

President's
November 6, 2023 Report

10/8 Fair Board Community Sale/ Animal Swap –ARA

10/10 DDA Meeting –

10/12 ACCOA – Ground Breaking Ceremony for new facility.

10/16 Planning Commission Meeting

10/17 Fair Board Meeting

ROADS

Other

Had a nice chat with Rex Manning and Laura Frawley regarding the SESAC License.

Alcona Twp. Has not been contacted., I have phone calls into Jeff @ City of Harrisville.

SESAC, spoke with Robert. He is prorating bill, based upon population (US Census) for the balance of 2023 (9/1-12/31/2023). The approx. bill for 2023 is about \$184.33 (= or -). Once the license agreement is signed, they will send billing. Please note, January there will be another year (2024) due @ \$533 for the year.

Laura suggested that I contact Wil St. John and perhaps we can use Inspiration Alcona's license. Although I don't see how that will help the Village, as the law is written so that the venue (aka government entity) is responsible for the music being played if it is on Village property. Even if the music is played on private property during an event, the municipality is responsible.

I asked Robert, SESAC, how he decided to contact us? He replied through our website. I also asked him why other entities in our county have not been contacted? Robert replied that there is other staff working on other municipalities.

My understanding, via Robert, is that music played in a Public Performance, and fall under this contract include: *the broadcasting of music in a public space, the broadcast of music outside of family & friends, the broadcast of music at fundraisers, even if the music is being played on private property during the event.*

My understanding is that the only way around the law is to play music that is in the "Public Domain".

UPCOMING Meetings

11/14 – DDA Meeting 5:30PM Village Hall

11/20– Planning Commission Meeting 6PM Village Hall

11/21– Fair Board Meeting 7PM Village Hall

Respectfully Submitted

Sheila