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Hire (Vote for) Ron Cooper for Fruitport Township Supervisor

Resumé

Fruitport Township Supervisor 1996-2000 & 2004-2008

West Michigan Spay and Neuter Clinic 501c3 to Present
Co-founder and president. Non-paid. Purpose is to provide low-cost spay and neutering to help prevent over-population of pets and reduce the thousands that are killed each year because there are not enough people who want them. We will soon do our 5000th spay/neuter.

Fruitport Area News Inc 1983-present
Founder, publisher, editor, in our 30th year as a community service newspaper, non-paid

Copies & More Inc. 1993-present
Founder and President. My wife, Mariann, is the manager.

Farmer 1957-present
At one time, raised about 1,000 acres of field corn, 50 acres of produce, and grew the original super sweet corn raised commercially in this area, the biggest custom grain harvester in this area with three combines operating and harvested most of the wastewater system's corn for their first 12 years along with our other customers. At present, doing very little farming.

Thanks a Million! Food Truck 2009-2010
Drove the semi *Thanks a Million!* food truck. Picked up food at the Feeding America warehouse in Grand Rapids and delivered and worked about 60 loads throughout West Michigan delivering about 600,000 pounds of food to needy families in an area from Hudsonville to Holland to Frankfort to Cadillac. Also arranged and managed other food trucks directly with Feeding America using their trucks.

Fruitport Lions Club Member 1957-2012
55th year, former president, board member, Old Fashioned Days board, Lion of the Year, Melvin Jones Fellow twice, Distinguished Service Award, Co-Chair of Lions Bandshell construction project and raised all the funds

Cooper Lawns Inc., Milwaukee, Wisconsin 1959-1994
Founder, CEO. Sold in 1994 to a national company. We manufactured lawn fertilizer and provided a weeding and feeding service to the greater Milwaukee area. For years we were the largest business of that type in greater Milwaukee.

Project Pride Award
Honored by Muskegon Chamber of Commerce

Professional Farmers of America
Represented Michigan farmers in Washington, D.C. during the Carter administration.

Elected to represent Muskegon County farmers at various times to our regional agricultural district.

First Congregational Church of Fruitport 1984-present
Member, Elder, and Sunday School Superintendent for many years and at the present time

Married to Mariann. We have six kids, foster kids, 17+ grandkids, 8 great-grandkids. Both of us were born and raised in the Fruitport area.

Thank you for your support.

If you are willing to put a sign in your yard, please pick it up at Copies & More, 420 N. 3rd Avenue, Fruitport Village, M-F 11:00am - 3:00pm, or call 865-6370 and a sign will be delivered to your address. If you would like to find locations for some yard signs, please call or stop by. Thank you in advance for your help and consideration. Please vote in the November 6th election. Together we can make a difference.

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Vote for Proven Leadership & Results



There were many accomplishments during his last term:

- **Converted 5 roads from gravel to asphalt**
- **Added 11 extensions to our water trunk lines**
- **Started a soccer park on Sheringer Rd.**
- **Extended bike paths**
- **Added to the cemetery building**
- **Renovating the bathrooms at Farr Field**
- **Added two practice fields at east side of Farr Field**
- **Built police headquarters (\$300,000) onto fire station on Airline**
- **Focused Lights on Water Tower**
- **Inherited a \$500,000 budget deficit and balanced it.**

Added 11 needed extensions to our water trunk lines

Under Ron's administration several important loops were completed that are part of our master plan for water distribution. There are several more that should be completed, but we succeeded in connecting some very important ones that had been ignored for 30 years. A huge contribution to the cost of these improvements and extensions was from grants and contributions from businesses on those lines (over \$600,000). This has added to the circulation and freshness needed for large areas in our township's water system.



• **Eastbound ON & OFF ramps at I-96 and Sternberg Rd.**

This was a high priority project from my first week in office. We went through close to a dozen hearings and received a recommendation from MDOT (Michigan Department of Transportation). The project was sent to the Federal DOT (Department of Transportation) for final approval. Over 2 million dollars [\$2,000,000] in grant money was set aside for this project at the Federal level and more was pledged locally.

• **Recycling site** – The Spring Clean-Up was established during my first term in office. When I left office, we were also providing a fall cleanup as well.

• **Land for Soccer Park** – With more than 600 Fruitport Township youth in soccer (more than all the other sports combined), I feel that there is a need for a park dedicated to youth soccer. When I ran for office in 2004, I set as a personal goal to add more soccer fields to our parks system. After taking office, we had meetings with the soccer parents' group and encouraged them to participate and help identify the best location of land the township owned. Forty (40) acres of township property on Porter Road was chosen. Opposition developed against using the land for that purpose, and with the help of some very key people, a 3-way land swap was made with the township, the conservation district, and the school system. The township now has ownership of 20 acres on Sheringer Road for our soccer park.



• **Bike Paths**

We built miles of bike paths and lanes during both terms, all within our budget. I believe bike paths are important to the health and welfare of our community and much more can be done. When I left office we had about 1/2 of the money needed pledged to connect the Muskatawa bike path on the north to the Spring Lake bike path on the south. It looks like the current administration has aborted the project. Some of the money pledged has now been used for an Ot-tawa County bike path.