



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



Tuesday October
6 @ 7pm @ SJTH
**Planning
Commission
Meeting**



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

**St James
Township
Board**

Finance

Included in this board packet is the monthly finance report and minutes from the September 28th Finance Committee meeting. At the meeting, the committee reviewed draft general fund budget amendment as prepared by McNamara and Gillespie. 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 standard budget report reflects current expenditures compared to the budget as amended at the September 2, 2020 regular board meeting. 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 the bills.

Update on Marina Infrastructure Projects - North and South

At the meeting on Wednesday I will provide an update on current projects at the marinas. Both marinas are officially closed for the season. As you know, work on the fuel pier is at a standstill awaiting approval from the Army Corps of Engineers. I will have updated information on the upcoming work on the ship's store, the bathhouse and electrical work at the marina north. Electrical at the Marina South could be on track to be completed before the boat stops running. Attached to your board packet is a recommendation from Performance Engineers to enter into a contract with Shoreline Power Services to complete the necessary work. I suggest we accept the recommendation and move forward with the project. The amount (\$188,430.00) is within our budget and the company has a good reputation; the township is committed to covering \$50,000.00 of the cost of this upgrade and the rest is covered by the Michigan Waterways Commission Grant Program.

Update on Campground Project

It is becoming less and less likely that the Recreation Passport Grant Campground project will be started this fall. While we had hoped the state would move forward with review and approval of the bid documents, it appears the process may drag out longer. Engineer Aaron Nordstrom, Deputy Supervisor Cynthia Pryor and I met with the DNR Grant Coordinator last week and it was decided to resubmit the bid documents, incorporating the few changes requested by the grant coordinator. We plan to have these updated documents submitted this week and the grant coordinator indicated that she will review them as quickly as possible in hopes that we can still get the bids out this fall.

Telecommunications Advisory Committee

The townships established the committee in October of 2018 and authorized its work for two years. I recommend that the extend the committee's authorization for another two years. Current members are: Kathleen McNamara, Paul Welke, Wil Cwikel, Theresa McDonough, Garry Conant, Neal Green, and Kevin Boyle. I also recommend that the board agree to a joint meeting with Peaine Township on October 20 to hear an update from the advisory committee.

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

PWC

Thursday October
15 @ 5:00PM BI
Telecommunications
Committee



Monday Sept 28
@ 1:00PM @
SJTGC **Finance
Committee
Meeting**



Planning Commission Membership

At the October 7, 2020 Township meeting I will ask the board to confirm planning commission members which will bring our board from a 5-member board to a 7-member board. Membership on the planning commission is appointed by the township supervisor, subject to approval of a majority of the township board. As you know, I sent specific information about the planning commission to 7 citizens who had expressed interest in serving on the commission; I have received one formal application and expect more by the end of the day on October 6th. I will ask the board to approve new members and reconfirm existing members and terms.

- Recognize that Seat # 1: Paul Cole - term does not officially end, the member can remain on the planning commission as long as they are a member of the township board or the board appoints a different member
- Confirm Membership of these:
 - Seat # 2: Patrick McGinnity - term to expire December 2022
 - Seat # 3: Bob Tidmore - term to expire December 2021
 - Seat # 4: Beth Croswhite - term to expire December 2023
- Appoint New Members:
 - Seat # 5: (Adam Anderson) New Member term to expire December 2023
 - Seat # 6: New Member term to expire December 2021
 - Seat # 7: New Member term to expire December 2022

Board Goals – Blight and Dangerous Structures

I have set aside 30 minutes at our upcoming meeting to focus on township goals related to blight and dangerous structures.

November Board Meeting Date

Because of the proximity of our regular meeting date to election day (November 3) the township board meeting has been rescheduled from November 4th to November 11th.