April 5, 2021

President's Report

3/9 DDA Meeting – asked where the Village is at on completing the RRC Project.

3/16 – drove into Harrisville (courthouse) and dropped off the Truth in Taxation paperwork to Troy at the Equalization Department.

<u>3/18 NEMCOG Meeting</u> – in the new COVID Recovery Package passed this month there is funding for infrastructure projects (I thought of our road issues at the intersection of Second and Traverse Bay Rd.) The legislation expands the Employee Retention Tax Credit for start-up companies and other businesses hit by the pandemic. My understanding is that the funds do not expire until 2024.

I heard mixed reviews on the Ultra-Thin surface: Worked well in Hillman in the industrial park area, however Cheboygan did not feel that it lasted as long, although they did not mention where it was applied.

Viking Energy's sister plant in Hillman is shut down for the time being. However, with the recent events in TX, there is a possibility of reopening it.

MI Works will be holding "Drive up" Job Fairs this spring, so job seekers will not have to leave their vehicles to gather information or apply for jobs.

Alcona and Alpena Counties are both considering hiring County Administrators, as the Commissioners are becoming overwhelmed with all of the meetings they attend.

<u>3/23/2021 MI Dept. of Treas. Webinar</u> updates and Resources for Local Governments. Michigan residents, small businesses, and local governments may download the Michigan Secure Mobile App for free. It alerts you to unsecure Wi-Fi networks, unsafe apps in Android, system tampering and more. It helps protect your mobile device or Chromebook without requiring ay persona private information. It is free to down load and free to use. It can be accessed on Michigan.gov Cybersecurity.

3/23/2021 Alcona MSHDA Grant Committee – we will apply for the grant in the fall.

3/30/2021 Transportation Asset Management Council – IRT Training Webinar I need to set up some email addresses so I can access the online reporting tools.

<u>3/31/2021</u> – Spoke with Jason Durham, and he is interested in being appointed to the vacant council seat, which was held by Amanda Zielinski.

<u>Citizen Concerns:</u> Mr. Stutsman called regarding a tree down at Lakeview & Main – taken care of. Pam Wakely, of Chesterfield Township, called seeking information on purchasing a slat for Flights of Imagination, sent her a form. Received on letter from a Mr. Kossa regarding snow equipment damage to his property – Warren has/is addressing it.

Road Report

<u>3/9 DDA Meeting</u> – The DDA voted to assist the Village with the Traverse Bay Rd. Project. I had Huron Engineering calculate what the cost would be to the DDA for the one block which is in the DDA (Second St – Lake St.

4/1/2021 – Spoke with Jesse Campbell @ Road Commission and Barlow Rd is only closed from M-72 north to the southern Village Limit. Informational conversation with regards to the Golf Cart Community designation and rules we are considering.

I have been in contact with Becky @ Huron Engr. and Nico Tucker @NEMCOG-Region 9 to see what our options are with regards to Traverse Bay Rd., as we are short of funding, due to MDOT keeping part of our Safety Grant Dollars for last year's Barlow Rd. Project.

Respectfully submitted, Sheila