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This is the City Manager's week in review for the week of February 20, 2023.

City Council Meeting – The regular meeting of the City Council was held on Tuesday and City Council approved the following items:

- Annual Easter Parade and Candy Hunt
- Purchase fence panels for 200 Blue Star resulting in a cost savings
- Budget amendments for Fiscal year 22-23
- Resolution in support of Saugatuck Brewing off-premises tasing license
- Community deer survey results

Ice Storm – City Hall closed early on Wednesday and postponed opening on Thursday morning due to the ice storm. DPW crews did a fantastic job preparing for the storm and getting the roads passable after the event ended. Several downed trees and downed power lines were reported in the community and DPW barricaded some streets for public safety until storm clean up is complete.

DDA Meeting – The regular meeting of the DDA was cancelled due to inclement weather. I will work with the Chair of the DDA to reschedule the meeting.

Water Street Concerns – City Council held a workshop on Tuesday before their regular meeting. The City Engineer led a discussion about concerns that have come forward regarding the safety of pedestrians on Water Street related to speed, road geometrics, and road width. Responses from participants were compiled by City Council and staff. The City Engineer will price out the solutions for future capital planning.

CVB Board Meeting – Correction from last week. The "Art Coast" has been trademarked by the CVB for many years. The CVB had licensing paperwork drawn up by an attorney that will allow the CVB to protect that trademark. There is a new local business named "Art Coast Properties" who will have to pay the CVB an annual licensing fee to use the trademark.

Golfview Drive – Thursday there was a meeting with the City Manager, Planning and Zoning Administrator, and City Engineer to discuss the requirements to make the private section of Golfview Drive a public street.

Bid Opening – City Hall opened bids for storm drain work on Blue Star Highway. The Engineer will review the bids and make a recommendation to award based on qualifications / price. The project located at 333 Blue Star Highway will fill in a section of open storm drain to allow sidewalk construction that will complete the sidewalk on Blue Star Highway from Wiley Road up to Chestnut Street.

That is all I have for now. Have a good weekend.

Rich LaBombard
City Manager