

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG
Superintendent Report
August 26, 2019

Community:

Attended the August 13th Dickinson Area Economic Development Alliance meeting. Discussions included:

- GIS mapping on one server location and for County-Area wide shared funding.
- Brownfield programs and the newly formed Land Bank Authority. If there any open positions to apply for, I would like to apply to represent the Townships interest in rehabilitating tax foreclosed properties.
- Housing forum put on by CUPPAD at Bay De Noc on August 28th 2019 at 10:30am.
- Recommendations from the Alliance on how to proceed with a road from US-2 to Kimberly Avenue.
- I bought up the lack of coverage for broadband internet in some rural Township locations. One resource for improvement programs may be Dave McKCarthy of PFN.

NOTE: Any Township resident having difficulty getting broadband for location issues or affordability should check at NM.EDU/EAN for low or no cost connection.

Attended Governor's Lunch in Escanaba; met the Governor and talked with a number of local officials. Most topics reverted back to road funding and how that will translate to local roads. Whatever the gas tax gets adjusted to; it is supposed to be tied to roads only (part currently goes to the State's General Fund). The success of maintaining our roads and bridges is also closely tied to what is going to happen with Federal Funding.

Attended the DCTA meeting; both Senator McBroom and Representative LaFaive had a lot of good information to impart. After a 13 hour day I left at the last agenda item "Roundtable Discussion". Mary Ann was pleased to hear that Senator McBroom said the lunch was the best of any of the many Township Association meetings he has been to.

DPW:

The Boom truck purchase was made, and the truck arrived Wednesday evening August 21, 2019. Denny drove Jay down state to pick it up. Guy checked it over Thursday and everything works as it should. He is adding some steps for safe access.

Planning and Zoning:

Industrial Park Committee: August 19th 2019

Committee met to discuss the offer to purchase and the two proposed plans for a portion of the property.

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Code Enforcement:

I spoke with Undersheriff Scott Metras about the Boards request that they submit a contract for services for review. I also spoke with Ross Bower of the Township Attorney's office. He said they could provide sample agreements for services similar to what the Township is considering.

Ordinances:

The Township attorney agreed that before proceeding with formal actions with the court on blight issues the Township should amend ordinance 93.03 to include Junk and Rubbish as prohibited (see related FYI email document from 2017, and agenda item attachment). He was sent a copy of the ordinance amendment and notice.

Grass and Weed ordinance samples are on the agenda for Board review. Direction needed from the Board before sending to the attorney for review and publication (if approved).

Local representation was also discussed for formal court hearings, or filings in Circuit Court. He stated that they have someone near our area that could handle them, or arrange for local representation.

Road Projects:

Met with Jim Harris of the DCRC August 22, 2019; inspected and discussed projects for the following:

Larson Lane has been having storm water runoff issues. The DCRC will be ditching along one side of the road to stop ponding and runoff from crossing the road. It is evident in many areas that over the years homeowners have been leveling their yards with the road at the time of construction or some time after. This is evident along Frei Drive as well.

Swanson Road: this was the worst of the roads discussed and needs to be rebuilt and includes replacement of a large culvert, and additional fill to raise the road over the culvert.

Collins Road: is in the next worse condition. Jim will have Lance evaluate it as a candidate for an overlay.

Frei Drive: is a candidate for an overlay. This has a low traffic count and is a good example of the problems created for runoff. Most all yards are level to the road, and water runs to the road. Future building in the Township should require any site plan to define methods for storm water runoff to protect the roads.

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Additional:

- Proposal submitted by GAD to renew their contract is on the agenda for Board review to approve, amend or assign direction to solicit bids for service.
- Demolition of 441 Breitung to be completed at the end of the contract agreement. I spoke with Guy about delaying the top soil and seeding as the Road Commission is still hauling fill from the nearby road project to help bring the low area of the lot up to grade.
- Set up meeting with Jeff Iverson to inspect the facilities and Fire Department equipment sometime in the last week of August.
- Attended the DCSWMA Meeting August 21st 2019. The Board set Saturday October 5th 2019 for a Hazardous Waste disposal day. This is normally only available from 9:00am to 10:00am the third Tuesday of the month.
- Tire Grant: as of August 20th 2019 the Township had 802 tires turned in under the Scrap Tire Grant.
- Requesting attendance of the MAT Supervisors Conference \$250 includes some meals. Two nights lodging (possibly one) at \$75 per night; and mileage.
- Budget input from department heads requested this week to begin preparation of the 2020 Budget.
- Research of the Township's current liability and health Insurance coverage to determine possible savings.
- Updating the Adoption Agreement with the Township's MERS Defined Contribution Plan to reflect current practices and payment procedures.

Respectfully Submitted

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Charter Township of Breitung
