



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



Wednesday
August 7 @
5:30PM @ SJTH
**Regular Board
Meeting**

**St James
Township
Board**

Tuesday August
13 @ 7:00PM @
SJTH **Planning
Commission
Meeting**



Finance

The monthly finance report is included with this board packet. Clerk Gillespie will forward a new Monthly Budget Report that shows adopted budget revenue and expenditure categories compared to what has been received and spent each month; she will email a copy to board members and have a hard copy at the meeting. She will also forward a copy of the bills for payment – please contact her if you have questions about any of the bills. Also attached in this board packet are minutes of the June finance committee meeting.

Beaver Island Airport Commission Update

Included with this board packet are the minutes from the April meeting and the agenda for the August 3rd Commission Meeting. At the August 3rd meeting the commission will review a possible final agreement on the purchase of the Arteza Property east of the BI Airport. Both township boards are familiar with the property and had given the commission guidance about parameters of the purchase. If the BI Airport Commission agrees with the most recent proposal, it will recommend that each township board approve the agreement. If it is approved at the Saturday meeting, I will forward it on to board members with accompanying comments for review and possible approval at our August 7th meeting.

Font Lake Drawdown

As you may know Gillespie Enterprises completed the work of building the culvert and ditch system. The system is not transferring much water because the lake level receded drastically since the township began the mitigation process in late May when the lake elevation was 618' and predicted to rise. Dan Cook of performance engineering was on the island on July 25th to check the work and to take current lake level elevations. The lake level on July 25, 2019 was approximately 617' - the culvert was placed at 616.5'

I realize that the culvert system is not transferring much water, but the system is in place if the water level rises again. We had no way of knowing that the water would naturally recede as much as it did -- official predictions had called for an increasing lake level through the end of July. The system is now in place to continue to keep the lake level at just under 617'.

I expect that Gillespie Enterprises will tidy up the site and continue to monitor for the next week or so; we may remove the erosion bales at the lake end of the ditch.

Tuesday August
20 @ 5:00PM @
BI Community
School
**Telecommunications Advisory
Committee**



Wednesday
August 21 @
11:00AM @
SJTGC **Public
Works
Committee**



Thursday August
22 @ 3:00 @
Library **Michigan
& Marijuana
Webinar**



Monday August
26 @ 1:00PM @
SJTGC **Finance
Committee
Meeting**



Cemetery Fencing

This project should be completed by August 5th. The fencing company of Northern Michigan will be onsite to remove the old fence and install the new double loop fence replicating the old look, but with a new much neater appearance. Darrell Butler will assist with logistics.

Bike Path

Larry Pease Jr. has been contracted to complete edging, trimming and mowing along the bike path from the Lodge Road to the campground. Work should be completed by August 5th.

Playground Beach

There have been a couple of improvements to the playground beach. The Amvets purchased a handicap accessibility mat and Darrell Butler installed the mat with assistance from Amvets members. Two emergency life rings have been purchased and Darrell Butler installed them.

Municipal Dock Well

The aging well pump at the municipal dock ceased working late last week. It has been replaced.

Anderson/Woollam Marina Project

I will give a brief update about current progress on this project. I have been in touch with JAW Foundation and our township attorney to keep this project moving forward.

Michigan and Marijuana

*As we discussed at our July board meeting, I have been working with the planning commission to schedule a community-wide informational meeting will be held in August 2019 to present information and receive input as part of the decision-making process. I have contacted I have been in contact with **Lindsey Gardner**, Extension Educator, Government & Community Vitality, Michigan State University Extension Cheboygan, MI.*

*She and another MSU extension service provider will be available to do a community **informational sharing and gathering session on either August 20 or August 29**. As soon as I know for sure which date works, I will get it publicised. I am planning to do the session at the Community Center where there is good access to projection devices, sound and internet.*

The two township planning commission will be researching and discussing the issue from now until November when a final opt-in resolution is likely to be considered by the township. They plan to have a common planning commissions meeting at Peaine Township Hall on August 13th at 5:30 PM

*At the August board meeting there will be an update on the **Michigan and Marijuana** webinar session:*

To Ban or Not to Ban: Example Michigan Marijuana Local Government Regulations - This webinar will present various regulatory approaches taken by

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

I will be in the office from 9:30 – 3:30 Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week.

Michigan local governments to date. Learn about example regulations from large cities to rural townships under the Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act and what some have done in preparation for the implementation of the MRTMA. The webinar will also consider how unzoned townships might address the subject and the division of authority with townships under county zoning.

The next session is August 22 from 3:00- 4:30 PM. The group will meet again at the district library, please join us if you can, session title:

Industrial Hemp Regulation, Research and Prospects for Development – Federal legalization of industrial hemp offers many new opportunities for Michigan growers, processors and consumers. However, current knowledge gaps and potential barriers to the success of hemp in Michigan are many including regulatory risk, agronomic best practices, processing capacity, consumer demand and profitability. Join this webinar to hear the latest on industrial hemp regulation, research and prospects for development in Michigan. The presentation will include application of the Michigan Right to Farm Act to industrial hemp production.

Here is a link to summaries of the upcoming sessions whose titles include:

Revenue: From Excise to Property taxes – Who gets what and how much? – September 19

The Latest from LARA on Marijuana Regulation - October 24

[/michigan-and-marijuana-a-local-government-webinar-series](#)

Maintenance Vehicle

I have reached out to MiDeal to make sure we are still enrolled and will work with Travis and Darrell to look at potential maintenance vehicles. We may have an option to present to the board at the August meeting. There is money budgeted for this purchase, the cost of which will be shared with Peaine Twp and the BI Airport.

National Floodplain Insurance Program Ordinance

At our last board meeting, we approved this ordinance and since then it has been published and reported to the state FEMA coordinator for enrollment.