

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS
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Whitney Lawsuit Moving Along ... A pre-trial conference is scheduled for the morning of Feb 9th at 10:45 by Zoom and only attorneys need to be present. We are hoping everything can be worked out through mediation and a facilitator has been selected. Should mediation not be successful, the matter will move through the court. I suspect there will be a period of 'Discovery' followed by Depositions of all parties. As a review, Whitney is suing Sims and Water Authority Board members – myself and Mike Deleo - for not assigning/re-deeding their water tower back to them when the water plant bonds were paid in 2015, in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation. **HINT:** Mike and I were not board members or even elected until 2016 and they never brought it up until 2021!

Website Training ... We recently contracted with a website design company in Troy and our staff – Suzanne, Ann Marie, Judy and Mike Fil - had 90 minutes of training on Thursday, 1/13 and 90 minutes on Monday, 1/17 on how to “migrate” material into the site and basically, manage our own site. We are excited to see what this new site will look like and hopefully, it will be ready for launch, Feb 1, 2022;

FEMA ... When one gets a certified letter from the feds, one should pay close attention. In this case, if one does not follow through on what they are requiring, bad things can happen. The biggest bad thing, in the event of something catastrophic occurring, which would be under the FEMA domain, a failure to respond can result in residents not receiving financial assistance for home and property damage. Of the three documents required to retain our eligibility, to me the requirements were written in Greek and were confusing. Enter stage left our township attorney, Gary Campbell. Gary had recently completed a FEMA eligibility packet for one of his other client townships, so he was well versed in the legalese that FEMA was espousing. It took about a week to pull everything together and after we sign the docs and email them in, our eligibility will be ensured. Our eligibility was never in jeopardy, but these forms need to be renewed every few years, so now we're golden until the next round.

Problems at the Transfer Station ... There are situations that have occurred recently where folks have left bags of garbage at the front gate when the yard is closed and in one case, mattresses were laid on the ground in front of the gate. These acts of garbage terrorism will result in a visitation by police and prosecution for littering. In two cases, observant residents were able to get license plate numbers with their cell phones and forwarded the information to us. We contacted the Sheriff, and two deputies came out at 9:30 on a Sunday night and went through the garbage bags and found two addresses, and at that point, it was out of our hands;

Masking ... Whether vaxed or unvaxed, we are asking residents to consider masking-up when conducting business inside the hall for the protection of everyone.

Thoughts From Dolly Parton ... "Don't get so busy making a living that you forget to make a life." "Figure out who you are. Then do it on purpose." "When folks ask for my advice on staying positive, I just tell 'em it's simple! All the healing starts with you. It's all about YOUR attitude, no matter what life throws at you!" "We cannot direct the wind, but we can adjust the sails." "Leave something good in every day." "Life is sweeter when you have an attitude of gratitude!" "I refuse to settle for something less than great." And if it takes a lifetime, then that's how long I'll wait... Is that too much to ask?" "When I'm inspired, I get excited because I can't wait to see what I'll come up with next." "I do not sit in the seat of judgment... I love people for who they are. We're all God's children!" "The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you have to put up with the rain." "I always just thought if you see somebody without a smile, give 'em yours!"

