

**September 2017**

## **The Supervisor Speaks**

As the month of August winds down, summer is pretty much over. Schools will be in session and the soft maples start to change leaf color. It used to be a time for me to transition between hunting and fishing, but because of the newer September seasons for geese and other game animals, I have no transition time anymore. The fishing is still good, but so is the hunting. What a terrible dilemma I have!

Our trail head pavilion is in the process of being built. It looks small right now, but, small or not, it will be a fine asset for us and for visitors to the Marenisco area. We have moved the warming house from the corner of Fair Avenue and Mill Street to the west side of the township hall so we can use it for storage for tables, chairs, etc. It doesn't appear that we will have a very big skating rink this winter but at least we'll have one. Completion date for the project is November 17 of this year. Hopefully, deer hunters will be flushing toilets in the bathrooms of this building on opening day.

After many years of maintaining our sewer bills at the same rate, it has become time to raise them. We had to overhaul our jet cleaner last year and this year the sewer vacuum gets its turn. These pieces of equipment are nearly thirty years old so it became time to refurbish. The jet cleaner cost over \$8000 to renovate and the sewer vac will probably be about the same. Raising the sewer bill one dollar per month yields about \$2000 in new yearly revenue. The bill will rise three dollars in September and two more dollars in December. We're hoping to lower the bill again once the loan for the lift station has been paid, but for now the bill is higher. We have lost about thirty sewer customers since 1988. I hope we start to gain some soon.

I am forced to eat my words about garbage pickup. It will be picked up on Labor Day, not the day after. The Solid Waste Authority has some new customers so Monday pickup is now necessary. Please pass the word.

We rented a stump grinder for a week and began to remove the unsightly remnants along our highways and byways and in the Flowage Dam Park. We're widening our newly leased railroad grade and trying to clean up the unnamed creek flowing through the town. While we probably won't eliminate the flood problem, we hope to widen, deepen, and straighten its path through the residential areas of the town to decrease the amount of damage done. We have more flood damage from this small stream than we do from the Big Presque Isle. We have permission from the Gogebic County Drain Commissioner to do this, but we'll get no financial help so we bear the cost of the work. It may take several years for the task to be completed so please be patient.

I think that our efforts to reduce the mosquito population have been somewhat successful. We're trying to rid the area of stagnant water and resting areas. Your help by mowing long grass, cutting brush, filling water holes, and emptying containers with water in them would be deeply appreciated.

I have no further news on the startup of the water plant. I have given up asking for starting times. There is no equipment in the building as of this writing and no one has started work. I hope something happens soon.

We held our night to reminisce our history on the 28<sup>th</sup> and things went well. A great deal of information was dispersed. I hope we can patch the conversation together enough to bring up some topics for future discussion. We plan to have more of these sessions in the near future. Watch for the announcement. We had thirty people attend this session. We hope for more next time.

Remember, garbage pickup on Labor Day for non-WN/BPA readers and the Marenisco Mini Mart is closed until September 5<sup>th</sup>.

Enjoy the fall colors. See you next month.

Marenisco Township Board  
Regular Meeting  
July 27, 2017

The regular meeting of the Marenisco Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Bouvette on Monday, July 27, 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; Diane Dean, Treasurer; Kelly Dunbar, Trustee.

Absent: Dave Hagen, Trustee

Visitors: Anna Lovelace-Coleman Engineering, Jeff Sjoquist, Dean Hand, Jim Luedtke, Jim Bucknell-Township Attorney

Agenda: Motion by Donna Kenney, supported by Kelly Dunbar to approve the agenda. All ayes, motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of Township Minutes- June 19, 2017
2. Police Report
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Fire Department Minutes

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

Approval of Bills: Motion by Kelly Dunbar, supported by Diane Dean to approve the following bills for payment: Check #'s 22291 - 22321 from the General Fund; #'s 2061 - 2062 from the Sewer Fund, #'s 3549 - 3551 from the Water Fund and #'s 1138-1141 from the Library Fund. Roll call vote: Kelly Dunbar-aye, Diane Dean-aye, Richard Bouvette-aye, Donna Kenney-aye. All ayes, motion carried.

Guest: Micki Sorenson-Hockey Resolution: Micki Sorenson was present to ask the Township Board to approve the resolution for charitable gaming licenses from the Ironwood Fighting Yoopers Booster Club. Motion by Kelly Dunbar, supported by Diane Dean to approve the "resolution for charitable gaming licenses" request from the Ironwood Fighting Yoopers Booster Club so they may be recognized as a nonprofit organization. All ayes, motion carried.

Guest: Jim Luedtke-Well Lease: Discussion was held regarding the amount per unit the Township will charge the water plant. Motion by Diane Dean, supported by Kelly Dunbar to charge \$4.00 per unit (1000 gal) with the stipulation the water plant repair/replace well #3 as written in the contract. Roll Call Vote: Kelly

Dunbar-aye, Diane Dean-aye, Richard Bouvette-aye, Donna Kenney-nay. Three ayes, one nay. Motion carried.

Guest: Coleman Engineering: Jeff Sjoquist gave a brief report on the plan for the LGASA project. Bergland Township has agreed to go forward with submitting the larger/joint plan that includes both Townships. Motion by Kelly Dunbar, supported by Donna Kenney to approve going forward with the west shore plan that includes both Bergland and Marenisco Townships. All ayes, motion carried.

Anna Lovelace gave an update on the Pavilion progress and presented a change order for sand reduction.

Old Business:

1. Odors Ordinance: Motion by Diane Dean, supported by Kelly Dunbar to adopt Ordinance 2017-1 Offensive Odors Ordinance. Roll Call Vote: Kelly Dunbar-aye, Diane Dean-aye, Richard Bouvette-aye, Donna Kenney-aye. All ayes, motion carried.
2. Zoning Ordinance: Motion by Donna Kenney, supported by Kelly Dunbar to accept the Planning Commission's recommended changes to the Zoning Ordinance and to hold a public hearing regarding the Zoning Ordinance changes on August 21, 2017 at 5:30 pm in the Township Hall. All ayes, motion carried.
3. Fourth of July Review: The 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration went very well, we received many compliments on the "good time" people had and also many comments about how nice the town is looking.
4. Building Removal: The old Vern's Bar and Jan's Beauty Salon buildings have been torn down and the sites are filled in.
5. McKenzie Library Donation: The collection of Newbery Award and Newbery Honor books donated by Jan McKenzie will be brought to the Library on August 7<sup>th</sup>.
6. Store Lease Change: John Harrison requested that the lease on the store be changed from 1 year to 6 months.

New Business:

1. Boring for Sewer to Pavilion: Informational, no action taken.
2. Brown Trout from Hatchery: These may be available in September for planting.
3. Trail Trimming: Informational
4. Reminisce-Dinner: Set August 28<sup>th</sup> as the night to have a free dinner and share memories of "our town". More information will be posted as plans come together.

Adjournment: Motion by Diane Dean, supported by Kelly Dunbar to adjourn. All ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

# **Senior Meals Menu for September**

Menus are subject to change

## **Wednesday 6th**

❖ Chicken-Potato-Vegetable-Dessert

## **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>**

❖ Spaghetti-Garlic Bread-Salad-Dessert

## **Wednesday 13th**

❖ Roast Beef-Mashed Potato-Vegetable-Dessert

## **Wednesday 20th**

❖ Meatloaf-Potato-Vegetable-Dessert

## **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>**

❖ Hamburger Stroganoff with Noodles-Vegetable-Dessert

**Museum Project  
Start-Up Committee Volunteers**

**An organizational meeting will be held at the Museum on Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.**

In an effort to build on the momentum of the successful Night of Reminiscing, this is a call for a few interested individuals to collaborate on organizing and preparing the Historical Museum for all to visit and enjoy! While ultimately an historical society would grow in membership and become responsible for the project management and operation into the future, a start-up committee is needed now to organize the initial venture.

As with any start-up, there is much to plan and accomplish. If you are someone who would enjoy working on a worthwhile project that will have a positive and lasting impact on the Marenisco area, and would like to become involved to share and implement ideas, your assistance is not only welcomed, but necessary. You don't have to be a history buff to become a part of this, as multiple talents and skills will intertwine to bring this project to fruition. Since time commitments in busy lives often hinder volunteer activities, flexible meeting/work schedules can be designed by this core committee, so please join in to help make it happen.

Many hands make light work! The intent of this meeting will be to form a committee and outline the next steps of the project. Plan to gather at the Museum at the time stated above, and let's see what can be done together to turn this lofty vision into a reality!

## AMERICAN LEGION NEWS

Marenisco Post 523 members have been watching the events from Hurricane Harvey and will decide in the near future what assistance we can lend/send to those residents. It becomes apparent that there will be many honest and valid charities along with scams so by our October newsletter we will have decided on a course of action and hope to get Marenisco residents involved as well.

Also keep in mind about our continuing efforts to provide scholarships for deserving students with our annual pastie sale in November.

God Bless our military and Veterans along with those impacted by the storms and the aftermath in these United States.

## News From Your Library

On August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017, we took possession of the Janet and Jim McKenzie Collection of Newberry Award and Honor Books. There are over 400 books in this collection and we have all been busy trying to get the books cataloged and ready for release. Watch for more information on this collection next month.

**New Books:** "Al Franken, Giant of the Senate" by Al Franken; "Astrophysics For People In A Hurry" by Neil de Grasse Tyson; "Y" is for Yesterday" by Sue Grafton; and a new author for us, Linda Fairstein "Dead Fall". The Wildlife Conservation Society works to preserve and protect the animal kingdom both within and beyond the borders of the five boroughs of New York City. But dangerous creatures don't always have claws and fangs. Hunting a killer within New York's urban jungle becomes the biggest case of Alexandra Copper's career.

**Light Reading for Adults:** "Dead by Day", "Dead in Dixie", "Definitely Dead" and "All Together Dead" by Charlaine Harris. Sookie Stackhouse is one of the most winning heroines to guide us through the dark side. Sookie, a Louisiana Cocktail waitress, is surrounded by all varieties of the undead, changelings, vampires, shape shifters and preternatural beings. Just a fun read!

**For Teenagers:** "All Rise for the Honorable Perry T. Cook" by Leslie Connor. Eleven year old Perry Cook was born and raised at the Blue Ridge Correctional Facility in tiny Surprise, Nevada. But when Perry is discovered by the new district attorney, Thomas Van Leer, everything changes. Forced to foster with the Van Leer family, Perry lives on the "outside" for the first time. On top of that, the rule bending that allowed Perry to stay with his mother could affect her upcoming parole hearing. Will Perry be reunited with his mother? Check it out and see!

"The Tale of Despereaux" by Kate DiCamillo, being the story of a mouse, a princess, some soup and a spool of thread. Hmmm. Very interesting.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> Library Open 12:00-4:00	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Library Open 4:00-7:00  Labor Day	<b>5</b> Library Open 12:00-4:00	<b>6</b> Senior Meals Library Open 12:00-4:00	<b>7</b> Senior Meals	<b>8</b> Library Open 12:00-4:00  Sports Club Gun Banquet	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Library Open 4:00-7:00 Planning Commission 4:00 Friends of the Library 5:00	<b>12</b> Library Open 12:00-4:00 Cemetery Board 6:00	<b>13</b> Senior Meals Library Open 12:00-4:00	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Library Open 12:00-4:00	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Library Open 4:00-7:00 Board Meeting 6:00	<b>19</b> Library Open 12:00-4:00	<b>20</b> Senior Meals Library Open 12:00-4:00 Library Board Meeting 3:30	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Library Open 12:00-4:00	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Library Open 4:00-7:00	<b>26</b> Library Open 12:00-4:00	<b>27</b> Senior Meals Library Open 12:00-4:00	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>

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