

March 7, 2022

President's Report

2/8 DDA Meeting - Updated the Board on the receipt of the Housing Commission Grant.

Kathy Jo contacted Pat Smiley of the VA Committee regarding their new building. VA Committee would like to build in the Village, the Board of Commissioners has other ideas. They Committee will know better next week. Mr. Smiley will get back with the DDA when he knows more.

2/17 - meet with Linda and Marsha to go over the budget.

2/20 – Budget Meeting

2/21 – worked on ARPA Budget/explanation sheet for Website.

2/27 – Spoke with Mike Sutor regarding website updates, he would like to meet in the near future to discuss possible updates. I had him post the Budget Notice for the ARPA Grant and he created a space for the public to reply and collect the data in Google docs.

3/4 – Spoke with Blake Smith at USDA-RD in Traverse City. Most of the funding for Water and Sewer projects, at this time are under the Economic Development Administration for projects that that have their plans and engineering ready to go. There are also some funds under MSHDA. These projects are not fully funded. They are usually about 25% grant and 70% loan. Typically, there is about a \$2000 per household to hook up to the systems, and about \$35 per month (\$105 quarterly). Typically, it takes about 3 years by the time everything is in place, before projects can move forward.

Mr. Smith indicated that the process does not begin with the Village Council It begins with the citizens of the Village petitioning the Council to begin the process and there must be 51%+ valid signatures to move forward. ***It is not the responsibility of the Council to initiate the process or to gather the signatures.***

Mr. Smith also indicated that about 20 years ago the Village attempted this project, but at that time it was rejected by the residents

Road Report

2/25 Pre Construction Meeting 9:30AM VOL Hall - Traverse Bay Rd. – representatives present were Spectrum, MDOT, Bolen Asphalt, Huron Engineering, Linda Somers, Marsha Mahalak, and myself. Works scheduled to begin in June and should be completed within 6 weeks.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila