

President's
March 4, 2024 Report

- DDA Meeting 2/13/2024 – no business conducted, quorum not present.
- Planning Commission Monday 2/19/2024 Monday @ 6 PM Village Hall.

ROADS

Again, thank you to Gary & Lorne for the nice job with the snow removal.

Spoke with Jessie at the Road Commission. He will include us when he has the company come in for the road markings. He asked that Gary get in touch with him with regards to some repairs needed on Traverse Bay Road.

Other

During the course of the month I had a couple of folks call regarding the DDA TIF Plan Public Hearing Notice and the comment regarding “relocating families & individuals who may be displaced from the area”.

2/29/2024 Spoke with Brandon Snyder. He has some concerns.

- Feels the DDA should be dissolved and would like to know how to go about starting the process.
- Feels the DDA never should have allowed the Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union to build at the park.
- Feels the DDA was unfair to his father years ago when he asked for a loan to replace his windows.
- Feels the Village is dying and that the DDA wasted money putting in the street scape and that the Village does not need all of the street lamps that we purchased at the time, as they make the electric bill increase.
- He feels that VOL Special Meetings should be held on a Friday night so that non-resident property owners can attend.
- Said that he had a hard time finding the draft DDA Plan and TIF Plan on the internet.
- Unhappy that ORV & side-by-sides are not allowed on Barlow Rd in the Village. I corrected him and indicated that the Village is open to golf carts, ORV's and side-by-sides. He says the sign indicating that they must stay off Barlow Rd. is attached to the southern VOL Limits sign. I drove by on 3/1/2024 and the sign is in Harrisville Twp. between Jasmine Rd. and the south entrance to the ARA site, before the Village. I also shared with him that it was the Road Commission, not the VOL who had originally closed Barlow Rd to that type of traffic, because Barlow Rd is the busiest road in the county. Not sure he believed me.
- Also, unhappy with the new Zoning Ordinance. Feels that the Village is picking on businesses and individuals who cannot afford to clean up their property.
- Feels that law enforcement should sit on Church St. near the Alpen Alcona Area Credit Union so they can ticket all of the cars that do not have mufflers.
- Wants to know if the VOL could post the purposed budgets on website the wording “Draft”, so people can look at it prior the Public Hearing.
- Brandon thanked me for calling him back.

2/29/2024 Spoke with Mary Rivera asking Marsha to bring the form for senior's property tax exemption, to the meeting on Monday 3/4/2024. That is a form which you obtain at the courthouse, not the Village. Marsha was going that way & indicated she would see what she could do and call Mary back.

UPCOMING Meeting

3/12 Tuesday – DDA Meeting 5:30PM Village Hall

3/18 Monday - Planning Commission Meeting 6PM Village Hall

Respectfully Submitted

Sheila