



Beaver Island  
Michigan

# Supervisor's Lens

Notes to Township Board Members from Supervisor Kathleen McNamara

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**SJTGC** = St James  
Township  
Governmental  
Center  
**SJTH**= St James  
Township Hall



Wednesday  
January 8 @  
5:30PM @ SJTH  
**Regular Board Meeting**

**St James  
Township  
Board**

Monday  
December 27 @  
1:00PM @ SJTGC  
**Finance Committee Meeting**



## **Finance**

Attached to this board packet is the monthly finance report. The clerk will send the monthly Standard Budget Report which shows adopted budget revenue and expenditure categories compared to what has been received and spent each month; the clerk will email a copy to board members and have a hard copy at the meeting. She will also forward a copy of the bills for payment – please contact her if you have questions about the bills.

## **Beaver Island Township Airport Ordinance**

At our November board meeting, the Airport Ordinance was adopted; because of timing issues, we need to reapprove the ordinance so that it can be published within a timeframe corresponding to Peaine Township. I am including the ordinance again and will ask for approval at the January board meeting.

## **Public Works Update**

At the meeting on Wednesday, I will report on the Campground Project and the Marina project.

*Campground Project* – Briefly, word was received on January 2<sup>nd</sup> that the environmental engineer from EGLE has completed his review and will issue a construction permit. This enable our engineer (Aaron Nordman of Performance Engineering, Inc.) to complete the state documents necessary to get the project approved for bidding.

*Marina Project* - Much has been happening on this project and I hope to have printed document ready to share with you at the Wednesday meeting summarizing progress to date, challenges, and a timeline and objectives for future work. In timely fashion, the following items have been completed: apartment building moved, bubblers installed, agreement to remove barge and crane reached, property being cleaned up, old fuel dispensing equipment removed and capped, new siding for pole barn received, biweekly meetings held between Anderson and Township and JAW project manager and township. Of immediate concern is discussion of fuel pier and dispensing equipment for summer 2020 and the apparent need to raise the marina docks because of the extreme high-water levels.

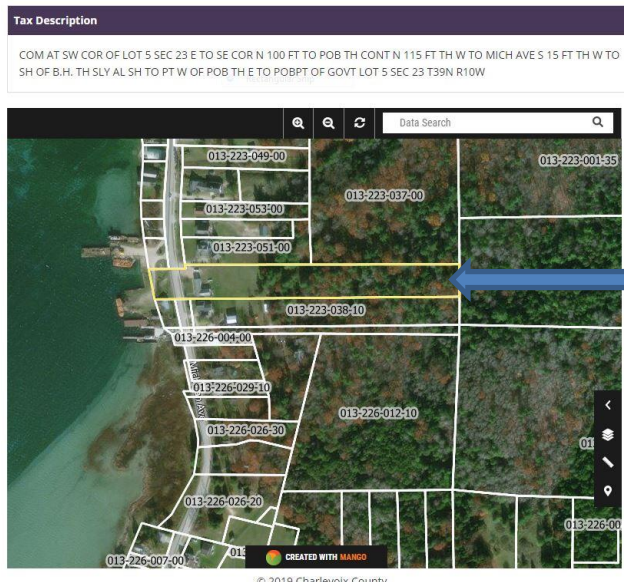
Additionally, meetings and/or discussions have taken place concerning planning for immediate and future needs with the following: State grant coordinators, county officials, advisor Fred Walstrom, attorney Peter Wendling, engineer Aaron Nordman, JAW Foundation project manager Lowell Eastman. Prior to the meeting on Wednesday, Cole and McNamara will meet at the marina site with Eastman and Nordman to solidify a short-term improvement plan which will be shared with the board on Wednesday. I also plan to have an Engineering Proposal from Performance Engineers for work related to planning the overall project and assisting with necessary documents for the April 1, 2020 State of MI granting cycle.

Wednesday  
January 15 @  
11:00AM @  
SJTGC **Public  
Works  
Committee**

**PWC**

**Give me a  
call if you  
have  
anything to  
add to the  
Agenda. See  
you  
Wednesday!  
Kitty**

**Township Property on Harbor** At the December board meeting, Trustee Cole was authorized to research the value of the township's commitment to the piece of property on the harbor located between two parcels owned by Bud Martin in relation to the master plan and other township holding. Cole was authorized to research planned future use of the property and research options including improvement, sale or trade. Cole has completed some research and will report on such at the January meeting. Here is a picture showing the location of the lot – it is connected to the property on which the old DNR building sits.



This is the land for discussion at the January 8th board meeting. The only piece of this being discussed is the small chunk on the harbor side of the road. The remaining larger parcel includes the building that is currently used to house the summer deputy.

#### **Planning Commission Update**

I will forward an email to board members with the agenda and background information for the planning commission meeting on Tuesday evening, January 7<sup>th</sup>. At our meeting on Wednesday, I will ask trustee Cole to report on the meeting.

#### **Telecommunications Advisory Committee Update**

On Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, Advisory Committee Chair Kevin Boyle and I will travel to Boyne City to meet with Great Lakes Energy president and chief engineer. The goal of the meeting is to share information and gain an understanding of each other's willingness/ability to work together for long-term broadband solutions for the Island. I will report back at Wednesday's meeting.

**Happy New Year!**