

# OR RON COOPER

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## What did Ron do during the previous term in office?

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- **Converted 5 roads from gravel to asphalt**
  - Maintained the dozen or so old roads which the county wouldn't accept.

1. Harvey between Judson & Ottawa County line
2. Mt. Garfield between Kendra & Quarterline
3. Quarterline between Pontaluna & Sternberg
4. Sheridan between Mt. Garfield & Sternberg
5. 14th Street north of Vig Drive

Participated with the county road commission to do chip and seal to resurface many miles of roads.

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- **During his two terms he established 6 Bike Paths and 2 Bike Lanes**
- He also purchased the equipment to maintain the bike paths during the winter, including the sidewalk near Beach School.

1. The bike path on two sides of the Mall frontage.
  2. The bike path on Henry in front of Meijers
  3. The bike path on Sheridan between Mt. Garfield & Sternberg
  3. The bike path along Mt. Garfield both sides of Sheridan
  4. Worked with others to establish the bike path from the Fruitport Village to the Spring Lake bike path
  5. The bike lanes, both sides of Pontaluna between the middle school & Harvey
  6. Bike path on Independence Drive, Harvey to Meijers
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- **Added 11 extensions to our water trunk lines**
- Most of these extensions were important looping in the master plan that had been left unfinished for 30+ years.

1. Heights Ravenna Road east to Brooks Road
  2. Brooks Road from Trail Side to Hazekamps
  3. Broadway Avenue east to bike path (Muskatawa Trail)
  4. Dangle Road between Airline and Sternberg
  5. Sternberg Road from Dangle to Brooks Road
  6. Stringer Road from Mt. Garfield to Sternberg
  7. Brooks Road from Sternberg to Ellis Road
  8. Ellis Road east to Brooks Road
  9. Harvey Street, Wilson to Judson
  10. Brooks Road – connected water mains north and south of Norris Creek
  11. Wilson Road – connection line, Harvey Street to Norton Shores
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• With Norton Shores negotiated through the courts an agreement to have Muskegon Heights return over \$200,000 that they had intermingled with their general fund from the water fund.

• Since the water service agreement was negotiated during Ron's first term, with his direct involvement, Fruitport and Norton Shores have had lower cost water than either Muskegon or Grand Haven customers pay.

• After a thorough examination and studying the agreement with the race track, I knew they were sending the Fruitport Township share of the betting formula away from Fruitport. They didn't expect us to know what they were doing. It was in their best interest to work behind the scenes to make sure I wasn't reelected. The new board would not familiarize themselves with the case. There was a lot at stake for track ownership. Ron initiated the suit against the race track for not paying about a million dollars in betting fees to the township using funds from the track designed for that purpose, not from the general fund. One of the track attorneys, Nelson Westin, had acknowledged that the track would probably settle for between \$700,000 and \$800,000 when they could no longer stall the case through the courts and if the township board stayed committed. The national ownership agreed in court to pay for the state ownership's obligation when

that time came. Ron agreed to be responsible for the township's attorney bill personally from that time on because he could not bear to see the township lose that much money because of petty politics by the township board, and with the understanding he would be reimbursed for his expenses when the settlement took place. He is still making monthly payments on that bill. The track owners were having difficulty stalling it any longer and were at a point where they would be getting the judge's decision if they didn't settle it. The settlement took place without Ron's knowledge and for a ridiculously small amount. Since the township settled for such a small amount, Brian recommended to just put the settlement into the general fund.