

SUPERVISORS REPORT MARCH 14, 2017

The following is a summary of my activities for the previous month.

In the past month, I have met with the Roscommon County Road Commission discussing the current condition of our township roads, and am working with the engineers to develop the plan for 2017 and beyond. Extensive tree trimming has occurred on township roads. At several locations, the workers have left large tree limbs on the resident's property. I was told that the wood belongs to the homeowner for their use. If the homeowner does not want the wood for personal use they can call the road commission and they will send a truck to their home for pick-up.

I am very interested in expanding the footprint for access to high speed internet in the township. In addition to writing letters to our cable provider and state officials, I met with the Clair County Emergency Services Director who told me the pit-falls he ran into regarding the same issue in his county. Major changes to home communication and internet access are coming at the end of 2017. Details are still unclear.

Winterfest 2017 saw increased participation by residents and guests over 2016.

I attended a breakfast meeting in Roscommon sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. Ideas for attracting new start-up business ventures was the topic. It was a chance for me to meet several business owners I had not met prior to the breakfast meeting.

At the March 22 Roscommon County Commissioners meeting we were told that due to the Headley Roll-Back, Roscommon County will lose \$524,000 in revenue this year. Ogemaw County stands to lose \$896,000, and Crawford stands to lose \$219,000. Sherriff Stern reported on behalf of the Friends For Safe Schools, the boot is now installed on all classroom doors in all schools in Roscommon County. On May 10, the county commissioners will be taking a bus tour of all lake control structures in Roscommon County. The Roscommon County Sheriff made a Lifesaving Award Presentation.

The security cameras at the Gerrish Township Park and Marina were reset and are now working. The same contractor inventoried the lighting in all Gerrish

Township facilities and will be making a presentation at the board work session in April to propose using LED vs. conventional lights.

Continuing with my CERT training I attended a CPR class on February 16. I want to encourage other Gerrish Township residents to consider joining the township CERT team. See Chief Hill if you are interested.

March 7 was my first meeting with the Roscommon County Transit Authority as a board member. The board meets the first Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. each month at the Houghton Lake offices. Members of the community are encouraged to attend and participate during the public comment portion of the meeting.

March 8 I met with Steve Dendeck to review the Federal Fish and Wildlife Permit MB56627B-2

March 13 I sat in with the township Board of Review listening to resident's petitions regarding property assessments.

As of March 1, about half of 137 seasonal slip rental payments have been received. I will be contacting renters who have not yet paid, reminding them of the April 1 deadline to maintain their space for 2017.

- We have made a deal to purchase a stove, refrigerator, and microwave for the kitchen at the marina for \$250.00. We are still looking for a table and chairs for the kitchen. I have spies who are looking out for a suitable set at local resale shops.
- The outboard motor used to install docks and boat hoists needs repairs. I spoke with two marinas and was told that they will not look at outboard motors until April 1. Still working on snowmobile repairs.
- Identified an electrical panel located in the marina office that had wires protruding from the panel, without a cover, and the panel was not grounded properly. Our township electrical inspector recommended a local contractor who checked the wiring, grounded the panel properly, and made a proper cover for the panel.
- I will be sending out a request for pricing of new waders for the marina workers.

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