

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

January 14, 2019

Community:

Garbage collection concerns have been on the rise recently. Two weeks of schedule adjustments due to the holiday season and weather related conditions have interrupted some routes from being completed on time. When this happens there are increased hazards that contribute to bags and cans being open to animals and the elements. Most residents have been patient and understanding as we explain how things are working. Office staff has developed good practices in keeping everyone who answers the phones in the loop so that questions can be answered instead of transferred to someone else. We continue to have good rapport with GAD on this topic.

We continue to get calls about ice rink hours of operation, but progress in developing a suitable sheet of ice has been very difficult due to weather related challenges. Our DPW has automated the lights so some use of the rinks can be made even if the warming houses are not opened to the public.

Although the lighted Christmas decorations will soon be coming down many of the banners will remain up. Good comments continue to come in with encouragement to continue this effort and expand it in the Quinnesec area and even to other parts of the township. Should additional revenue be realized as the budget year progresses, the board could consider making additional funding available to this effort, either directly or as matching funds if grant opportunities become available. This campaign began with Mary Dixon starting the "Christmas in Quinnesec" community event and expanded when we were awarded a Prosperous Places mini-grant from CUPPAD.

DPW:

The Quinnesec Water System project recommendations are on the agenda tonight for acceptance or referral for additional information.

Work will begin soon to plan for the projects budgeted in 2019; new pick-up truck, new cemetery flag pole, and re-roofing at the cemetery and station #3.

The DPW will be hosting a Feeding America Food Pantry for veterans on Saturday January 26, 9-12. Volunteers are always appreciated. Many hands do make light work.

Planning Commission:

The Planning Commission met on Thursday, January 10th to discuss potential development projects and a review of our Master Plan.

I will not be in attendance at the meeting because of our family Christmas in Maryland. The usual methods of contact apply if there are any questions.