

**CITY OF COOPERSVILLE**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF COOPERSVILLE CITY COUNCIL**  
CITY HALL, 289 DANFORTH ST.; COOPERSVILLE, MICHIGAN

**December 8, 2025**

**Present:** Council Member Bowman Council Member Poelma  
Council Member Gavin Council Member Weise  
Council Member Gerard Mayor Mooney

**Absent:** Council Member Degeus

Motion by Council Member Bowman with second by Council Member Poelma to excuse the absence of Council Member Degeus. Motion carried unanimously. (2025 – 117)

**Additions/Corrections to Agenda**

Motion by Council Member Weise with second by Council Member Gavin to add Item 8.F., Water Rate Study by Bendsinski & Company, totaling \$24,850 to the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. (2025 – 118)

**Scheduled Guests & Public Hearings**

**Scheduled Guest-Proclamation Honoring Eagle Scout Candidate Isaac Emery**

Mayor Mooney presented Eagle Scout Isaac Emery with a Proclamation honoring him for his outstanding leadership, service, and commitment to the community. Isaac recently undertook an exceptional Eagle Scout Project, raising funds, coordinating volunteers, and leading the replacement of the aging single flagpole at Coopersville's Veterans Park. Isaac's project resulted in the installation of two (2) new flagpoles, one proudly dedicated the United States flag, and the other to honor POW/MIA service members.

**Scheduled Guest(s)-Presentation by Representatives of Fairlife**

Chris Anderson, Plant Director, along with two (2) members of the Fairlife Community Engagement Team presented a power point highlighting some, of the great community involvement initiatives throughout the City.

**Public Hearing-Proposed Amendment to add Subsection (h) to Section 1040.10, Meters**

Motion by Council Member Gavin with second by Council Member Poelma to open the public hearing at 7:13 P.M. Motion carried unanimously. (2025 – 119)

City Manager Dennis Luce explained that the ordinance amendment would require customers to allow installation of new radio-read (RF) water meters, helping to ensure successful implementation of the City's citywide meter replacement program.

No comments were received by the public in attendance.

Motion by Council Member Weise with second by Council Member Bowman to close the public hearing at 7:16 P.M. Motion carried unanimously. (2025 – 120)

**Public Hearing-2026 Community Parks and Recreation Plan**

Motion by Council Member Weise with second by Council Member Poelma to open the public hearing at 7:16 P.M. Motion carried unanimously. (2025 – 121)

City Manager Dennis Luce presented the Final Draft of the 2026 Community Parks and Recreation Plan. Mr. Luce stated that the essential document is required for any DNR grant eligibility.

No comments were received by the public in attendance.

### **Scheduled Guests & Public Hearings continued**

#### **Public Hearing-2026 Community Parks and Recreation Plan continued**

Motion by Council Member Gerard with second by Council Member Gavin to close the public hearing at 7:17 P.M.  
Motion carried unanimously. (2025 – 122)

### **Citizens Input and Suggestions**

Bob LaCross, City Resident requested that the city perform a cost analysis' on picking up residents leaves with a vacuum/sweeper truck and perform snow removal from all City sidewalks. Mr. LaCross stated that the city is growing and so are the trees and with the new sidewalks that will be added with the "Safe Routes to School" grant the city should keep the sidewalks clear and safe for the children. Mr. LaCross suggested that the City could possibly sub-contract these duties out.

### **Consent Agenda**

Motion by Council Member Gavin with second by Council Member Bowman to approve the Consent Agenda which consists of the following: Motion carried unanimously. (2025 – 123)

- ***Minutes of the City Council Meeting of November 10, 2025***
- ***Georgetown Construction, Skeels Street Repair Project: Final Pay Application No.1, Totaling \$87,326.90***
- ***Georgetown Construction, 68<sup>th</sup> Avenue Water Main Project: Change Order No. 2, Increase of \$33,895.33***
- ***Georgetown Construction, 68<sup>th</sup> Avenue Water Main Project: Pay Application No.2, Totaling \$53,344.18***
- ***Checks through December 8, 2025, Totaling \$1,185,918.47***
- ***Council Information Packet which consists of the following: Monthly Permits Issued for November Planning Commission Meeting Minutes from November 2025, Ottawa County Sheriff's Office Monthly Report from October 2025, Coopersville/Polkton Fire Department Meeting Minutes from November 2025, Senior Recreation Newsletter and Calendar, December 2025, Consumers Energy Integrated Resource Plan, Community Feedback Session***

### **Petitions and Communications**

#### **Discussion/Action- Proposed Amendment to add Subsection (h) to Section 1040.10, Meters**

Motion by Council Member Weise with second by Council Member Poelma to approve the proposed amendment to the ordinance to add Subsection (h) to Section 1040.10, Meters. Motion carried with Council Member Bowman opposing. (2025 – 124)

### **Discussion/Action – 2026 Community Parks and Recreation Plan Review**

Motion by Council Member Weise with second by Council Member Bowman to approve the 2026 Community Parks and Recreation Plan as presented. Motion carried unanimously. (2025 – 125)

### **Discussion/Action – Asset Test/Poverty Exemption Policy for 2026**

Motion by Council Member Gavin with second by Council Member Weise to approve the Asset Test/Poverty Exemption Policy for 2026. Motion carried unanimously. (2025 – 126)

### **Discussion/Action – Appointments and Reappointments to Board Positions**

Motion by Council Member Weise with second by Council Member Poelma to approve the recommendations for appointments and/or reappointments of the following people, to the following board positions: Motion carried unanimously. (2025 – 127)

- ***Tammy Huff-Board of Review Alternate – Three (3) year term, expiring 12/28***
- ***Mayor Brian Mooney-Fire Authority Board Alternate –Two (2) year term, expiring 12/28***
- ***Jillian Poelma-Senior Recreation Advisory Board – Two (2) year term, expiring 12/28***

## **Scheduled Guests & Public Hearings continued**

### **Discussion/Action – Phase #1 Water System Improvements: 68<sup>th</sup> Avenue 20” Transmission Main, Totaling \$66,000**

Motion by Council Member Weise with second by Council Member Gerard to approve the Phase #1 Water System Improvements, 68<sup>th</sup> Avenue 20” Transmission Main, totaling \$66,000 for the preliminary design services which includes detailed topographic surveying, utility verification, and geotechnical services. City Manager, Dennis Luce, stated that Fairlife will reimburse the city for this service. Motion carried unanimously. (2025 – 128)

### **Discussion/Action – Water Rate Study by Bendzinski & Company, Totaling \$24,850**

Motion by Council Member Bowman with second by Council Member Weise to approve the Water Rate Study by Bendzinski & Company, totaling \$24,850. Motion carried unanimously. (2025 – 129)

### **Citizens Input/Suggestions** NONE

### **City Manager’s Report**

#### **City Manager Dennis Luce reported on the following:**

- Thank you to Jeff DuPilka and his company West Shore Services for helping Isaac Emery complete this Eagle Scout project by helping raise the flagpoles at Veterans Park. Also, for helping set the Christmas Tree in the Pocket Park.
  - We have a lot of projects which we are working on.
  - Working on Phase One of a second Water Main Project to add capacity and redundancy to our city water supply (expected to be a \$15.5M project)
  - Working with Fairlife on a potential \$500M expansion
  - Still working on the SERFM project, specifically the W. Randall Station and planning for the Wastewater Treatment Facility (a \$72M project)
  - Upgrades to the East Street Lift Station- Ran into challenges on location, but we may have a potential and viable less costly option.
  - Grove Street Bridge Project –Guaranteed Funding \$3.2M state bridge bundle grant
  - \$3M Main Street Bridge grant scheduled for 2028
  - Upgrades to the 60<sup>th</sup> Booster Station happening now
  - Upgrades to the Main Lift Station as the SERM project continues.

### **City Clerk Kimberly Borgman**

City Clerk Kimberly Borgman congratulated Isaac Emery on his Eagle Scout Project Achievements and wished everyone a Happy and Safe Holiday Season.

### **City Treasurer Keri Rogers**

City Treasurer, Keri Rogers congratulated Isaac Emery on his Eagle Scout Project Achievements and wished everyone a Happy and Safe Holiday Season.

### **Mayor Brian Mooney’s report on the following:**

- *Thanked Isaac Emery for his recent Eagle Scout Project at Veterans Park*
- *Made a recommendation to the Fairlife Community Engagement Team to let the community know what they are doing for the Coopersville Community, either through the local paper or other sources of news.*
- *Wished everyone a “Safe and Happy Holiday Season.”*

### **Adjournment**

Motion by Council Member Gavin with second by Council Member Poelma to adjourn the meeting 7:41 P.M. Motion carried unanimously. (2025 – 130)

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Brian Mooney, Mayor

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Kimberly Borgman, City Clerk