

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

August 10, 2026

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

Absent: NONE

Additions/Corrections to Agenda NONE

Scheduled Guests & Public Hearings NONE

Citizens Input and Suggestions

City Resident Amanda Bowman addressed the Council regarding the overall unsafe traffic issues at East and Cleveland Streets. Ms. Bowman requested that changes be made to draw better attention to the intersection by drivers or make it a four (4) way stop.

City Resident Jamie Adams suggested adding a third lane on 64th Avenue from Cleveland to Randall and 68th Avenue, north and south of the roundabout to eliminate the backup of traffic.

Jamie Adams also expressed concerns about all the geese and the mess they are leaving in the Dollar General parking lot.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Council Member Gerard with second by Council Member Poelma to approve the Consent Agenda which consists of the following: Motion carried unanimously. (2026 – 092)

- *Minutes of the City Council Meeting of July 13, 2026*
- *Muskegon County, SERFM Cost Sharing Invoice #0000219043, Totaling \$342,271.62*
- *Muskegon County, SERFM Cost Sharing Invoice #0000219147, Totaling \$182,177.00*
- *Bob's Asphalt and Paving, 2026 Street Improvements Mill, Eastmanville, and Heath Mfg. Storm Drain, Pay Application No. 4, Totaling \$358,420.44*
- *Bob's Asphalt and Paving, 2026 Street Improvements Mill, Eastmanville, and Heath Mfg. Storm Drain, Change Order No. 1, Totaling \$68,571.56*
- *Checks through August 10, 2026, Totaling \$2,797,428.08*
- *Council Information Packet*

Petitions and Communications

Discussion/Action – Appointment of City Treasurer/Finance Director – Abbey Rudolph

Abbey Rudolph was introduced to Council by City Manager Dennis Luce. Ms. Rudolph has nine (9) years of accounting and finance experience gained through positions in healthcare, manufacturing, insurance, bookkeeping and operational leadership. Ms. Rudolph presented Council with some information about herself and her background.

Council Member Gerard asked if Ms. Rudolph has any municipal experience. Ms. Rudolph stated “no”, but she will be pursuing educational opportunities to learn more and is confident that she is able to perform well in the position.

Petitions and Communications continued

Discussion/Action – Appointment of City Treasurer/Finance Director – Abbey Rudolph

City Manager Dennis Luce stated that there were fifty (50) applicants and only one had municipal experience, but it was township experience not city experience.

Council Member Gerard questioned the twenty (20) days of PTO (paid time off) in the proposed contract for Ms. Rudolph, stating further, that with twenty days of PTO, ten paid holidays, and sick time he felt that was an excessive amount of time off for a new hire. City Treasurer Keri Rogers stated that the reason for this is because the city does not have short-term disability.

Motion by Council Member Poelma with second by Council Member Bowman to approve the appointment of Abbey Rudolph to the City Treasurer/Finance Director's position. Motion carried with Council Member Gerard Opposing. (2026 – 093)

Discussion/Action – Proposal to allow Rotary Fundraiser BBQ, Bags, & Brews Event at Veteran's Park

Motion by Council Member Bowman with second by Council Member Gavin to approve the Rotary Fundraiser BBQ, Bags, & Brews on Saturday, September 19, 2026, at Veteran's Park. Motion carried unanimously. (2026 – 094)

Discussion/Action – Memorandum of Understanding with Allendale Charter Township – 68th Avenue Water Transmission Main Project.

Motion by Council Member Gerard with second by Council Member Bowman to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Allendale Charter Township for the 68th Avenue Water Transmission Main Project. Motion carried with Council Member Gavin Abstaining. (2026 – 095)

Discussion/Action – Traffic Control Configuration at the East and Cleveland Intersection

Council Members discussed the safety and traffic impacts associated with the existing intersection control at East and Cleveland. City Manager Dennis Luce stated that he needs some direction from Council on whether or not to request to Ottawa County Road Commission to perform some reconfiguring of the intersection due to concerns from residents on the semi traffic, right hand turns by semis are difficult, complaints of engine braking, and the overall safety.

Council Member Gerard stated that he would be in favor of a flashing light or four (4) way stop.

Council Member Degeus stated that he was in favor of rumble strips on the east and west sides of Cleveland, but he was not in favor of a four (4) way stop.

Council Member Weise stated that he was in favor of a four (4) way stop and/or a stop bar. Council Member Weise also suggested a buildout of the pavement for trucks for easier turning or move the stop signs back on Cleveland which may also back the traffic up on Cleveland.

Council Member Bowman stated that bigger signs and flashing lights should be installed to start.

Mayor Mooney stated that he would be in favor of a flashing red light being installed.

Council Member Poelma stated that a four (4) way stop might back-up traffic coming from the south. Council Member Poelma liked the idea of a light being installed but has concerns of lights flashing in the residents' windows.

Council Member Gavin stated that she has responded to personal injury accidents at this intersection in the past and she suggested having the County review as they are responsible for three (3) parts of the intersection.

Discussion/Action – Traffic Control Configuration at the East and Cleveland Intersection continued

Council Member Weise stated that sidewalks will be installed near this intersection in the future so we need to make it safe for that now, so installing a four (4) way stop now would get people used to stopping for pedestrians.

Mayor Mooney stated that we should find out what the Ottawa County Road Commission is open to doing.

Council Member Weise suggested lowering the speed limit coming from the north on East Street and East on Cleveland.

Several residents were present that live close to the intersection and they expressed their concerns to the Council Members.

City Manager Dennis Luce will contact the Ottawa County Road Commission to discuss the issue.

Discussion/Action – Professional Engineering Services for 2027 Street Improvements and Infrastructure projects on Danforth Street (Eastmanville Street to First Street), Totaling \$47,500

Motion by Council Member Weise with second by Council Member Gerard to approve the Professional Engineering Services for 2027 Street Improvements and Infrastructure projects on Danforth Street (Eastmanville Street to First Street) totaling \$47,500. Motion carried unanimously. (2026 – 096)

Discussion/Action – Professional Engineering Services for 2027 Street Resurfacing Project (Main Street and East Street), Totaling \$9,900

Motion by Council Member Gerard with second by Council Member Weise to approve Professional Engineering Services for 2027 Street Resurfacing Project (Main Street and East Street), totaling \$9,900. Motion carried unanimously. (2026 – 097)

Discussion – Department of Technology, Management, and Budget Competitive Grant Award for Water Infrastructure Improvements

City Manager Dennis Luce presented an update to the Council on the contingent grant award of \$17 million for water infrastructure improvements. On August 5, 2026, Governor Whitmer officially announced during the fairlife groundbreaking ceremony that the City of Coopersville had been selected to receive \$17 million in DTMB Competitive Grant funding to improve the City's municipal water infrastructure.

Citizens Input/Suggestions

City Resident and Election Inspector/Chairperson Tammy Huff Commended City Clerk Kimberly Borgman, and Administrative Assistant Lydia Brown for all their hard work that was put into the Early Voting. Ms. Huff also stated that Ms. Borgman and Ms. Brown know the election laws very well and they are very knowledgeable in elections.

City Resident Marcy Decker addressed the Council over a current water meter reading/billing issue. Ms. Decker stated that her bill was being adjusted long before she discovered there was an issue. The city did not contact her or anyone that had the same issue. Ms. Decker stated that she does not believe that adjustments should ever be made to someone's bill without first contacting the user.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Dennis Luce reported on the following:

- *A lot of great projects happening throughout the city*
 - *Storm Drain at Heath Mfg., Eastmanville & Mill and Road Reconstruction Projects to include the Eastmanville Railroad Track Crossing has concluded.*

City Manager's Report continued

City Manager Dennis Luce reported on the following:

- *Shared Railroad/DDA/City Parking lot project is underway at Danforth and Eastmanville- the corner lot is starting to look really nice.*
- *Upgrades to the \$17M Water and \$65+ Sewer Infrastructure*
- *Working on additional grant opportunities – \$3.2+ M Grove St, \$3M Main St, \$3M EDA*
- *Next Thursday, 20th Music on Main Street- Onager.*
- *Summerfest weekend went well. No major complaints*
- *Thank Kim and Lydia for another success election. Thanked all the election workers.*
- *Water meters – Keri to address*
- *Did contact Dollar General about the geese problem*

City Clerk Kimberly Borgman

City Clerk Kimberly Borgman reported on the August Early Voting and Election Day Results. Total turnout was twenty-nine (29) percent. 3587 Registered Voters, 511 Election Day walk in voters, 451 Absentee ballots, 80 early voting voters.

City Clerk Kimberly Borgman also thanked Tammy Huff for doing such a great job as the Chairperson for Early Voting and Marcy Decker for doing a great job also, as they were present in the meeting. City Clerk Kimberly Borgman commended all the Inspectors for a "job well done."

City Treasurer Keri Rogers

City Treasurer Keri Rogers stated that the meter issues are being addressed and the person installing and reading the meters is new as well as the person doing the billing.

City Treasurer Keri Rogers also welcomed Abbey Rudolph.

Mayor Brian Mooney's report on the following:

- *Thanked City Clerk Kimberly Borgman and Lydia Brown for all their hard work put into the election*
- *Attended the recent Fountain View Picnic*
- *Attended Music on Main*
- *Attended the fairlife groundbreaking ceremony*
- *Attended Summerfest Events*
- *Looks like the issue with the meters is being handled*
- *Welcomed Abbey Rudolph*

Adjournment

Motion by Council Member Weise with second by Council Member Poelma to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 P.M. Motion carried unanimously. (2026 – 098)

Brian Mooney, Mayor

Kimberly Borgman, City Clerk