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- The Draft of the Fireworks ordinance in your packet are subject to your review. I made the change as directed; and sent it to the Township Attorney for his review and will bring it back to the board if any changes are necessary. One change that is required is that any fine for a fireworks violation must be \$1000 as directed by state legislature. If there are no other changes from the Attorney review, we can publish it prior to one of our upcoming meetings and adopt via motion.
- Meetings that I have and will be attending:
 - AUGUST 17th. Local COVID-19 Administrators meetings (held 10am Mondays)
 - County Emergency Management has been receiving new shipments of PPE supplies and is currently distributing to first responders.
 - Testing at DCH and Bellin have been getting 48 to 72-hour results now (much better than the previous bouts of 7 days). They will be getting flu vaccines in Sept or Oct.
 - Bordering Wisconsin Counties have had spikes in COVID cases; much have been from employee groups.
 - Public buildings are still locked, with meetings by appointment, and most are going back to electronic meetings with the 10-person limit.
 - AUGUST 19th: Central Landfill Authority Meeting 1:00pm
 - Saturday, October 3rd, 2020 from 8:00am to noon (or until the secure room is filled) has been set for Household Hazardous Waste collection. There is no charge for dropping hazardous waste off. As a reminder, every second Tuesday from 9am to 10am is also a window to drop off hazardous waste.
 - It was noted during the meeting that all public group events for this year have been canceled. At this time Leif Erickson Day in Norway has not been canceled yet.
- Budget
 - Requests have gone out to Department Heads to submit requests for the 2021 Budget.
- Scrap Tire Grant:
 - The tire grant has been extended until August of 2021. The pooled funds of the current grant can be used until depleted. Latest count for the Township is 783 Tires (almost 4 million less mosquitos per week); so far 2,980 for the County or potentially 15 million less mosquitoes per week.

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- Zoning / Planning
 - With the five public hearings on the 7th for the ZBA, I believe we have a record for one meeting. After advertising a Hybrid meeting the limit was imposed of 10 inside a public space. I had some wait in the parking lot and brought them in as their hearing came up. I worked okay, but the board may wish to consider electronic meetings for public again (non-Hybrid).
 - We will be scheduling for two more variance requests soon. I have talked with the Planning commission about some zoning amendments or other measures that would address some issues with larger tracts of land having to adhere to regulations that were intended more for platted areas.
 - In your packet is an 18-page list of all Township owned properties. I have sent it to Coleman Engineering and asked them what it would take to get this as a data layer in our GIS map to make it more readable / manageable. The report was generated through the BS&A software and is importable to the GIS map, so I am anticipating a minor cost, or just part of our annual support fee.
 - At our last review of the proposals to purchase the lot at 629 E Breen, the Board asked for a list of properties and did not take action on the land purchase policy I submitted. I found that the natural gas service line is still connected to the main. Guy has scheduled removal of the line with DTE (stated cost of about \$700). I have received inquiries from both parties on the status of their proposals, so I put them under old business for the board to accept, reject or table. If you have any questions about their intended plans for the properties, they may be on-line for the meeting. The first party who proposed purchase for \$250 currently has three lots and wanted the additional lot as a buffer. The second party who proposed purchase for \$1000 has one lot, and his existing garage does not meet minimum setback from the side property line; he stated he needed the property to get around his garage without trespassing, and wants to build a second garage if he gets the additional lot.
- DICSА informed Adrienne that the County will be opting OUT of the REWARP water assistance program. There have been many inconsistencies and uncertainties from the State of Michigan on how this can be implemented. DICSА cited a lack of staffing and outreach availability to facilitate this program with the current process proposed by the State. By default, we are now opted out as well.

Respectfully Submitted,

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