoint Treasurer Carol DeHaan as President Pro Tem for the Board Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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 May 11, 2015 Board Minutes, Payment of Bills, Treasurer's Report and Letter to Michigan Liquor Control Commission. Motion carried.

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

Second reading of Ordinance No. 234 was discussed along with the changes that have been suggested to make the language easier to understand. The words "non-opaque in nature" for fences should instead read "constructed of materials that provide for a clear field of vision through the fence". There should be no maximum building length for accessory buildings on an unplatted parcel 2.5 acres or less in size as it creates an unnecessary building issue. The language should read Maximum building length not limited, but subject to the above requirements.

**Motion by Janssen, supported by Schiedel to adopt Ordinance No. 234 by Resolution 15-69 to amend Sections 120.014, 120.360, 120.410, and 120.600 of the Zoning Ordinance with the following changes to the language: Fence - “constructed of materials that provide for a clear field of vision through the fence” and accessory buildings on an unplatted parcel 2.5 acres or less in size the maximum building length “not limited, but subject to the above requirements”.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

**No: None.**

**Absent: Sorensen.**

**Motion carried. Ordinance Adopted.**

**Fire Department Reports were read and discussed.**

**Motion by Sytsma, supported by Buiskool to accept the payroll and stats reports for information. Motion carried.**

**Motion by Schiedel, supported by Janssen to approve Plan 4 of the Provident Accident and Health Insurance Plan with a prepaid three-year premium and Plan 1 of the 24 Hour Accidental Death & Dismemberment Insurance Policy for the Fire Department. Motion carried.**

**Citizens were offered an opportunity to address the board regarding any subject.**

**Mr. Steve Cox, 1190 East D Avenue spoke about damage done to guiderails behind the D Avenue Bridge in Cooper Township. There was an automobile accident last year that caused the damage and a bicyclist was injured last month by a sharp part of the guiderail that stuck out into the path.**

**Mr. Cox was told that his concerns will be looked into and photos will be taken and sent to the Kalamazoo County Road Commission since it is their responsibility.**

**Motion by Janssen, supported by DeHaan to adopt the Freedom of Information Act Statement of Principles by Resolution No. 15-70.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Yes: Buiskool, Schiedel, DeHaan, Sytsma, Janssen, Vlietstra.**

**No:           None.**

**Absent:       Sorensen.**

**Motion carried.**

**Motion by Vlietstra, supported by Schiedel to approve the Michigan Township Association dues in the amount of \$5,132.37 with an additional \$153.97 for legal defense. Motion carried.**

**Motion by Janssen, supported by Schiedel to prepare a list of grounds and cemetery equipment to sell. Post the items and when they can be viewed with a minimum bid amount, have flyers prepared and a date for opening the bids. 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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**Carol S. DeHaan, Treasurer**

**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 8<sup>th</sup> day of June 2015.**

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

