

## **SUPERVISOR COMMENTS NOVEMBER 2023**

**THE NEW COMPACTOR ...** The new compactor has arrived and is in service. We asked Republic to remove 10 of the 8-yarders, which they did, plus remove the 40-yard open-top that we had for summer overflow. Going forward, eliminating those containers will save us approximately \$800.00/month. The Speed Tech Technician – Ed – did a masterful job getting the unit installed and it was obvious he had done similar installs in the past as the unit was installed in 3.5 hours and required 10 - 6 inch anchor bolts being installed in the 6 inch concrete. Mark and I took care of getting the propane installed, and after a couple minor tweaks with the regulator, the engine started right up. We are in the process of working with a propane distributor to have a 500-gallon propane “pig” installed behind each compactor and eliminate the 100-pound tanks we currently use as the fuel is less expensive when purchased in larger quantity. Another advantage is our employees have less risk of being injured if they do not have to handle the 100-pound tanks which is what happens currently. Our next project will be to place large cement walls approximately 6 feet long by two feet thick and 3.5 feet high and weighing about 3800 pounds on three sides of each tank as a safety precaution. These are available from Elmers in Omer for \$50 each and will be placed on three sides of each shed as well. Last winter, a snowplow driver backed into Bonnie’s office and totally destroyed it.

**NEW WEBSITE DEVELOPER ...** We are changing web site companies and moving to another provider that may be more user friendly and may actually provide us a top-notch web site. We met with the new rep November 8<sup>th</sup> and they came prepared with a drone and took 60 pictures of one of one of the marinas plus Lake Huron shore line and those pictures will be part of our new look before the end of '23.

**FALL '23 TRIBAL GRANT DISTRIBUTION ...** Sam Proulx and Mike Deleo represented Sims at the Tribal Center, while Ralph Zimmerman, represented Whitney Township. Two grants had been written and Sims received a \$6000 grant to be applied toward the new compactor and Whitney received a \$6000 grant for a water well for the Transfer Station. As we’ve stated in the past, be happy should

you lose money at the Saganing Casino, as your losses are helping the 12 townships in Arenac County!

## **FINALE ...**

Where does the term “people who live in glass houses” come from?

The proverb appeared in Chaucer's *Troilus and Criseyde*, written in 1385. Later, George Herbert modified it this way: “Whose house is of glass, must not throw stones at another.” And in 1736, Benjamin Franklin wrote, “Don't throw stones at your neighbors, if your own windows are glass,” being interpreted means, **people who have faults should not criticize other people for having the same faults.** The corollary to the phrase is, “In a world where you can be anything, **BE KIND ...!**”