

President's Report September 8, 2021

8/3 Fair Board – evening work bee @ARA.

8/4 Our Place – drafting letter to Building Inspector.

8/5 Telephone Conference Call re: Electric Car Charging Stations – Jason, Consumers, and ? Co. who has the equipment.

Beautification Committee August Meeting – attended meeting and thanked them for all of the work they do to make the VOL look so nice. We also discussed maintaince at the ARA site, and how that is also completed by volunteers, with the majority of the equipment used being that of the Fair Board/privately owned. Fuel (assuming the owner of the equipment turns in the bill), building & grounds repairs, etc. are paid for by the Alcona County Fair Fund. The County Board of Commissioners do not appropriate any public tax dollars into this fund. The funds in this account are from our sponsors, private donations, and any revenue earned during the fair, after expenses. Like the Beautification Committee, the members of the Fair Board are not compensated for their work or use of their equipment (tractors, trailers, lawnmowers, weed whackers, leaf blowers etc.), we are all volunteers. The County Board of Commissioners, do appropriate funds into the ARA Fund to pay the electric bill. There have been occasions when they contribute to a building maintaince project, depending on what it is.

So, to all who are reading this report, please don't criticize any of our community volunteers. Instead, thank them for what they have accomplished. If you, as a private citizen feel that trash needs to be cleaned up along the ARA fence-line on Barlow Rd, take the initiative and grab a garbage bag and clean it up! All of us volunteers do the best we can, but like everyone else, there is only so much we can do. Thank you.

8/12 RRC Plan – spoke with Dave Cook with regards to NEMCOG Contract.

8/13 – 28 Alcona County Fair

8/30 MSHDA Phone Conference – RFP for the Community Improvement Grant (includes the pavilion) will be opening soon.

9/2 Fire Equipment Grant – Village paid “West Shore Fire” of Allendale \$17,019.00 for 6 30 min. Carbon Cylinders, 2 Air-Pak's, and 2 Kevlar Headnets. These purchases will be reimbursed, in part, by a MDNR Grant.

Citizen Concerns:

Had one inquirer regarding removing a tree. I told the individual that if it is on his property he can cut it down. If it is on Village property, then he could not.

Had a phone call from Josie regarding the mobile home behind her. I need to call her back and chat with her.

Zoning:

8/4 Wilke – spoke with Troy regarding notice he was drafting.

8/31 Werth (old Our Place Building) – Mailed request to Alcona County Building Department for an inspection of the building due to safety concerns. CC: to DDA (Dennis Kruttlin), Dave Cook, and a certified letter to Mr. Werth.

Road Report

8/30 Traverse Bay Rd. 2022 Resurfacing Project – I have been in contact with Nico Tucker of the Region 9 Task Force and Becky Rivard with Huron Engineering. The Region 9 Task Force has allocated \$20,000 (COVID \$) to assist with the Engineering Costs for the project (to take place next year). In speaking with Becky at Huron Engineering, to do the project the way it should be done (no ultra-thin surfacing), it will cost approx. \$150,000.00. I have meet with Linda and Marsha to look at our Major Rd. Funds. At this time, I feel it is very important that we use a portion of our fund balance dollars to accomplish this project. It is important that we provide a good surface on that busy stretch of road, which should last about 20 years, instead of 5-9 years. It is worth the investment.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila