



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
September 4 @
5:30PM @ SJTH
Regular Board Meeting

St James Township Board

Tuesday
September 3
7:00PM @ SJTH
Planning Commission Meeting



Finance

The monthly finance report will be sent early next week with the clerk's Monthly Budget Report that shows adopted budget revenue and expenditure categories compared to what has been received and spent each month; the clerk 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. Attached in this board packet are minutes of the August finance committee meeting.

Form L-4029 - this annual Millage Tax Rate Request Form must be filed with Charlevoix County by the end of September to indicate the millage rates that the township expects to levy in December of this year. The board will have to hold a special meeting later in the month to make final approval as I need to gather information from BIESA, BIHS, BIDL about amounts to request in the millage levy, but anticipate they will remain the same as last year. I am anticipating that the township millages for operational and street and road will remain at the same level as last year.

2018-2019 Audit – Finance committee members already have a copy of this and I will get a copy to the trustees. At the meeting on the 4th we will do a brief review of the audit and, if needed, pass any questions board members have back to the auditor for answers.

Beaver Island Airport Commission Update

Current Airport Ordinances and Minimum Standards are outdated – revised standards were approved at the August BIAC meeting. Airport manager, Rachel Teague, will be at our October township board meeting to review the new documents. She will attend and my expectation is to answer questions regarding the purpose and changes that have been made. Depending upon whether or not the board has major concerns about the changes, we can either vote to pass or have presented to township attorneys for review and then be presented again at the next township meetings for a vote.

Campground Improvement Grant

Attached is an update timeline. I will review at the meeting.

Cemetery Fencing

This is done! Looks great.

Bike Path

I am still trying to get the county road engineer here to assess the path. It looks like that will happen on September 9 or 10.

Anderson/Woollam Marina Project

Most necessary documents are in hand with attorneys and agreed upon. The closing date remains unknown as a couple certain final documents remain to be shared. I will let you know as soon as I hear anything. The PWC met and defined a transition agreement with

Wednesday
September 18 @
11:00AM @
SJTGC **Public
Works
Committee**



Monday
September 16@
7:00 @
Community
Center **Public
Information
Meeting -
Marijuana**



Thursday
September 19 @
3:00 @ Library
**Michigan &
Marijuana
Webinar**

Monday
September 23 @
1:00PM @ SJTGC
**Finance
Committee
Meeting**



Andersons, so once the deal is finalized, we have a blueprint for moving forward. Additionally I met with our harbormasters and we discussed organizational needs for the transition period. I will give an update to the full board at the September board meeting.

Michigan and Marijuana

Peaine Township approved cost sharing for a community informational session. I have attached a draft flyer for your information; it will be edited and then sent to all BI households that receive mail. – our planning group is meeting on Tuesday, September 3, 2019 via conference call to discuss the planning session. I hope all of you will mark your calendars to attend – OCTOBER 16, 2019 @ 7PM @ COMMUNITY CENTER.

At the August board meeting there will be an update on the **Michigan and Marijuana** webinar session: : [Industrial Hemp Regulation, Research and Prospects for Development](#)

The next webinar is September 19 from 3:00- 4:30 PM. The group will meet again at the district library, please join us if you can, session title: [Revenue: From Excise to Property taxes – Who gets what and how much?](#)

Here is a link to summaries of the final session:

[The Latest from LARA on Marijuana Regulation - October 24](#)
[/michigan-and-marijuana-a-local-government-webinar-series](#)

BI Telecommunications Advisory Committee

I am attaching three documents with this packet: meeting minutes, Quickstart contract information sheet, 'pools' of service informational sheet. Kevin Boyle will be at the meeting next week and he and I will give an update of the work of the committee. This will include explaining some short term solutions to providing better internet access in the near future and requesting support for a low cost comprehensive study of assets. The study would engage Quickstar, a sophisticated mapping tool that assembles key cost information about the community to assist in making decisions about how to build or partner for a strong long term solution. Board members will be asked to consider approving the Quickstart Agreement for Telecommunications Planning and to consider Holding Special Meeting to Hear BITAC Short-term Solution.

Maintenance Vehicle

Early next week I will forward you information about a new maintenance truck. Darrell Butler has solicited a quote through the MiDeal program. The idea is that the two townships, the BI Airport, BI Fire Department and the BI Transfer Station would share in the cost of the vehicle. I have forwarded information to those units for review. I will ask our board to authorize me to spend up to \$15,000.00 towards this project - we budgeted \$14,000.00.

Blight

I am attaching the township's Nuisance Ordinance – I thought it would be a good place to start. We can at least see what was approved in the past and get a start on discussion of current needs.