

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS

JULY 2017

BS&A Accounting Software Training ...

Our Staff have been receiving in-office training with the new software beginning 7/10 – 7/21 with two representatives from BS&A. This system will streamline our accounting processes and puts us on par with all other townships within the state that use the same program. As you may recall, we had three separate programs that were not able to share information, so this new program consolidated the former three programs into one that will be more accurate and efficient.

Water Plant Updates from Spicer Engr. Jean Inman ...

July 7 ... *“The electrical contractor has been working on installing lighting panel and setting the transformer and completing conduit and wire installation this week. The mechanical contractor has been installing the bathroom fixtures. The filtration equipment should be arriving today and Monday. The block wall insulation is done as is all but the final coat of paint on all the walls and ceilings. The overhead door should be installed Monday. There is going to be a further delay in the generator delivery. The manufacturer isn’t going to be able to ship now until September. The tap of the 72” is still scheduled for July 19th. Bob London from MDEQ will be reviewing the seepage pond calculations today. We are working to get a copy of the deed for the water treatment plant property to give to Consumers for the easement for the gas line.”*

July 10 ... *“The loose ship items (valves and instruments), panels and the valve/pipe skid assemblies are scheduled to ship from the Colorado Springs facility on 7/12. The factory will try to ship sooner if possible. The membrane/racks are still in ocean transit from the factory in Australia and have a site ETA of 7/24. With the later than planned membrane/rack delivery, the installation of the ancillary*

systems, panels and valve/pipe skids can still proceed. It is not uncommon to leave the installation of the racks to the valve/pipe skids until the end of install, unless there will be issues with access for equipment placement.”

July 14 ... *“This week at the Sims Whitney Water Treatment Plant, John Green and County Line Power were on site. RCL installed the cabinets and countertops in the breakroom. John Green worked on the bathroom fixtures and in the breakroom. He also worked on conduit for lighting and electrical outlets within the plant area along with wiring up the main electrical switches. The tap on the 72” line will be 7/19. Once the tap is made, Sterling will install the water main from Saginaw-Midland to the plant. The driveway entrances will happen next week as well. Pending no hold ups in U.S. Customs, the microfiltration equipment should be delivered 7/24.”*

July 21 ... *“Electrical and mechanical worked inside the building this week installing plumbing and conduits. Some of the loose equipment from Evoqua was received and installed/placed in the building. Saginaw Midland made the tap on the 72” on Wednesday. The microfiltration skids from Australia should arrive to the site on Monday. Electrical and mechanical trades will continue installing equipment and piping next week. The generator delivery has been delayed again. It won't be here until the end of September now. All the other equipment can be started up and tested. The generator will likely be the last item to be completed on the project.”*

Road Paving Projects ...

The paving of West Michigan from Tonkey Rd. to Main St. and Point Lookout Rd have been completed. As you may recall, the paving of Point Lookout Rd. required that the road be closed to prevent it from becoming a main thoroughfare from the Point and Wallace & Orr and eliminate the traffic issue that has existed at Foster, Point Lookout Rd and US23. A guardrail was installed by the Road Commission last week. Unfortunately, someone built a road around the guardrail a couple days after and that matter will be discussed with the Road Commission Monday, 7/24 at their monthly board meeting. Sam and myself will be attending. I

have been in contact with the Road Commission via email and have provided photos of the new bypass.

MDOT Permit to Close a Highway ...

Having the AuGres Car Cruise requires that we get a permit every year from M-DOT to close US23. AuGres also must obtain the same permit. The road isn't really closed, but traffic is interrupted briefly to allow vehicles to exit Crescent Ave to US23 South. Our permit was obtained via the horrible state website plus a visit to MDOT in Bay City and finally, given to the event coordinator last week. The event coordinator makes arrangements with law enforcement to control traffic at the AuGres City limits and Crescent. The date for that event is July 29-30, with the cruise on the 29th, from 515 -730 p.m. The annual cruise is the largest revenue event for AuGres and here's hoping we have good weather.

Resident Concerns ...

Should you have any issues, complaints or concerns – other than bad weather and politics in general – don't wait until the monthly meeting to bring these matters to our attention. We need a chance to look at the matter and if necessary, put it on the meeting agenda. Contact the Township Hall at 989-876-8631 or contact myself on my cell at 989-646-0200 or email simstwpsupervisor@gmail.com ...

Final Thought ... “Do not go gentle into that good night, old age should burn and rave at close of day; Rage, rage against the dying of the light. Though wise men at their end know dark is right, because their words had forked no lightning they do not go gentle into that good night. Good men, the last wave by, crying how bright their frail deeds might have danced in a green bay, rage, rage against the dying of the light.” Etc, Etc ... Rodney Dangerfield, in '*Back To School*,' 1986 and/or Dylan Thomas, 1914 – 1953!

