

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

The regular meeting of the Cooper Charter Township Board was held on Monday, December 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: Approximately twenty-five 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 November 9, 2015 Board Minutes, Payment of Bills, and Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Motion by Janssen, supported by Buiskool to approve agenda as amended by adding Household Hazardous Waste Contract and Lieutenant Jeff Christensen with crime report. Motion carried.

The Supervisor introduced the Cooper Township Fire Chief Terry Emig and Assistant Fire Chief Brian Klok who presented Certificates and Badges to the following promoted Firefighters.

Jason Emig -

Promotion from Lieutenant to Captain.

Jason has been a firefighter for the past 19 years. For the past 6 years Jason has held the rank of lieutenant. During this time Jason has been in charge all the apparatus maintenance. He has been trained to the Fire Officer I level and is currently completing Company Officer 1 & 2. He plans to move on and attend the Fire Officer 3 class. Jason is employed with the City of Kalamazoo.

Darrick Gregory

Promotion from Firefighter to Lieutenant.

Darrick has been a member for 15 years and is a member of the Haz-Mat Team and the 5th District Technical Rescue Team. He has completed the series of fire officer classes including Fire Officer 3. Darrick has been very helpful with grant writing, some of which were successful. Darrick is an instructor at StarBase located at the Air National Guard Base.

Chris Hoyt

Promotion from Firefighter to Lieutenant.

Chris has been an active firefighter for the past 7 years and is a member of the 5th District Technical Rescue Team. He has also completed the fire officer series including Fire Officer 3. Chris has taken on an important role of mentoring our newest members and has been a very valuable asset to those attending the fire academy. Chris is owner /operator of Hoyt Custom Woodworking.

Jason Klok

Promotion from Firefighter to Lieutenant.

Jason has been a member for 15 years. In those years he has completed the fire officer series including Fire Officer 3. He has played a leadership role many times on scene and always willing to help out. Jason is employed with Hazelhoff Builders.

The Board expressed appreciation to the firefighters for outstanding service to the Township of Cooper and the Community at large.

The Fire reports were read and discussed.

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by Janssen to accept the Fire Department Payroll and Stats Reports. Motion carried.

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

A question on how many of the Community Wide Surveys were returned so far was asked. The returned survey count is approximately 400 but the residents have until December 31st to return them.

Motion by Janssen, supported by DeHaan to appoint Curt Flowers to the Zoning Board of Appeal as an alternate and to the Board of Review. Motion carried.

Motion by DeHaan, supported by Schiedel to approve the 2016 proposed road projects and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the contracts. Motion carried.

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by Janssen to adopt Resolution No. 15 -71 introducing Ordinance No. 235 to rezone parcel No. 3902-31-476-020, 3902-31-476-031, and 3902-31-476-039 with an address of 5161 and 5011 N. 14th Street from “R-5” (High Density Residential) to “R-3” (Single and Two Family Residential) for Mark Vlietstra and set second reading for January 11, 2016 at 7:00 p.m..

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carried. Resolution adopted.

Motion by DeHaan, supported by Janssen to adopt Resolution No. 15 -72 introducing Ordinance No. 236 to amend the Junk Dealers, Junk Yards and Places for Dismantling of Automobiles Ordinance (Ordinance No. 1) to make violations punishable as a municipal civil infraction; to specify civil sanctions for violation of the Ordinance and to repeal all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict and set second reading for January 11, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carried. Resolution Adopted.

Motion by Schiedel, supported by Janssen to increase the Household Hazardous Waste funding allotted to \$8,000.00 from \$7,500.00 and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the contract. 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 December 2015.

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

