

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE*

ST JAMES TOWNSHIP, BEAVER ISLAND, CHARLEVOIX COUNTY, MICHIGAN

MEETING MINUTES FOR SPECIAL MEETING Thursday October 28, 2021 @ 10:00AM

Rescheduled Regular Monthly Meeting, *Replaces October 20, 2021 Meeting which was Cancelled*

Attending: Members McNamara and Cole. Member Moore Absent. Public: None Minutes of the September 15, 2021 meeting were approved.

Agenda

Road safety Initiative Update – Committee participated in an online meeting with MDOT Transportation Engineers to review a Local Safety Initiative Document prepared by that department. The report Beaver Island Local Safety Initiative Crash Data Examination documents all crashes reported from 2016-2020 for Peaine and St. James Township. According to MDOT officials, the injury rate and crash statistics are well below what they would consider as high risk. They suggested that if we wanted to pursue development of a road safety plan for the harbor area, we should engage a private transportation safety engineering firm. MDOT will forward a list of firms that have MDOT preapproval. Committee consensus is to pursue such a plan.

Township Storage Space – McNamara has reached out to Eager Beaver Clean & Store for insight into the storage business. Committee needs to assign someone to develop a plan for board adoption, Cole and McNamara view the site and confer with township maintenance and marina personnel about township storage needs.

Gull Harbor Preserve – Committee agreed to work with the Little Traverse Conservancy about trails, signs and parking at this township preserve which is adjacent to the new Stanhope Family Nature Preserve.

Future Topics

Fall/Winter Maintenance

Next Meeting Date is November 17, 2021

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