

## Managers Report, May 2016

### Van Curler Property

I have dropped off the purchase agreement for the Van Curler Property along with the \$20,000 earnest money check. Many people in the community have enquired what we are going to do with the property and my standard response has been it has yet to be determined. Clearly, many groups such as the Downtown Planning Group and Parks and Recreation Commission will be involved. My intention is also to involve the general public in design charrette as well.

### Downtown Planning Group

The Downtown Planning Group is scheduled to meet on May 17<sup>th</sup> for our inaugural meeting.

### Parks and Recreation

The Community Garden is beginning to take shape. Boxes are made and dirt is scheduled to be delivered today. We have already taken orders for 7 boxes. Please help get the word out and if you want to garden with us, let me know and I will see to it that you receive a plot.

### Whitmore Lake SAD

The Whitmore Lake SAD is moving along nicely. The last easement is on the agenda for this Tuesday. Once it is accepted by the board, that will round out all the easements needed for the project. According to Tim Hardesty, construction is moving along nicely.

### Board Room Construction

Doors have been ordered and will be shipped in the next week or two. We are awaiting a quote on moving the Audio/visual equipment and some upgrades to the system to accommodate those that are hearing impaired. I will keep everyone posted on progress.

### Arvin Sango

On the agenda for tonight is the first step in the Tax Abatement process for Arvin Sango. Tonight's resolution sets the hearing date and intent to vote on the IDD, the district which allows for the tax abatement to occur. There will be more information on the value and impact of the tax abatement at subsequent meetings.

### Emails / Technology

All the board members have been migrated over to the new email system. The Planning Commission has also been migrated. Next step is to transition all the staff, and then we can finally be rid of the county email. Please let me know if you are running into any issues.

### Non Motorized Path

Only one easement on the Non-Motorized path has been secured. I am in conversations with another land owner, but I am unsure if I can get the rest. The board will need to begin thinking about what other options exist for the Non-Motorized path.

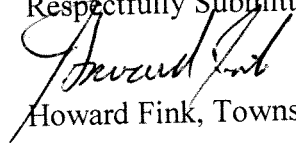
#### Zoning and Planning

All of our forms have been updated. I am now working with Rick to get a better handle on revenue and expenditures, so we are more clearly able to understand where we are making, losing, or breaking even on revenue. One thing that is clear is that there are additional costs associated with the Building Department that have been borne by the General Fund, which should no longer be the case. For example, the building department should pay a portion of the BSA software maintenance costs. We are in the process of identifying these types of expenditures and create a more accurate budget.

#### Electricity Contracts

A few years ago, the township entered into an electric contract with a Choice Provider. The rate we were quoted was one of the lowest in recent memory. The contract is up soon. While electric rates have decreased, transmission rates have increased for an overall slight increase in costs. We are still at historic lows compared to the market over the last 10 years. I am anticipating that I will sign another three year electric contract.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Howard Fink, Township Manager