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Supervisor's Lens

Notes to St James Township Board Members from Supervisor Joe Moore

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11M 2022 @
5:30PM @ SJTH
Regular Board
Meeting

**St James
Township
Board**

Wednesday May
18 @ 11:00AM @
SJTGC
Public Works
Committee



THE May BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD IN PERSON AT THE TOWNSHIP HALL

The position for Maintenance was divided at our last special meeting into three positions. The interview for the maintenance position took place on 5/5/2022. The decision for hiring was agreed upon by Diane McDonough and the supervisor.

Work is still taking place for the Campground Host position. Hope to fill this position this week based upon the applicants interested.

FINAL 2020-2021 Budget Approval is needed.

SUPERVISOR POSITION:

Lots of actions going on this month. We need to approve all the work done by the Public Works Committee. There are lots items that can be completed with board approval.

ELECTIONS: We approved the language and the motion for the renewal of millages for the fire department, BIRHC, and the street and road fund at our special meeting on 5.3.2022. This should be on the ballot in August 2022.

ROOF at DNR Building: The bid is a little higher than we thought, but it is essential to get this job done. We need approval to get this roof project started.

House Bill 6023: The County Road Commission is needing our support on a House Bill that will prevent surcharges on gravel that is needed on the island. The bill prevents the fees on the cubic yards of gravel:

"This department shall not charge a state department or local unit of government in this state, including, but not limited to, a county road commission, a royalty for taking gravel from state owned lands."

We need to pass a motion that supports this house bill and get the motion and minutes to the Charlevoix County Road Commission.

Meeting with PSJA: We had a good meeting with them at the St. James Township Hall. Lots of items were discussed including the Font Lake parking area, and possible work toward putting in a parking turn-around and parking area on the north side of Font Road in the woods. This will be investigated further. The possible extension of the bike path was discussed as well as traffic

Wednesday June 1
@ 1:00PM @ SJGC

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control and safety. Signage at the Font Lake area launch was also discussed. The "No Wake Zone."

St. James Township Campground Reservation System: This is coming along quite well thanks to Cynthia Pryor. This should be operational, with any luck, by Memorial Day. The campground host will need Internet access with a laptop and a cellphone. It is recommended to use a Verizon cellphone plan to allow the host access to the Firefly reservation system from the campground to be able to collect money for the camping. The construction is to be completed by the 15th of June, but the campground should be open for the end of May. Levi Connor has been hired to do some work of organization out there and leaf blowing as well as cutting up the firewood.

It was just determined that the township got the Parks and Recreation Grant, so the safety issues and improvements, repairs, etc. will be able to be completed by our maintenance person and/or campground host. The kiosk is here and stored at the marina.

FONT LAKE PARKING: The concept of extending the area of parking on the west side of Font Road by an additional six feet is recommended. It is also recommended that the east side of the road also have width for parking. This will have to be approved by the Charlevoix County Road Commission. It seems to be too expensive to put in a parking lot on the township owned property on the west side of Font Road that would require tree clearing as well as gravel and parking area preparation, so the extension of the easement of the county with gravel and area seems a better solution.

TIS By-laws: These need to be approved at our meeting.

APPOINTMENTS: There are several positions that need to have appointments made. The St. James Township Maintenance person, the campground host, cleaning position for the marinas and public restrooms, and the St. James Township position on the library board need to be filled.

LIGHTING AT ST. JAMES Hall: We've been talking about how dark things are at the hall, and I am looking into having something completed in the near future with the lighting there. Hopefully, the costs can be included in the budget and we can move forward.

FINAL BUDGET APPROVAL for 2021: The budget will need to be completed and ready for the auditor. What changes in this need to be made and when can it be finalized?

Updates from Shelby Harris will be included in this meeting as well as possible updates from Cynthia Pryor.