

April 7, 2025
President's Report

- 3/11 DDA Meeting – discussions on Old Place Inn building and budget.
- 3/17 Planning Committee Meeting – Denise Cline from NEMCOG attended the meeting. We began going over the updates to the Zoning Ordinance. Denise suggested we may want to codify the village ordinances.
- 3/18 Fair Board Meeting– Discussion on fundraising events raffles, and concerts. The funds raised this year will go toward insulating the Home Arts Building. Working on a Tractor Pull and Drags for Friday evening.

Roads

Forwarded the additions to the Traffic Study to Nico at NEMCOG.

Spoke with Jesse at the Road Commission and Scot Rice at the EMS. With Alcona being included in the Ice Storm State of Emergency Declaration, the Village can qualify for funds to help clean up the tree debris from the recent Ice Storms. The Village will need to rent a chipper, Gary is getting prices. All cleanup expenses incurred as a result of the Ice Storm will need to be documented for reimbursement. The reimbursement may take up to 3 years to receive. The County has the necessary forms for submission to be reimbursed.

Items that will need to be documented are: as follows: # of cubic yards collected

- Receipts for equipment rentals or repairs related to the debris cleanup
- Breakdown of equipment used for clean up.
- # of man hours to clean up, per person
- Wages paid
- Benefits paid
- Admin. staff hours
- **basically everything related to the cleanup of the debris.**

Other

Received a call from Charter regarding Zoning permit for upgrading the cable at the Lincoln Library.

Spoke with Denise Cline at NEMCOG; Charter is a utility and exempt from obtaining a permit.

I have had numerous questions regarding the tree debris from the recent Ice Storms.

The Village has received a donation of gently used Keurig coffee makers from a downstate hotel that is remodeling. Upon discussing with Linda, we accepted the donation and we will be checking to make sure they all work, clean them up, and use for a fundraiser for maintenance at the village parks.

Had a long discussion with Eric Cline with the Michigan Department of Treasury. There is funding available through MDT for the Village to: Codify Village Ordinances, develop Council Rules (which would assist us when there is a conflict of interest and give the present & future councils guidance), and to develop a Strategic Plan for the Village (which should be accomplished with the DDA and the Planning Commission). I would highly recommend moving forward with all of Eric's suggestions. Codifying the ordinances would run between \$15,000 to \$25,000. The Village pays the fee upfront and gets reimbursed by the Department of Treasury funds. We would need to obtain some quotes and submit them to Eric, in order to move forward.

Upcoming Meetings Next Council Meeting: May 5, 2025 7PM @ the Village Hall.

- a. 4/14/25 Monday Fire Department Meeting @ 7PM Village Hall.
- b. 4/8/25 Tuesday DDA Meeting @ 5:30 PM Village Hall.
- c. 4/21/25 Monday Planning Commission Monday @ 7 PM Village Hall.
- d. 4/15/25 Tuesday Fair Board Meeting @ 7 PM Village Hall
- e. 4/26 Electronics Recycle at the ARA between 10am & 2pm.
- f. 5/17 Countywide Cleanup at the ARA between 8am & 2 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheila