

January 2018

## The Supervisor Speaks

Happy New Year!

I haven't figured out what happened to 2017 but it's now 2018. You're lucky enough not to have heard from me in a whole year. Perhaps my absence will make the contents scintillating!

Christmas has now passed for another year but some diehards will be leaving decorations in place for at least another month. I envy their beaver-like work ethic in placing them. I guess it's only fair to let them keep them for a while. It's time now for breaking New Year's resolutions.

Our trailhead pavilion has been completed sufficiently enough to have a grand opening and dedication ceremony this month. We have ordered the necessary rugs, mats, paper goods, and other supplies to make the place usable and are waiting for delivery. Dean Hand is in the process of flooding the pavilion floor in order to make an underroof ice rink. It has certainly been cold enough to make ice, but we don't yet have the floor mats for the warming room in place to protect the floor from skate traffic and vice versa. I'm hoping everything will be completed by January 5<sup>th</sup> and about a week later we can have a grand opening ceremony to celebrate. Watch for postings on buildings and on our website for the exact time and date. A newspaper announcement will probably be made also. This building is smaller and more expensive than we originally hoped, but it is now in place and partially in use. It should see considerable use in the future. Our July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration and Heritage Days concerts will have new quarters this year. Yes, we will have a band here for Heritage Days, this year from France. We'll have more details later, but it will occur in mid-August.

Over the next month or so, you will probably be hearing some objection from Marenisco and Watersmeet Townships in regard to Gogebic County infrastructure dispersal. You have read that the county Road Commission wants to build new headquarters in Ironwood and we're objecting. While local taxes don't actually fund the Road Commission, their buildings have an effect on us. We believe that the headquarters should be more easterly and in a township rather than a city because the Road Commission is basically not involved with city roads-very similar to building the U.S. Forest Service building in Ironwood even though there is no Ottawa National Forest near Ironwood. Our taxes and PILT funds supply over half of Gogebic County's tax revenue. It's time to get some infrastructure in our boundaries. Stay tuned.

Our nights of reminiscing will continue on January 31 at 6:00 PM in the township hall. It has been interesting so far and Joe Allen will be a speaker this time. See you there.

I haven't gone on a rant lately and I suppose it's time. We just received a federal tax cut which no Democrat in Congress supported, supposedly because it helps the rich. Well, I happen to be one of those "rich" people and I've been paying four and five digit federal income taxes for my entire working life while approximately 45% of other working Americans are paying nothing and even receive earned income credits to get more money that they never paid in. I've read and heard that the rich should pay their "fair share". Who determines "fair share"? We have a country full of people who believe they are entitled to lots of "free" stuff. It's free to them, not me. I'm not talking about Social Security or Medicare as entitlements. We paid for those with our over 15% wage contributions, but the funds were "stolen" by the federal government during the Johnson administration and were never returned and probably never will be. We also lowered our business tax to a level that allows the U.S. to compete with the rest of the world. Is that bad? The rich are still paying their "fair share". It just isn't quite as much as it used to be. This is a capitalist country and the earning of money is encouraged, but many of us hate people who have too much. The great majority of those people worked hard for their money and they want to keep it. Can you blame them? I'm not really rich and when I see some of the ways the federal government spends my money, I'd rather choose for myself what "charities" I support. I could expound for a long time, but I'll stop here. I'm sure some of you disagree with me, and that's your right, but this is an editorial-not always a fact sheet. Remember when you watch most of our news networks on TV or on the internet, most of them are editorializing the news and not telling it without opinion and bias. Try to gather facts before you form your opinion. I did.

Anyway, remember garbage pickup is every Monday regardless of holidays and I'll see you next month if not sooner. Enjoy the winter wonderland.

Marenisco Township Board  
Regular Meeting  
November 20, 2017

The regular meeting of the Marenisco Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Bouvette on Monday, November 20, 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; Dave Hagen, Trustee

Absent: None

Visitors: Robert Dorgan, Anna Lovelace-Coleman Engineering, Bruce Mahler

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- October 16, 2017
2. Police Report
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Fire Department Minutes
5. LGASA Report

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

Approval of Bills: Motion by Dave Hagen, supported by Diane Dean to approve the following bills for payment as funds become available: Check #'s 22537 - 22571 from the General Fund; #'s 2075 - 2077 from the Sewer Fund, #'s 3588 - 3599 from the Water Fund and #'s 1153-1155 from the Library Fund. Roll call vote: Kelly Dunbar-aye, Diane Dean-aye, Richard Bouvette-aye, Dave Hagen-aye, Donna Kenney-aye. All ayes, motion carried.

Guest: Coleman Engineering:

1. Luppino Bill: Motion by Donna Kenney, supported by Kelly Dunbar to approve the request for payment #4 to Angelo Luppino for \$108,732.29, and to approve the change order as presented. Roll call vote: Kelly Dunbar-aye, Diane Dean-aye, Richard Bouvette-aye, Dave Hagen-aye, Donna Kenney-aye. All ayes, motion carried.

**Old Business:**

1. **Zoning Ordinance:** Discussion was held on having new maps made, no action was taken.
2. **Historical Society:** Supervisor Bouvette gave the Board an update on the Historical Society, the reminiscence night went well. Another one will be planned after the holidays.
3. **Cemetery Ordinance:** Board members were given a draft of the revised cemetery ordinance for review and asked to give Clerk Kenney any recommended changes prior to the December board meeting.
4. **Ojibway Letters & Resolution:** Supervisor Bouvette reminded Board members and visitors to write a letter of support for Ojibway Correctional Facility to Governor Snyder, Senator Casperson, Representative Dianda & MDOC Director Heidi Washington. Motion by Diane Dean, supported by Dave Hagen to adopt the Resolution Expressing The Support Of The Marenisco Township Board Of Trustees For The Continuing Operation Of The Ojibway Correctional Facility In Marenisco Township. Roll call vote: Kelly Dunbar-aye, Diane Dean-aye, Richard Bouvette-aye, Dave Hagen-aye, Donna Kenney-aye. All ayes, motion carried.

**New Business:**

1. **Santa Claus:** Santa will be at the Township Hall on Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.
2. **Fire Department Payments:** Budget payments will be made as funds become available.
3. **Garbage Pickup:** Garbage will be picked up on all holidays that fall on a Monday with the exception of the Stateline/Gaylord Lake run that is done by the town crew. Pickup for this run will be done the day after the holiday.
4. **MTA:** The MTA Meeting/Christmas Party will be Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> in Watersmeet at 6:00 p.m.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Diane Dean, supported by Kelly Dunbar to adjourn. All ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

## **Marenisco Township NIGHT OF REMINISCING**

**Wednesday, January 31, 2018 – 6:00 p.m.  
Township Hall**

The Marenisco Township Historical Society & Museum Core Team would like to invite everyone to attend our third “Night of Reminiscing.” We will continue the Logging Industry theme for this event, as the rich logging history of our area encourages more sharing on this topic. We are pleased that Joe Allen has agreed to delight us with some of his stories during the evening!

If you have stories, pictures, artifacts, documents, maps or other items of interest relating to this topic, please bring them along to share with everyone. Your stories and memories allow us to understand, appreciate, and enjoy the keepsakes that record the history of our Township.

Please join us once again for refreshments as we step back in time at this next community reminiscence evening!

## **SANTA'S VISIT!**

A huge thank you to everyone that helped make Santa's visit to the town hall a success!! Kevin and Cindy Griffith (Mr. & Mrs. Claus) for their generous donation of gifts, Marenisco Township for the candy bags, Kathe Balcom for making Christmas cookies, Randy Ryskey for cutting the ornaments, Stacey Sandquist for helping me decorate, and Richard Bouvette for helping with the cleanup. The kids (and parents) seemed to have had a great time. Santa even overheard one pre-teenager tell another "I told you he was real"! Looking forward to Christmas 2018!!!!

Thanks again!  
Donna Kenney

## **News from the Marenisco Township Historical Society & Museum - Jan. 1, 2018**

We hope everyone had a very merry Christmas, and are looking forward to a peaceful, happy, and healthy New Year!



Our Christmas Elf, Dave Hagen, surprised us at our meeting before Christmas with this lovely display. The aluminum tree belonged to Sally's Grandma. Many of you might remember these trees from the late 50's. They were all the rage! Dave also brought cookies, and we enjoyed those in the warmth of our museum, which is a great deal warmer than it was thanks to his winterizing efforts. We now have plastic covering all of the windows to help keep in the heat. Our bell is still frozen from the rains we had early season, but we have enjoyed ringing it to call our members to our meetings. If you ever drive by on a Tuesday evening after 6:00, you'll see the building looks so pretty with all the lights shining!

You'll find an announcement in the Newsletter for our next "Night of Reminiscing," which will be held at the Town Hall at 6:00 PM, Wednesday, January 31, 2018. We truly hope you can attend. Joe Allen will be sharing some of his stories of the lumbering industry of the area; he is quite the storyteller! There will be time for you to share your artifacts and stories, too... Please join us!

We are planning a Pasty Sale near the end of February or in early March to raise funds for some of the start-up and operational costs of the Museum. As with any start-up, there is much that we need – from office supplies, to display cases, to building improvements, and more! We need the help of the community to make sure this worthwhile project becomes a lasting institution. Please watch for notices around town to pre-order your pasties, to help us sell them, and to help us with the production on the sale day - we'll need everyone we can get!

We greatly appreciate your support of our efforts, and we wish you a Happy 2018!

# **Senior Meals Menu for January**

Menus are subject to change

## **Wednesday 3rd**

❖ Chicken-Potatoes-Vegetable-Dessert

## **Wednesday 10th**

❖ Pasty Pie-Cole Slaw-Dessert

## **Wednesday 17th**

❖ Grilled Cheese-Vegetable Soup-Dessert

## **Wednesday 24th**

❖ Meatloaf-Baked Potatoes-Vegetable-Dessert

## **Wednesday 31st**

❖ Italian Beef Sandwich-Salad-Dessert

# JANUARY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> Library Open 4:00-7:00	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Library Open 12:00-4:00 Senior Meals	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Library Open 12:00-4:00	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Library Open 4:00-7:00	<b>9</b> Library Open 12:00-4:00	<b>10</b> Library Open 12:00-4:00 Senior Meals	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Library Open 12:00-4:00	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Library Open 4:00-7:00 Board Meeting 6:00 Friends of the Library 5:00	<b>16</b> Library Open 12:00-4:00	<b>17</b> Library Open 12:00-4:00 Senior Meals Library Board Meeting 3:30	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Library Open 12:00-4:00	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Library Open 4:00-7:00	<b>23</b> Library Open 12:00-4:00	<b>24</b> Library Open 12:00-4:00 Senior Meals	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Library Open 12:00-4:00	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Library Open 4:00-7:00	<b>30</b> Library Open 12:00-4:00	<b>31</b> Library Open 12:00-4:00 Senior Meals Reminisce Night 6:00			

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