

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE\***  
**ST JAMES TOWNSHIP, BEAVER ISLAND, CHARLEVOIX COUNTY, MICHIGAN**  
**DRAFT MEETING MINUTES FOR, FEBRUARY 17, 2021 @ 11:00AM @ VIA ZOOM**  
**Due to the Coronavirus Outbreak, Members of the Public are to attend the meeting VIA ZOOM**

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**Attending:** Members Moore, McNamara and Cole. Public: Minutes of the January 20, 2021 meeting were approved.

**Telecommunications Tower and Possible GLE Usage**

McNamara provided update on talks with GLE about their potential ability to provide internet bandwidth for the broadband pools of service project. Committee supported further discussion with GLE to see if an agreement for such service can be reached. McNamara reported that the BI Telecommunications Committee will be discussing the issue at its February 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Budget Planning 2021-22 Budget**

- Governmental Center Technology: McNamara, Moore and Clerk Gillespie to work on a recommendation for the board relative to increasing the current TDS bandwidth to the governmental center and connecting all work computers to the connection via ethernet. Further, this group to discuss other necessary tech improvements at the governmental center.
- Work Hub – Township Hall: Committee decided this is not an immediate high priority, but should be part of an overall assessment of the use of all township buildings and infrastructure.
- Single Stream Recycling: Committee recognized that Peaine Township has committed up to \$18,5000.00 to implement this project. St James Township needs to evaluate current financial situation and determine what it can contribute. Committee members all support this project.

**Font Lake “Wake Limit” Designation**

McNamara will share research completed by deputy supervisor relative to the DNR process for such designation.

**Other business as may come before the committee**

**Next Meeting Date is March 17, 2021**

\*Public Works Committee established by Township Board on 12.7.2016. Current Members: Supervisor McNamara, Trustee Cole and Trustee Moore.