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### April 12<sup>th</sup> 2021 Board Meeting Report

April 9, 2021

- Meetings that I have attended or will be attending:
  - March 29<sup>th</sup> County COVID Cooperative Meeting
  - March 30<sup>th</sup> Personnel Committee
  - April 5<sup>th</sup> County COVID Cooperative Meeting
  - April 6<sup>th</sup> Special Board Meeting
  - April 7<sup>th</sup> County GIS meeting
  - April 8<sup>th</sup> ZBA 5:30pm
  - April 21<sup>st</sup> WRIC (Soil Conservation District & Invasive Species Coalition).
  
- Zoning / Permits
  - Process requests and furnish information on Environmental incident history, land use and parcels for possible future development.
  - Process applications for: zoning permits, conditional use permits and variances.
  
- Personnel:
  - BS&A training
    - They only do remote training currently. I have talked with them to tailor to our needs and will monitor after the first session to reduce and/or contain cost.
  - Mine Safety Training
    - Two DPW employees attended the training that came up between our Board meetings. It was one full day training (locally) @ \$45 per person.
  
- DPW
  - Received three quotes on two furnaces: one for Station #2 EK fire hall and one for Quinnesec Park / ice rink warming Building. Station #2 has other heating appliances and can be scheduled later. Quinnesec Park building has only one heat source, and it was out when nights were in the teens; they had one in stock (lowest of three prices) and it was scheduled to be replaced. I would like to schedule the other furnace from the same vendor.
  
- Fire Department
  - Working with the station chiefs and training officer on equipment, maintenance, and training needs.
  
- Projects
  - Requested quotes for security cameras for our buildings: the two quotes I received so far came in over \$5,000 so an RFP will have to be created and then advertised for sealed bids.

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- GRANTS
  - Scrap Tire Cleanup Grant was submitted before the April 1<sup>st</sup> Deadline.
  - AAA Traffic Safety Grant was submitted for a list of items that was turned in by the Fire Department for a total of \$14,951 (see attached). The total award for the grant is \$15,000 so there is no room for a traffic radar sign. The signs range from 3k to 4k for stationary / 5k to 7k for a mobile trailer.
  - DNR Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant Program; pending.
  - DNR Recreation Grants; pending.
  
- UNDERSERVED BROADBAND INTERNET SERVICE
  - Two companies have bid to provide service in U.P. underserved areas. I will be meeting with them to determine if there is something they can do to serve underserved areas in our Township. There may be FCC and / or COVID-19 Recovery funds available.
  - Until improvements are made, I have been advised that areas that do not have a good wireless service or cable available, NMU is the best option in our area as long as they can get their home antenna about 40ft above the house. Some school families have been using Tmobile hotspots for remote learning. Other wireless providers may have other options available.
  
- AUDIT
  - Auditors are still working on the Audit.
  - This is the third year of a three-year contract extension with the current auditors. I would ask the Board to direct me to advertise a request for proposals to provide audit services, or to extend our current contract after the Audit has been completed and accepted.
  
- ORDINANCES
  - There will be some wording changes coming on our Zoning ordinance, as well as updating our Zoning Map.
  - Plugging in portions of the International Property Maintenance Code or developing amendments to our present ordinances entail much more review and decisions than adopting the IMPC. I would ask that either a committee or the full Board meet with the Township Attorney to discuss and chart a path to reach the goals that the Board wishes to accomplish.
  
- WATER SHUTOFF RESTRICTIONS:
  - The legislation restriction of shutting off utilities has expired. I would like direction for a time period (30, 60 or 90 days?) to notify water customers to pay their past due bills, and / or set up a payment plan. We can send out notices to those past due accounts with the approved time stipulations.

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- **ADDITIONAL**

- The new county Plat books are done. They have only sent one; in the past they sent a half dozen to distribute. I will be ordering one each for: Assessing and DPW. If any other department or Board members want a copy, please let me know.
- Awaiting prices for three Automated Electronic Defibrillators, or a request to bypass the three-quote requirement for purchase over \$3500 (expected to be approximately \$1,200 each).
- The hard ball field in Quinnesec is getting a lot of work done by the league, and sponsors: new bases, sod edging, regulation foul ball poles and more. The only cost to the Township is in our regular maintenance materials and for the DPW to install the foul ball posts (furnished by the league).

NOTE: District playoffs are scheduled the first week of June this year.

Respectfully Submitted, Steve Mulka

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