

November 2017

The Supervisor Speaks

October has done its reverse March impression and come in like a lamb and out like a lion. The weather was great for the first three weeks and now we have snow that may remain until next spring. The forecast for the immediate future shows more snow and colder weather. The snowmobilers should be happy! This is the U.P.

Progress on our trailhead pavilion has slowed considerably with the early snow. There is still some concrete sidewalk to be poured and some landscaping to be done before the completion date of November 17. Most of the "outside" work is done, but the plumbing, electrical, and ceiling work is yet to be completed which means there is still no heat. Hopefully, the next two weeks will see great progress. The picture in the Daily Globe showed the progress, but the caption was incorrect. The building is new and the paving was complete. The muddy area in the picture will not be paved. If not completed, the building should still be usable this winter. Our ice rink will not be very big but it should be there.

The project to run a water line from our Well Number Three to the water bottling plant has been completed but some cleanup remains on River Street that will be done next year. The plant is supposed to start up this month, but I'm not holding my breath. We've done our part. It's up to them now.

You may have heard that Camp Ojibway is on a list of prisons which might be closed due to lower prison populations. I urge everyone to call or write his/her State Senator Tom Casperson, Representative Scott Dianda, Governor Rick Snyder, and MDOC Director Heidi Washington to point out that this prison is the most efficient to operate both now and in the future and would result in a huge loss of jobs for this area. Over 200 people work there and many would have to move to work at another prison. The impact upon this area would be devastating. Here are addresses and phone numbers-all 517 area code and Lansing, MI 48909. Casperson-P.O. Box 30036, 373-7840; Dianda-P.O. Box 30014, 373-0850; Snyder-P.O. Box 30013, 373-3400; Washington-P.O. Box 30003, 335-1426. If you wish to use email, go to the Michigan.gov website under Government and obtain email addresses. The Gogebic County Board, Gogebic County Michigan Townships Association, and the Marenisco Township Board will send resolutions to the necessary politicians, but your personal requests will be quite beneficial in the efforts to keep it open.

It appears that our cleanup of the decorations in the cemetery has caused some hurt feelings and anger on the part of some people. This was never intended to happen but, of course, it did. Our employees did a more thorough removal of decorations than in the past-mainly because we could. We don't make it a point to patrol the cemetery for items on graves so it's certain that some items were allowed to remain after our usual fall cleanup-often for several years. When the Cemetery Ordinance was finally enforced, many feelings were hurt and I'm sorry about this, but we did the best we could, within reason, to inform the necessary people when we could. The ordinance is clear in some ways and a little nebulous in others. That's why we appointed a Cemetery Board and are pursuing a rewriting of some sections. It has been awhile since it was updated. We try to take excellent care of our cemetery and spend considerable revenue doing so. Most cemetery lots were purchased for \$10, and the present cost is \$150 for a 10'x10' lot, considerably less than most municipalities. This purchase is not ownership since we maintain everything pretty much forever and reserve the right to limit what may be placed there and how it is placed for maintenance purposes. You might say it's a one-time lease payment for permanent occupancy. If it were ownership, you would probably have to receive a tax bill and in many cases, we wouldn't know where to send it. I have noticed some postings on Facebook with colorful language and improper information, and perhaps some justifiable indignation, but I refuse to address Township business on a gossip website. You know where I am. Talk to me or consult our website, and watch your language when you do so. Neither I nor any other officials or employees need the abuse. Our meetings are posted. You're welcome to attend all of them.

After spending some time outdoors in October, I have concluded that grouse are scarce, ducks are few in number, and deer are returning because wolves are fewer in number. Fishing has been pretty good all year. The fall colors occurred in two phases-once in September and again in early October-and, as usual, the leaves have fallen and November is here with barren trees and snow.

I hope you progress gently into winter and drive safely on the slippery roads. See you next month.

**Marenisco Township Board
Regular Meeting
September 18, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Marenisco Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Bouvette on Monday, September 18, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Township Hall.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call:

Present: Richard Bouvette, Supervisor; Donna Kenney, Clerk; Kelly Dunbar, Trustee; Dave Hagen, Trustee

Absent: Diane Dean, Treasurer

Visitors: Carol Loop, Anna Lovelace-Coleman Engineering, Paul Anderson-Coleman Engineering, Rick Cunico-Angelo Luppino, Lucia Pairolero, Dean Hand.

Agenda: Motion by Donna Kenney, supported by Dave Hagen to approve the agenda as amended, add # 7 under New Business.. All ayes, motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of Township Minutes- August 21, 2017
2. Police Report
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Fire Department Minutes
5. LGASA Report

Motion by Kelly Dunbar, supported by Donna Kenney to approve the Consent Agenda. Roll call vote: Kelly Dunbar-aye, Richard Bouvette-aye, Dave Hagen-aye, Donna Kenney-aye. All ayes, motion carried.

Approval of Bills: Motion by Kelly Dunbar, supported by Dave Hagen to approve the following bills for payment: Check #'s 22402 - 22423 from the General Fund; #'s 2066 - 2067 from the Sewer Fund, #'s 3564 – 3569 from the Water Fund and #'s 1145-1147 from the Library Fund. Roll call vote: Kelly Dunbar-aye, Richard Bouvette-aye, Dave Hagen-aye, Donna Kenney-aye. All ayes, motion carried.

Guest: Coleman Engineering:

1. **Concrete Problem:** Discussed the concrete problems in the Pavilion, possible reasons for the cracks and possible solutions. Motion by Dave Hagen, supported by Kelly Dunbar to accept a proposal to Angelo Luppino to clean and fill the cracks in the concrete, and cover the inside portion with an epoxy coating. This would include a 5-year warranty. All ayes, motion carried.
2. **Change Order:** Motion by Kelly Dunbar, supported by Donna Kenney to approve change order #3 and approve payment #2 to Angelo

Luppino for \$34,259.82. Roll Call Vote: Kelly Dunbar-aye, Richard Bouvette-aye, Dave Hagen-aye, Donna Kenney-aye. All ayes, motion carried.

3. Approval of payment request: Motion by Kelly Dunbar, supported by Dave Hagen to approve the payment request of \$20,793.75 to Coleman Engineering. Roll Call Vote: Kelly Dunbar-aye, Richard Bouvette-aye, Dave Hagen-aye, Donna Kenney-aye. All ayes, motion carried.

Old Business:

1. Reminiscing Night: (recap) Plans for another night in October.
2. Adoption of Zoning Ordinance: Motion by Dave Hagen, supported by Donna Kenney to table item until the October meeting.
3. Water Plant Progress: The boring on River Street has begun and some machinery is now in the Water Plant building.

New Business:

1. Museum: Next meeting will be Tuesday, September 19th at 6:00.
2. McNicholas Streetlights: Informational, no action taken.
3. Summer Help: Informational
4. Deputy Clerk/Treasurer: Motion by Dave Hagen, supported by Kelly Dunbar to appoint Barb Dunbar as Deputy Clerk and Anita Carter as Deputy Treasurer. All ayes, motion carried.
5. Depository Resolution: Motion by Kelly Dunbar, supported by Dave Hagen to approve the Depository Resolution required from River Valley Bank to add the Deputy Clerk/Treasurer as signers on the account. All ayes, motion carried.
6. Project Homeless Connect: No action taken.
7. Board Member Terms: Motion by Dave Hagen, supported by Kelly Dunbar to approve the following appointments: Zoning Administrator-Bruce Mahler, 4 years. Planning Commission-Lucia Pairolero, 4 years. Z.B.A.- Jim Dunbar, 2 years; Rock Carlson, 4 years; Lucia Pairolero, 2 years. Dangerous Building Officer-Bill Powell, 4 years. All ayes, motion carried.

Adjournment: Motion by Kelly Dunbar, supported by Dave Hagen to adjourn. All ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Senior Meals Menu for November

Menus are subject to change

Wednesday 1st

❖ Hamburgers-Brats-Potato Salad-Beans-Dessert

Wednesday 8th

❖ Lasagna-Salad-Garlic Bread-Dessert

Wednesday 15th Thanksgiving Dinner

❖ Turkey-Stuffing-Mashed Potato-Vegetable-Pumpkin Pie

Monday 20th

❖ Pulled Pork Sandwiches-Salad-Beans-Dessert

Wednesday 29th

❖ Roast Beef-Mashed Potatoes-Vegetable-Dessert

From Your Library:

Straw Bale Gardening report: I have to say I was not impressed with the straw bale gardening project. First of all, slugs ate the roots of the tomato plants and I had to replant. I did get a decent amount of yellow tomatoes from the first bale. I got about five good size carrots and the rest were very small. The potatoes were the most disappointing. Out of three plants, I got four small potatoes and two really small potatoes. I'll leave it up to you to decide if straw bale gardening is worth the effort. You would have to consider the cost of the bales, the liquid fertilizer, 10-10-10, and your plants or seed and compare it to your yield. I will admit I don't have a green thumb and I know others that were more successful than I was. For anyone wanting to try it, the book will still be available next year at the library.

New Books Juvenile: "Middle School, The Worst Years of my Life", "I Funny" and "I Even Funnier" by James Patterson; "The Boy on the Wooden Box" by Leon Leyson, a true Story of a Jewish boy during the Holocaust; The boxed set of "I Survived" series; Boxed set of National Geographic Kids "Weird But True, Outrageous Facts".

New Books Easy Reader: "Dangerous Jane" by Suzanne Slade, about the wife of James Adams, A very progressive woman for her time. "Of Thee I Sing, A Letter to My Daughters" by Barack Obama; "Show Way" by Jacqueline Woodson, a story about quilt pieces with secret meanings to show the way to freedom for runaway slaves .

New Books for Young Adults: "Turtles All the Way Down" by John Green; "Expelled" by James Patterson.

New Books for Adults: A new series by Amy Stewart, "Lady Cop Makes Trouble", "Miss Kopp's Midnight Confessions " and "Girl With A Gun". These books are set in the backdrop of World War II and drawn from the true story of the Kopp's sisters . Constance Kopp was the nation's first female deputy at a time when lady cops were not expected to chase down fugitives. A riveting story of a woman who defied expectations, forged her own path and tackled crime along the way. "Origin" by Dan Brown; "The Green Road" by Anne Enright.

Promotion for youth in December: Come in and check out a book from the library. Read It! Bring it back and pick out a free winter hat. These hats were handmade and donated by one of our patrons.

**Read a Book in December
Win a Free Winter Hat**

THANK-YOU!!!

There are no words that can describe how Louie and I feel. We are humbled and feel loved beyond measure. We have both spent days choked up over the love shown by everyone. We are overwhelmed at the large turnout and well-wishes of everyone. It seems like a dream.....but a happier dream than the dreams of the past six months. I looked at each person and reflected in my mind how each one holds a special memory in our life. To the committee who worked so hard, to those who came to share our special day or sent well-wishes, to Big D for sharing her blessed music talent, to our friends and family who traveled to share this day,.....WE LOVE ALL OF YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!!! We are still overcome with emotion and look at each other and cry....tears of joy and gratitude. We are truly blessed to have you in our life!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Louie & Carol

F.Y.I.

The Friends of the Library will have a Christmas Craft & Bake Sale on Saturday, November 4th, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

The Legion is having a pasty sale on November 9th. Pick up at the Township Hall between 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Winter decorations will be permitted in the cemetery from November 15 until May 1st. If left after this date, they will be removed without notice and discarded.

There will be garbage pickup as usual on Monday, Christmas Day and Monday New Year's Day.

NOVEMBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Library Open 12:00-4:00 Senior Meals	2	3	4 Christmas Craft & Bake Sale
5	6 Library Open 4:00-7:00	7 Library Open 12:00-4:00	8 Library Open 12:00-4:00 Senior Meals	9 Legion Pasty Sale	10 Library Open 12:00-4:00	11
12	13 Library Open 4:00-7:00 Friends of the Library 5:00	14 Library Open 12:00-4:00	15 Library Open 12:00-4:00 Senior Meals Library Board Meeting 3:30	16	17 Library Open 12:00-4:00	18
19	20 Library Open 4:00-7:00 Senior Meals Board Meeting 6:00	21 Library Open 12:00-4:00	22 Library Open 12:00-4:00	23 Happy Thanksgiving	24 Library Open 12:00-4:00	25
26	27 Library Open 4:00-7:00	28 Library Open 12:00-4:00	29 Library Open 12:00-4:00 Senior Meals	30		

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