
Afternoon All.

Saugatuck / Douglas Rotary - My work week started out on Sunday evening this week when I attended a Rotary event. The local Rotary is looking to grow its membership and wanted to take an opportunity to inform attendants about how they could get involved or even offer the opportunity to become full Rotary members.

Jerry Donovan – I had a meeting with new Councilman Donovan this week to orient him on projects the City is working on. He has a good amount of information to go over and I offered him a second meeting to give him a chance to digest the information and prepare questions.

Emergency Management Meeting – Erosion continues to be a problem particularly in the Township along Lakeshore Drive. The City and Township are working with the Allegan County Emergency Management office to come up with an incident response plan in the event that erosion causes failure in public infrastructure. I plan on presenting about 15 minutes' worth of information on the erosion issues at Monday, November 18th Committee of the Whole at 6:00 in Council Chamber

Winter Storm – Tuesday started out with a good blast of mother nature dumping about of foot of snow on our doorstep. The snow was accumulating at a rate of about 2 inches an hour making it difficult for DPW crews to keep up with the rate of accumulation, but they were committed to getting the job done. They began working about 3:30 in the morning and had most roads passable by the time morning commuters got out on the street. Snow priority roads are as follows: main and major roads first, school routes second, followed by local roads and alleys last. We have some new used snow removal equipment we are still in the process of getting set up with salters and brine tanks that will be used to manage the trails around town. We are also in the process of advertising for snow a removal contract in the downtown sidewalks, municipal parking lots, safe route to school sidewalks and downtown parking bump outs. If you know anyone in the snow management business looking for a three year contract, please direct them to the City Clerk for a bid package.

EGLE Webinar about permitting process – Tuesday I sat in on a webinar presented by the State's Environment Great Lakes and Energy office. The topic of the program was about the expedited permitting process EGLE has implemented to help shoreline communities respond to erosion issues. The permitting process that once took about 100 days is now streamlined to about a two week process for an ArmyCorp of Engineer / DEQ joint permit for critical dune areas.

Director's Meeting – Wednesday was the regularly scheduled Director's meeting to go over the previous City Council meeting, discuss items for the next Council Agenda, and have a round table discussion about any topic a director wants to bring up. We will also take the time during future director meetings to update the City's project master list that was recently presented to City Council.

DPW position posted – The City is taking applications for a Department of Public Works

Planning and Zoning Essentials – Wednesday evening was a five hour planning and zoning essentials training session coordinated by the Planning and Zoning Administrator. We had a great turnout of Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals members and City Council members.

Lakeshore Erosion Tour – Friday morning, I was joined by the City Planning and Zoning Administrator, and Officer Reyes at Lakeshore Drive to inspect the lakeshore erosion and how its effecting two homes. From my visual inspection, where there are seawalls and revetments in place, the structures are working to mitigate the damage. There are a few areas we are monitoring, particularly at Douglas Beach where the erosion is eating away at the dune. We will continue to monitor the situation and put a communication and action plan in place if conditions worsen.

Building – Also on Friday, I toured City Hall with a contractor and architect to discuss the potential to move the police department into City Hall. Once I get more information, I'll share what is learned with City Council.

That's all I have for this week.