



Beaver Island
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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



Wednesday
September 10
@3:30pm @ SJTGC
Public Works
Committee Meeting

Wednesday
September 10 @
5:00PM @ SJTH
Regular Board
Meeting

St James Township Harbor Plan – Public Hearing

I will be hosting this session, which is a follow up to the public input session held last month. We will have hard copies of the draft Harbor Plan for review and distribution. If you haven't already, please take the time to read the harbor plan prior to the meeting. The hearing is a final chance for people to comment on the plan. [LINK TO HARBOR PLAN](#) Following the hearing, the board will formally adopt the Parks and Recreation Plan – Harbor Addendum.

Finance

The monthly finance report is attached and bills for payment have already been sent to board members. Finance Committee meeting minutes are part of this board packet.

Municipal Dock 2018 Update

Harbor Master Mike Collins and Assistant Harbor Master Marlene Wisner will be on hand to give a brief update on general operations at the municipal dock last summer. Overall, the season went well, weather was great and revenue was up! Wisner recently attended the state-wide Fall Harbor Meeting in Grand Haven which is attended by harbor operators from around the state and facilitated by state of Michigan Waterways Commission personnel. Mike and Marlene may have suggested rates and opening/closing dates for us to review at the October 10th meeting.

2018 Sewer Rate Study

Performance Engineers, Inc. (PEI) has completed a review of the 2017 St. James Township Rate Study and current 2018 year-to-date data for the purpose of providing the Township with an update to be used for planning 2019 sewer rates. The engineer visited the island today and will submit to us a 2018 Rate Study Update. I will forward this to you as soon as I get it. At the October 10th meeting, we will review it and then, at the November meeting, we will confirm sewer rates for the following year.

Ordinance to Prohibit the Transportation of Firewood to Beaver Island

I have a meeting set up with the attorney on Monday, October 8th to review the potential ordinance. This is the premise we will be working from to draft the ordinance:

This prohibition is necessary to prevent the spread of invasive insect species to Beaver Island. It appears the most likely way for an individual in a non-commercial capacity to aid the spread of invasive insect species to Beaver Island is through the transportation of firewood. Firewood transportation to the island is most likely to occur by private boat or plane or by vehicles transported to the island on the ferry.

Beaver Island has a firewood policy that will allow campers the warmth of their fires and help prevent and slow the spread of forest pests and diseases, such as hemlock woolly adelgid, beech bark disease, Asian longhorn beetle, and oak wilt. The firewood policy states that campers may only use firewood harvested on Beaver Island.

Works Family Property Donation

In keeping with the board's decision at the September board meeting, I contacted LTC to let them know that the township is interested in taking ownership of the Works Family property – the Mt Pisgah property. I have had email communication with the Works Family and will pursue the next steps to make this transaction happen.

Telecommunications Advisory Committee

Attached to this board packet is the Draft Committee recommendation. Peaine Township approved this document at its September board meeting. If we approve this at our October meeting, Supervisor Kohls is ready to post for interested committee members – the membership would be one member from each township board and 5 at large members. I am willing to serve on this board for our township.

Waste Management Committee

A posting is up for 3 at-large community members to serve on this committee. The deadline for expressing interest in serving is Monday, October 8th. Supervisor Kohls and I will get together on Tuesday to see who is interested and then we will make recommendations to our respective boards on the 10th. Please, try to drum up candidates for this important committee. The township board should officially appoint 2 members to the committee as well. Last spring we appointed trustees Martin and Powers to meet with Peaine Township to get this back on track; if they would like to continue as representatives on the committee that would be great.

Board of Review Appointment

Frank D'Andria is interested in an appointment to the Board of Review. The appointment would fill out Julie Gillespie's term. All Board of Review members need to be reappointed in January of 2019.

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