

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS ...

MARCH 2018

WATER PLANT UPDATE FROM SPICER ON MARCH 16th ...

We received the discharge permit from the MDEQ for the pond and Evoqua has been on site this week working on loose ends. There are a couple of items that will be addressed next week by RCL and their subcontractors (electrical outlet relocation, outlet for dehumidifier, boot over backwash air gap and chlorine tubing connection). Next week Evoqua is planning on being on site to work on training with plant operators. The following Monday, March 26th, the final piping connections are scheduled to be made connecting the new plant to the water system and disconnecting the old plant. This is the point when the new plant will begin making water for the system. Bob London at the MDEQ has been notified that this is the plan and he stated that if anything were to change we should notify him, otherwise he was all set. Jon Townsend from Spicer will be on site to inspect this work as it occurs. After this the demo work can begin in the old plant. There are also some touch up items in the new plant that will be taken care of when the appropriate trades are on site to work in the old plant. There is also site restoration work that will need to be completed once spring has officially arrived. Keith, let me know if I'm missing anything. Darrick

TOWNSHIP HALL OUTDOOR LIGHTING AND GENERATOR HOOK-UP ...

Maybe you've noticed that our soffit lights have been installed by St. James Electric and are on a day-night sensor and a new motion light was installed at the back door. It certainly brightens up the parking area. We are waiting on a new LED lamp to replace the existing lamp that's mounted on the pole near the road, plus two fixtures for the front door. Goyette completed the installation of the electrical and gas for the generator.

ANNUAL MEETING ...

Our Annual Meeting is this coming Saturday at 10am and runs until we're done! Coffee and donuts will be provided.

ROAD COMMISSION MEETING ...

We met with the Road Commission last night and discussed paving Baum Rd and resurfacing Nancy Ct. The RC wants to install an additional "staggered" walk-thru guardrail at the end of the asphalt on Point Lookout road. There have been frequent complaints from residents of off-road vehicles, motorcycles and snowmobiles traveling that road at high speeds. As you may recall,

the road was closed last year by the Road Commission at Pointe Market for reasons of safety and was a condition to paving part of the road, closest to the homeowners.

ELECTION TRAINING ...

Judy went to a Bureau of Election Conference for Clerks in Houghton last week for a heads-up on the changes that will be happening with the administration of elections. The intent is to take the State out of the loop for some matters and dump it on the townships and some of it actually makes sense. Here's part of what is involved ... A. The elimination of all duplicate voter registration records in the system; B. The streamlining of the state's voter registration cancellation process; C. The elimination of time consuming record maintenance activities; D. The elimination of registration forwarding errors and duplicative tasks; E. Sizable cost gains on the local level (what gains are yet to be determined). It's a systems approach by which the townships move from the Elections Management Portal (EMP) system to the new Qualified Voter File (Q.V.F.) system.

WHITNEY LAWSUIT AGAINST SIMS ...

We were intending to have a conversation with the Whitney reps at the last Cemetery Board meeting on 3/5/18 but they declined the change for discussion of questions based on a letter from their lawyer that was part of the agenda. The Whitney Supervisor stated, "We don't have to discuss these" (the questions) followed by their Clerk stating, "It's done." And that's the end of it, we hope.

FINAL THOUGHT ...

Oh what a happy soul am I although I cannot see, I am resolved that in this world contented I shall be. How many blessings I enjoy that other people don't. To weep and sigh, because I'm blind? I cannot and I won't.

Fanny Crosby ... The Blind Poetess ... 1820 - 1915