

**THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF COOPER**  
**Special Informational Meeting – Riverview Road/Sewer Project**  
**June 3, 2019 – 1pm & 6pm**

The special meeting was held on Monday, June 3, 2019 at the Cooper Township Hall, 1590 West D Ave, Kalamazoo Mi 49009 @ **1pm** and then again at 6pm for Riverview Sewer Project Information

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Supervisor, Jeff Sorensen  
Clerk, DeAnna Janssen  
Treasurer, Carol DeHaan  
Trustee, Bob Schiedel

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Trustee, Jim Frederick  
Trustee, Fred Vlietstra  
Trustee, Brenda Buiskool

Also present was Paul Schram and Steve Carlisle of Wightman Associates, Jim Hoeskstra of Kalamazoo County Road Commission, Terry Shek of Rural Development, John Crumb of Gull Lake Sewer & Water, Vern Johnson of Kalamazoo County Health and Human Services Department, Mike Homier of Foster Swift, and 18 additional interested persons. Supervisor Sorensen called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.

**PRESENTATION BY VARIOUS REGARDING RIVERVIEW SEWER PROJECT:**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS @ 1:00PM MTG:**

5230 N Riverview: Concerned about access during construction. Per Wightman and Associates, thru traffic should follow the detours during the construction, but families that live in the construction area will be able to travel with relative ease during most of the construction. Reach out to the onsite construction manager for exceptions or special arrangements.

5307 N Riverview: What is the process to get hooked-up? You cannot hook-up until the completion of the project. Please keep an eye on the website for all updates. The project is scheduled for completion by November 1, 2019.

5337 N Riverview: will the road height be lowered to accommodate all the storm water that is a constant problem on these roads? Yes, in most place the road will actually be lower, plus the addition of the curb, gutter, and storm sewer will help that immensely.

**Other Special Notes:**

- The apron of your driveway will get blacktopped, you can reach out to the construction manager and ask them to do your whole driveway for an additional fee directly to the contractor.
- Any project complaints can be given directly to the onsite construction manager, or you can go to Kalamazoo County Road Commission website <https://www.kalamazooountyroads.com/> and lodge a complaint/request using the “Service Request” button.
- Per Vern Johnson, the costs for Septic Tank Replacement Options, listed in the construction presentation, are much lower than what he has been experiencing.
- Rural Development will come to your house to help you with the completion of the Grant and/or Load Applications for Assistance. See the Rural Development Brochures on the Cooper Township Website!
- As seen in the presentation, costs that the homeowner can expect above and beyond the actual cost of the Sewer Assessment from the Township include:
  - o Paying a contractor directly to run pipe from the road to your house and to connect to your house. Approx \$20-\$50 per foot.
  - o Sewer inspection fee at time of connection. Approx \$75.

- Cost to abandon/fill the old Septic System \$500-\$1800.

There being no further comments, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00pm.

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**PRESENTATION BY VARIOUS REGARDING RIVERVIEW SEWER PROJECT:**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS @ 6:00PM MTG:**

5227 N Riverview: Has contracted for a new roof, will I be able to get the dumpster in for the project? Per Wightman and Associates, thru traffic should follow the detours during the construction, but families that live in the construction area will be able to travel with relative ease during most of the construction. Reach out to the onsite construction manager for exceptions or special arrangements.

5031 Riverview: Problems with street water will be fixed by lowering the road? Yes, in most place the road will actually be lower, plus the addition of the curb, gutter, and storm sewer will help that immensely

5100 N Riverview: I have two separate lots. One has my house, the other doesn't but I still want to be able to access the property. After the curb/gutter portion of this project will I still be able to? Steve Carlisle at Wightman to information and will look into this situation.

5081 N Riverview: What if the contractor that is hired to put the sewer into my house does damage .....who covers the damages. John Crumb from GLSW said that the contractor you hire has to be licensed....thus has to have insurance to cover all errors on their part.

5273 N Riverview: I believe that Kalamazoo City Sewer is much cheaper than GLSW, why don't you cut out the middleman and just contract with Kalamazoo? Jeff Sorensen responded that the township has a contract with GLSW.

5273 N Riverview: How did you arrive at the benefit fee? Paul Schram responded (Total Project minus Front Foot Cost) divided by number of properties equals benefit fee per property!

5081 N Riverview: So we will be forced to hook-up after 10 years? Yes, and as a reminder, if you choose not to hook-up now and then your current septic system fails, the Kalamazoo County Health Department will not allow you to replace it, you will have to hook-up to the sewer at the most current rates....which will go up every year.

5231 N Riverview: Storm water floods my basement all the time. Will a sewer back-up also flood my basement with sewage? Per John Crumb the new Storm Sewer should prevent any further storm water flooding in your basement. Sewer back-ups are unlikely, but since we cannot monitor what people are putting into the sewer, there are no guarantees. However, if the back up is because of the public side of the sewer line GLSW will make the repairs. If the back-up is caused by something you have put into your lines, the responsibility will be yours!

5070 Citadel: Are there any plans for the rest of this area, outside Riverview and Bracket, to get sewer lines? No there are not. This project is only for Riverview, from G Avenue to Bracket and Bracket from Riverview to Keyes. No other Sewer lines are being discussed at this time.

There being no further comments, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.