

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

February 11, 2019

Community:

The Feeding America Food Pantry, in association with the Salvation Army that took place in our DPW building was a big success. Many thanks to the sponsoring organizations and to our DPW for preparing and hosting the event.

Although private road garbage collection continues to be a problem, more so in some areas than others, our out-reach efforts are having an impact as we move toward positive engagement with the various parties concerned. Discussions with residents, contractors and the Road Commission are ongoing.

We have signed the agreements for the entire township street light system to be converted to LED fixtures as approved at our 11-26-18 board meeting.

DPW:

Only four freeze calls so far this season, from the usual suspects. None of them have been on our service lines. Past efforts to correct and remediate the obvious conditions and situations that are prone to freezing have vastly improved these situations. Poor design and improper construction or remodeling can be a major factor contributing to frozen pipes. Inadequate, or lack, of maintenance on mobile home skirting and frost tape are still major areas of concern. As more homes have multiple vehicles and better snow removal equipment some areas see problems when the snow cover is removed and the surface is repeatedly driven on and packed down.

The recent severe weather has given our crews another moment to shine and have their daily efforts more visibly recognized. We are getting many comments on how they keep the parking lots and sidewalks clear and safe. As you know, their efforts are more than just here at the offices. They maintain the parks, cemetery, fire stations, and water distribution facilities.

The Water & Sewer Board cancelled its meeting scheduled for Thursday the 7th.

Wender Logging has or will begin timber harvesting in the vicinity of wells 5 & 6 near the solid waste baler facility.

The Demolition Grant is almost complete and will be sent in this week.

Planning/Zoning:

The FYI section includes an editorial article from the *PLANNING AND ZONING NEWS*, a publication of the Michigan Association of Planning. It is a commentary on 2018 legislation in which I've highlighted some thoughts on marijuana legislation. We have completed step 3 out of 11 in the non-zoning ordinance adoption process for recreational marijuana establishment prohibition. Step 4 is expected to be completed by the time you read this or later this week. Step 5 will be action on the proposed ordinance at the February 25th meeting. The outcome of that action (adoption or rejection) will dictate the timeline of the remaining steps.

Assessing:

The Treasury Department has extended our deadline for submitting a corrective action plan from our recent AMAR until April 1st.

The parking lot was full and the board room bustling with attendees for the Board of Review and Assessor training put on by the UP Assessors Association on Tuesday February 5th. We always get such good comments on our facilities and hosting ability. We had five people from the township attending the different sessions.

Mike's 90 day review, per Section 3 of our employment agreement, will occur after my return on February 24th.

Supervisor Olson has approved my vacation request from February 13-24. Although my availability will be limited, usual contacts methods apply.