



Beaver Island  
Michigan

# Supervisor's Lens

Notes to Township Board Members from Supervisor Kathleen McNamara

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**SJTGC** = St James  
Township  
Governmental  
Center  
**SJTH** = St James  
Township Hall



Tuesday December 4  
@ 5:00PM SJTGC  
**Public Works  
Committee**

Wednesday  
December 5 @  
5:00PM @ SJTH  
**Regular Board  
Meeting**

Tuesday December  
11 @ 10:00AM @  
SJTGC **December  
Board of Review**

## **Finance**

The monthly finance report Finance Committee meeting minutes were sent to you on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. I also sent you a copy of the township's Budget Development policy which I would like to review at the meeting and assign budget area leaders for development of the 2019-2020 budgets.

## **Public Works Committee**

The public works committee will meet next Tuesday at 5:00pm. The main agenda item will be discussion of the Recreation Passport Grant and likelihood of St James Township Campground improvements.

## **Ordinance to Regulate the Movement of Wood to Beaver Island**

As soon as I get the final draft from the attorney I will forward it to you. There were some changes to the draft you saw last month as I had a conservationist from LTBB Odawa Indians and the State Department of Agriculture's Pest Response Program Specialist review the document. I have changed the name of the ordinance to reflect that the ordinance regulates more than just 'firewood'. Although firewood with bark attached poses the biggest threat to our forests, other things like pallets with bark attached or rough-hewn untreated lumber are also threats. I want us to be sure that we agree with ordinance, so if people still have questions or comments let me know. We can either pass the ordinance at our December meeting or place it on the January agenda.

## **Telecommunications Advisory Committee**

Attached to the board packet are minutes for the Telecommunications Advisory Committee. The committee has met once and has a second meeting scheduled for December 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm.

## **Marihuana Regulations and Impact on Township**

I have forwarded you an email I received from MTA with a link to information on their website. Here is a summary from Michigan Townships Association (MTA) concerning Marihuana Regulations and the impact on townships:

Under the NEW Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act (Adopted November 6, 2018 as a statewide ballot initiative):

- **Individuals:** Individuals anywhere in Michigan may now use marihuana for individual recreational purposes, as long as they comply with the Act. A township cannot prohibit or regulate that use.
- **Recreational marihuana establishments (grow operations, stores, etc.):** "Recreational marihuana establishments" may be licensed by the state and local units to serve anyone

Tuesday December  
11 @ 5:00PM @  
SJTH

**Telecommunications  
Advisory Committee**

**Feel free to  
stop in or  
give me a  
call if you  
have any  
questions  
or want  
anything  
added to  
the agenda.**

**Kitty**

*regarding recreational marihuana use. This part of the ballot proposal will have up to a year to be implemented by the state. A township can choose to prohibit any or all types of recreational marihuana establishments by adopting an ordinance. There is no deadline for a township to decide to do so. BUT that ordinance is subject to referendum to have it voted up or down on a ballot. There is no deadline for referendum.*

*I am setting aside time at the meeting for us to discuss this, there is no need for any decision making at this time, but I think it is important for us to begin to understand what decisions we will be expected to make in 2019.*

**FEMA Floodplain Information**

*The township (all Michigan Municipalities) received notification that our township has our townships has designated flood hazard areas. Because of this the township should join the National Flood Insurance Program so individual property owners in our township can buy flood insurance if they wish. I have attached the memo from our attorney which explains this in more detail.*

**Deputy Housing Closed for Winter**

*I had John Robert's crew drain the building and winterize it.*

**THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE  
FOR  
BEAUTIFUL HOLIDAY LIGHTING  
Paul Cole, Brian Cole, Garrett Cole, Rob Turner**

**AND FOR  
BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS TREE  
Jim Wojan, Darrell Butler, Bill McDonough**