



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
October 2 @
5:30PM @ SJTH
Regular Board Meeting

**St James
Township
Board**

Tuesday October
1 @ 7:00PM @
SJTH **Planning
Commission Meeting**



Finance

The monthly finance report is included with this packet. Early next week the clerk will send the monthly Standard Budget Report which 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 September finance committee meeting.

Appointment of Trustee

As you know, we have two capable candidates to fill the trustee position: Frank D’Andraia and Joe Moore. I have attached the letters of interest and the posting of the position for your review. Please think about which candidate you believe can best meet the requirements of the position. We will discuss and make a decision at the meeting. We are lucky to have two such qualified individuals interested.

Beaver Island Airport Commission Update

Current Airport Ordinances and Minimum Standards are outdated – revised standards were approved at the August BIAC meeting – documents are included in this board packet. Airport manager, Rachel Teague, will be at our October township board meeting to review the new documents. She will attend review minimum standards and to answer questions regarding the purpose and changes that have been made. I expect that the board will take time between the October and November board meetings to review the documents and I will ask for approval at the November meeting.

Bike Path Plan & Road Commission Meeting

Paul Cole, Connie Wojan and I met with County Road Commission personnel on the bike path on Wednesday, September 25th. The group identified the following items to be completed:

Fall 2019: Remove trees encroaching on path; clear trees and brush in area around the entrance to the Resale Shop for visibility; remove berm areas to improve drainage in needed areas.

Spring 2020: Sweep and Edge the entire length of the path to reduce plant encroachment of path; mark and patch any apparent cracks in the surface.

Summer 2020: Sweep and mow sides as necessary throughout the summer.

At the meeting on Wednesday I will give an update about discussion with the CCRC about parking, Maple Street and street drainage.

Anderson/Woollam Marina Project

Included in your board packet is a document, Release of Public Highway Easement, which the board should pass per the gifting agreement with JAW Foundation. Basically, the

Wednesday
October 16 @
11:00AM @
SJTGC Public
Works
Committee

PWC

Thursday
October 24 @
3:00 @ Library
Michigan &
Marijuana
Webinar



Monday October
28 @ 1:00PM @
SJTGC Finance
Committee
Meeting



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Agenda. See
you
Wednesday!
Kitty**

document states the township's intent to terminate the easement allowing a public highway across the easternmost lot of the Anderson Marina property.

Closing Date: The closing date is likely to be within the next 10 days. I will let you know as soon as I hear actual closing date. Trustee Cole and I defined a transition agreement with Woollam and are waiting to hear back on finalization of agreement. The goal of the agreement with JAW Foundation is to make sure we are all on the same page in relation to expectations around apartment building, bubbler system, pole barn, and fuel dock. 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 October board meeting.
Easement

Michigan and Marijuana

The Public Meeting on September 16th was a success; approximately 60 people attended in person and another 20 viewed the session through News on the Net. I am including the summary of the meeting which documents the issues that attendees identified as most important for the townships to consider in decision-making.

*At the October board meeting there will be an update on the Michigan **and Marijuana** webinar session: Revenue: From Excise to Property taxes – Who gets what and how much? Here is a link to the actual presentation [Recreational Marijuana Revenue: From Excise to Property Taxes](#)*

*The next, and final, webinar is October 24 from 3:00- 4:30 PM. The group will meet again at the district library, please join us if you can. The description of the session is: “we will be discussing **all things Marijuana Regulation** with Andrew Brisbo, Executive Director of LARA’s Marijuana Regulatory Agency. This is a do-not-miss live session and a “BYOQ” event... (Q is for questions and yes, I made that up).”*

BI Telecommunications Report

As we all attended the special meeting about the proposed Pools of Service idea, everyone has a basic idea of the envisioned project. In this board packet, I am including the slides from that presentation. At our October regular meeting, I would like the board to discuss the plan and decide whether or not to take the next step, which would be to proceed to the BI Broadband Consortium level. This link will take you to more information about what is happening around Michigan relative to broadband access: [/Michigan Moonshot Broadband Framework Executive Summary.pdf](#)

2020 Municipal Dock Rates and Dates of Operation

*Included in this packet is a copy of the Michigan Waterways Commission Seasonal and Transient Rate Sheets. In order to get the information into the DNR reservation system, we should set our rates and dates of operation for summer 2020. Based upon past practice and consultation with the harbormaster, I recommend the following: **Seasonal Rate 4** and **Transient Rate F**. Recommended dates of operation are May 15 – September 30, 2020; this is the same as last year.*

Blight & October 16th Board Planning Meeting

I am planning on having at least 20 minutes for the board to actually review the township's Nuisance Ordinance; this will help us to understand what we currently have on the books. At the meeting next Wednesday, I will share a possible outline for our October 16th Planning Meeting.