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March 8th 2021 Board Meeting Report

March 3, 2021

- Meetings that I have been or will be attending:
 - March 4th EGLE Brownfield redevelopment meeting.
 - March 8th County COVID Cooperative Meeting
 - March 11th Planning Commission
 - March 12th Manager/Superintendent Meeting
 - March 15th County COVID Cooperative Meeting
 - March 25th U.P. Wide Broadband Meeting Phase one of the FCC Rural Digital Opportunity Fund
- Zoning / Permits
 - Meeting with EGLE on the 4th on soil remediation to continue development on a commercial site.
 - Process requests and furnish information on Environmental incident history, land use and parcels for possible future development.
 - Process applications for: zoning permits, conditional use permits and variances.
- Personnel:
 - Personnel Committee and I met the morning of the 2nd on staffing and office operations.
 - We have received 12 applicants for the vacant position of Utility Clerk / Administrative Assistant. Update and recommendations to follow.
 - Confirmation pending on our custodian returning.
- DPW
 - The well and tank water monitoring system has been installed; I am referring that company technician to our IT vendor for possible savings on removing a dedicated phone line.
 - Quinnesec Ice rink building may need a new furnace. It has been acting up and is still the old oil furnace retrofitted with a “gas gun”.
- Fire Department
 - Working with the station chiefs and training officer on equipment, maintenance, and training needs:
- Assessing
 - Board of Review is the 8th and 10th
- Projects
 - Requested quotes on our phone system and security cameras

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- GRANTS
 - Scrap Tire Cleanup Grant application started and will be submitted before the April 1st Deadline.
 - AAA Safety Grant started and awaiting input from the Station Chiefs to submit by March 24th.
 - DNR Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant Program
 - DNR Recreation Grants

- UNDERSERVED BROADBAND INTERNET SERVICE
 - U.P. Wide Meeting on Phase 1 of the FCC's Rural Digital Opportunity Fund and how planned projects will bring high speed connectivity to rural areas. I am hopeful that the projects currently planned will address areas in our Township, or at least how to be eligible for these improvements.
 - Until improvements are made, I have been advised that areas that do not have a good wireless service or cable available, NMU is the best option in our area as long as they can get their home antenna about 40ft above the house. Some school families have been using Tmobile hotspots for remote learning. Other wireless providers may have other options available.

- AUDIT
 - Auditors are still working remote and are scheduled to work with us on the Audit the week of March 22nd, this is the 3rd and final year of their contract extension. After the Audit I will bring to the Board a proposed extension, and /or an RFP for services to let for bids.

- ORDINANCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT
 - Ongoing review of ordinances for deficiencies and possible amendments. To save time and legal fees I would request specific guidance from the Board:

If not adopting the International Property Maintenance Code as it has been presented I would ask for guidance in what portions to amend, remove or apply to any gaps in our current ordinances.

If not adopting as a whole, our attorney would need to review our ordinances and incorporate amendments to those ordinances that would be affected by the changes proposed. I would ask for a special meeting or referral to a committee (with our attorney attending) to better define the concerns and goals of the Board to reduce time and legal fees. I would also ask for your patience with our current staffing shortages.

Respectfully Submitted, Steve Mulka

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