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SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

October 26, 2020

- Meetings attended in October:
 - October 1st / Water & Sewer Board Meeting / recommend rates / prioritize projects
 - October 5th / Dickinson County COVID-19 Cooperative
 - October 6th / Special Board Meeting / Interviews
 - October 6th / Ariel imagery / GIS zoom meeting.
 - October 7th / MTA update / zoom meeting / Details in last report
 - October 7th / Special Board Meeting / Interviews
 - October 8th / Planning Commission, ordinance amendment development.
 - October 12th / Special Board Meeting / Personnel
 - October 12th / regular Board Meeting
 - October 13th Health Insurance / in person
 - Met with Danielson Insurance for the renewal of our Michigan Blue Cross Insurance. The original quoted Monthly premium for 2020 was \$18,183 per month, the renewal quote for 2021 is \$13,043. With a substantial drop of \$5,140 per month in cost (\$61,680 annual). We had two employees drop off Township Insurance, with a payout of 400 each per month, or \$9,600 per yr. We had one employee family member transition to Medicare: reducing premiums by \$6,528 per yr. This is a net cost savings of \$52,080 annually.
 - October 13th Dickinson Area Economic Development Alliance
 - GIS mapping though a single website hosted by the County for all tax units. No additional cost to the units about 5k annual to the County.
 - Demand is increasing for housing in the UP. There is a shortage of available lumber for construction. One developer had 9 projects in 2019, increase to 26 projects this year.
 - Possible solar farm investment in the County.
 - October 14th Personnel Committee 7:00am (in person)
 - October 14th H2O infrastructure funding 9:00am (zoom)
 - October 14th Access Management (zoom)
 - October 19th Dickinson County COVID-19 Cooperative / 10am (zoom)
 - Numbers are up and observed preventative measures have slacked off
 - Discussion of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act.
 - October 19th Special Board Meeting / Budget / 6pm
 - October 21st Dickinson County Solid Waste Management Authority
 - Proposed additional hours Tues 6pm / Thursday 6pm / Saturday 2 or 4 to encourage opportunity for residents over the 3:30 weekday and noon closure on Sat.
 - October 22nd Zoning Board of Appeals / one variance granted for a larger accessory building
 - One granted for a reduced setback of an existing fence, completed by May 1st, 2021
 - October 26th / Pending / Special meeting 5:30pm / Regular Board Meeting 7:00pm

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- 2021 Road Projects
 - Update by Denny
 - Prior projects that were pushed off this year to be evaluated for next year.
- DPW Hire
 - DPW will have someone on 6 weeks medical leave starting December 17th
 - Need to expedite hiring process
 - Met with Guy and Jay on the replacement position and structure of the DPW
- Assessing Department / Status / Personnel Needs
 - Mike is planning on being back next week but is requesting assistance.
 - Two Tax Tribunal appeals have been forwarded to the Township attorney for review.
- Michigan Municipal League Liability Pool Renewal forms and application.
 - Inventory of all Township property to be sent / after evaluation they will submit a premium cost (in your FYI)
- Condemned house at 4645 Wabash Street / demo and progress of land transfer
 - Privately obtained Attorney is currently trying to open the estate to transfer property to a relative so there is a responsible party to sign off on the demolition so the neighbor can purchase the property. We still retain a “holdback” from the insurance that can be used to demo. Without a responsible party there could be a risk of someone with a quit claim deed, or probate claim to the house, possibly claiming a loss after the demolition. I am working with all parties to maintain transparency and mitigate risk to the Township while getting this accomplished without having to wait a year or two for a tax sale.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Mulka, Superintendent

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