

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG
Superintendent Report
September 23rd, 2019

Community:

The Township application for the 2020 Scrap Tire cleanup grant has been submitted for the \$4,000 and was received and accepted. Kirsten Clemens of EGLE has given me the option of increasing our grant amount to cover the surrounding municipalities whom did not get their applications in on time (Iron Mountain, Kingsford, Norway). I did not see a problem with this as I am requesting direct vendor payment so the Township would not receive invoices for payment for tires from those other municipalities.

I am still receiving some complaints about the trucks on Lake Street. Some callers were saying the trucks were speeding. I have observed a number of trucks, and have not seen any speeding. A request was submitted to the Sheriff's office for the speed monitoring sign to be placed on Lake Street; it was placed there two days this past week (gone as of Thursday the 19th).

DPW:

Received compliments for the care and maintenance of the Cemetery, both verbal, and the letter attached as an FYI

We have received Kingsford's portion of the Maple Street water improvement project. Guy is working with the City of Kingsford to avoid or reduce the number of water customers that would need to be shut off for the closing of the old meter pit that served Maple Street and the surrounding residents.

Planning and Zoning:

There have been two inquiries of designating properties as Resource Production for the extraction of minerals (Sand and Gravel). There is a list of requirements and procedures in our ordinance that were given out, and will initially be reviewed by the Planning Commission for a forthcoming recommendation to the Board.

Woodbine Street South of Breen continues to deteriorate and is a source of complaints. The Road Commission has the request to vacate coming up; though there have been property owners against the request. They have been referred to the Road Commission to submit their comments and or attend their meeting.

Code Enforcement:

I have been responding to complaints as time allows; though it appears that the incidence of violations has been increasing without having someone doing regular field work. I am hoping that it will make a difference now that we can confidently cite for junk, and have it enforced through the court if necessary.

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Road Projects:

Met with Jim Harris of the DCRC again on our 2020 road projects and have received the cost estimate for Frei Drive: to review

- Collins Road; crush-shape-pave for .8 miles with the Township portion being \$121,027.20
- Swanson Road; crush-shape-pave 1.16 miles, Township portion \$216,301.20
- Frei Drive; (was first suggested as an overlay; Jim Harris stated the road is in such poor shape that it should be crushed shaped and paved, rather than an overlay) Township portion \$67,192.50

Township portion for Frei, Collins and Swanson Road repair would total: \$400,520.90

Maple, Barton and Boyle are scheduled to be paved near the end of September.

Additional:

- Demolition of 441 Breitung Ave. is complete and there should be a discussion of marketing the property or designating it for future use.
- I met with Jeff Iverson to inspect the facilities and Fire Department equipment. I was impressed with the quality and condition of the equipment at all the fire stations.
- I have been receiving Budget input from department heads as requested. I do not have any revenue projections from the Assessor at this time.
- Requested quotes for Township's current liability and health insurance coverage to determine possible savings. No response at this time.
- Our CUPPAD membership is due (in your packet). I am still working with them on finalizing (re-finalizing) our Recreation Plan. With the delay, and the requirement of 5 year updates, the current submission is over a year old, and they are changing some items and we can then adopt it to get a full five years out of it.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Mulka
Superintendent
Charter Township of Breitung
