

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COOPER CHARTER
TOWNSHIP BOARD HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Cooper Charter Township Board was held on Monday, September 14, 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 twenty 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 Buiskool to approve the consent agenda consisting of August 10, 2015 Board Minutes, Payment of Bills, and Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

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

The Kalamazoo County Road Commission Managing Director Joanna Johnson, Operations Director Travis Bartholomew, Project Superintendent Mark Wordon, and Commission Members Deb Buckholtz, Daniel Moyle, Dennis Berkebile, and Kenneth Oscarson were introduced. This is the annual meeting with the Kalamazoo County Road Commission.

Operations Director Travis Bartholomew gave a presentation on the road commission general information including number of employees, miles of local roads, funding sources for road work and expenditure budget for 2015. Travis Bartholomew and Project Superintendent Mark Wordon talked about road maintenance, winter maintenance, road surface evaluation and 2015 local and primary road projects.

The board and audience were asked if there were any questions for the Road Commission. Trees that needed to be trimmed or removed along the roadside were discussed at length along with the Kalamazoo County Road Commission's policy on not removing dead trees or limbs along the roadside. Several citizens thanked the road commission for the presentation.

Citizens were offered an opportunity to address the board regarding subjects not on the agenda. Mr. Mark Janssen from Kalamazoo County Transportation Authority spoke to the board on the Metro Connect service.

Motion by Schiedel, supported by Vlietstra to levy the following on the 2015 Winter Tax Bill: Levy 1% PTAF and 3% Penalty; waive penalty for Senior Citizens, Levy .8594 for Township Tax, Levy \$33.00 per Household for collection, disposal, and recycling of Solid Waste, Levy .5800 mills per thousand for Street Light District, Levy Collingwood & G. Avenue Sewer, Riverview Industrial Sewer, Henshaw/Moffett Sewer, Delinquent Special Assessments and Levied Liens on the Tax Roll, and reaffirm Investment Policy.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carried.

The Fire Department Reports were read and discussed.

**Motion by DeHaan, supported by Vlietstra to accept the payroll and stats reports.
Motion carried.**

Motion by DeHaan, supported by Janssen to adopt a Resolution appointing Jerry Reitenour as the designated Building Official for Cooper Charter Township.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carried.

Motion by Janssen, supported by Buiskool to accept the quote from Jake's Concrete of \$1,768.00 to remove and re-pour main entrance in front of complex and bury downspout under walk in back of building and re-pour slab. Motion carried.

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by Buiskool to contract with OIK to repair the fence in front of the East Cooper Cemetery. Motion carried.

Motion by Sytsma, supported by Janssen to authorize a letter of support for Charter Communications merging with Time Warner and Bright House to serve rural and “underserved” areas. Motion carried.

Motion by DeHaan, support by Sorensen to authorize the Community Survey approved by the board to be placed on the Website and sent to residents who do not have access to the Township Website. 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 14th day of September 2015.

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