

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS

JUNE 2020

ROAD AND DITCHING PROJECTS ...

The Board was hoping that we could take care of the drainage and ditching issues with Ann and Nancy Streets this summer. With all the flooding a few weeks ago, the Road Commission has had to direct their efforts to repair damage to roads and bridges in Arenac County, so have not had the time to put together Contractor Bid Packs for our project. Another matter of concern regards the availability of contractors to do that work, as our local excavation contractors have become very busy repairing and re-building sea walls and have no time at the moment for our ditching project. The Road Commission believes that the ditching and contractor availability may improve later in the summer and some work could be completed, so we have to wait and see.

TRANSFER STATION UPDATE ...

The tag system is working well and Ms. Bonnie continues to turn folks away that do not display a tag. She gets the same excuses as "I forgot it, it's in my other car," has become a classic, followed by "I forgot and left it at my house in Florida" (or wherever), "I didn't know I needed one, as I've been coming here for 40 years and never needed one before," and finally, "I never received one." Bonnie tells them to call the township and they'll fix you up. We ordered a new 10' x 12' "Worker's Retreat Center" from the Omer Rifle River Market and it should be arriving within the next four weeks. The original WRC was moved to the center of the drive so Bonnie could check tags and stay out of the weather. The new one is custom built, having a 36" window/screen on each side and a 36" glass entry door. It also will sport vinyl clay siding and a dark green steel roof, so matches the color of the dark green compactor! This new WRC will keep our employees out of the cold or heat or rain or snow and will be a huge improvement to what they have now, which is nothing!

ANOTHER ELECTION IN AUGUST ...

Judy is busy preparing absentee ballots for mailing soon and how the election will be run is still a mystery, not only for us, but over the entire country. It's all tied with the Corona issues and safe distancing and touching things and sanitizing and when answers and procedures will be available, no one knows.

TRIBAL 2% DISTRIBUTION ...

The distribution will take place at the Tribal Center in Standish on June 26th and for this year, it's not one big happy get-together as previous years, but is by appointment only. Once again,

this “by appointment” format is due to the virus and safe distancing issues. Our Board members, Sam and Mike will accept the award this year on behalf of Sims Township at 1:40 p.m. Our grant request of \$3800.00 was for two digital announcement signs for the front of Sims Hall. If we do not prevail with the sign, we will still receive a \$1000.00 check, but with the signs, would give the township a \$4800.00 total grant.

FINAL THOUGHT ...

Jeopardy! Runs Out of New Episodes Just When We Need Them the Most!