

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS ... JANUARY 2018

Water Plant Update from Spicer ...

We are experiencing some issues with the water plant project. Things are getting slowly worked out and most of the issues have to do with the discharge of back-wash water into the pond. Basically, we can't discharge water right now as the 10" pipe was placed too low in the pond and is now under water. The pipe needs to be above the water level of the pond so water can cascade into the pond from the pipe. So the solution would be to raise the discharge pipe, right? Wrong. Can't do that, even though it sounded like the most logical solution. The first solution was to install a 1000-gallon tank with pumps. That is no longer a solution. The most recent solution as of 1/12/18 is that Spicer will install a 12" pipe, N to S to a E-W drainage ditch at the south end of the property and the water will eventually find its way to Lake Huron. Not a problem. Except for one problem. We need a permit from MDEQ to drain backwash water into Lake Huron and that could take up to 180 days. The good news is that other water plants in the area discharge into Lake Huron, so hopefully, our petition will be approved very soon. Also, the pond will have to be enlarged approximately 4x-5x its present size to allow for permeation, evaporation and settling of dissolved solids in the water. The back-wash water needs time to settle out and this settling cannot be achieved by draining directly into the E-W ditch before it gets to the lake. The plant itself is operational and 97% of everything in the building is complete. Our only problem is, we can't get rid of the dirty filter water – all 680 gallons every hour of dirty water. So there you have it in a nutshell. I am optimistic that the permit will be approved and all the re-sizing of the pond and ditching can be completed in short order and we will have water by March 1st – this year!

Mosquito Control Update ...

Chuck Mullins will join us for our February meeting and will speak for 15 minutes during the first public comment section of our agenda. The Mosquito Brochure and my annual State of the Township letter will be mailed out a few days after that presentation.

Lighting Project and Rebate ...

We are considering upgrading the lighting on the outside of the hall and asked for quotes from vendors and received only one quote. The parking area is much too dark and there was a recent fender-bender possibly caused from the area being too dark. There is also a credit from Consumers Energy that will help offset the cost. The original quote was for \$5230.00 but we changed the specification and the final quote should be less.

-----Original Message-----

From: St James Electric [<mailto:stjameselectric@charter.net>]

Sent: Monday, January 8, 2018 10:00 AM

To: simstownshipclerk@gmail.com

Subject:

Hi Judy,

I found out this morning that your estimated Consumers rebate on the lighting project will be approximately \$235.60. The rebate would come directly from Consumers Energy.

Thank you,

Jill @ St James Electric, Inc

Generator Status ...

The cold weather has delayed the hook-up as Goyette has had to deal with customers with no heat. The generator was supposed to be hooked up last week but that date has been moved forward until they can get caught up. We understand.

Final Thought ...

The more time you spend thinking about things that could make you happy, the less time you have to actually do the things you already know will make you happy.

- Author Unknown -