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Kathleen McNamara, Supervisor
St. James Township
P.O. Box 22
Beaver Island, MI 49782

SUBJECT: Release of public right-of-way, Paradise Bay property

Dear Kitty:

As you are aware, as part of the negotiations for the purchase of the Paradise Bay (Stephen's Plat) Harbor Property as well as the implementation of the Conservation Easement, it was important that the easement over the property which ended at Lake Michigan be eliminated. While the road commission had passed a resolution in 1998 abandoning the road, as part of the purchase agreement and implementation of the Conservation Easement a little bit more needed to be done on the part of the road commission as well as the township. The road commission has accomplished this through the attached Assignment of Public Highway Easement which clarifies that there is both an abandonment as well as an assignment to the township. All this was recorded on December 5, 2019 at the Charlevoix County Register of Deeds. In turn, to complete this, Mr. Hall has provided a Release of Public Highway Easement which needs to be executed by the township board at its next regular meeting. If this cannot be accomplished in January, please let me know and simply change the date or we can change the date of the Release from January to February, 2020. This Release of Public Highway Easement should be voted on with a roll call vote.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Peter R. Wendling

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Enclosures