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On December 13th. I attended the Roscommon County Commissioners meeting. A presentation to the commissioners regarding the Opioid Litigation issues in Michigan, and the Central Dispatch Millage for 2018 were discussed.

I attended the December 12 Gerrish Township regular monthly board meeting, and the January 4 board work session.

On the morning of December 20, I met with the DEQ Water Resources Division Analyst, Theresa Sherwood and filed with her a permit request to repair broken concrete at the base of the boat ramp at the township marina. Jason Jansen from our township building department was instrumental in helping me fill-out the permit application.

In the afternoon on December 20, I met with Senior Project Manager Bradley Butcher from the Sidock Group, Inc. to invite him to attend our January work session to begin a dialogue regarding our township hall. I delivered all engineering drawings he requested that I bring for his review. Mr. Butcher did attend our workshop on January 4.

On Wednesday January 3rd. I met with a resident who rolled-out a proposal for our township to partner with the USGS and a group of Roscommon High School students who will be conducting water sampling testing in Higgins Lake this summer. Another meeting with a representative of the USGS will take place later this month. Our Treasurer Leasa Tulgetski will be attending that meeting as well.

Also on January 3rd. I attended the upcoming Higgins Lake Winterfest planning meeting that was held at the Silver Dollar Restaurant. Winterfest is February 16-17. Watch for details forthcoming in fliers and newspapers.

The township Parks and Recreation Committee met on Friday January 5th. to continue their work updating the 5-year plan. Also in attendance were Treasurer Tulgetski, Committee Chairman Kelly Kilpatrick, and board members David Reynolds and Mike Perkey.

I attended the Clare County Broadband Committee quarterly meeting in Harrison on Monday January 8th. I am interested to hear what other counties are doing relating to increasing the footprint of high-speed internet access to rural residents who currently have no access. Not having access to high-speed internet puts residents, businesses, and students at a disadvantage. Clare County Emergency Management Director, Jerry Becker chairs this group.

Notices for the 2018 boating season were mailed in December to 2017 marina patrons. We are starting to receive fees for the upcoming summer season. Currently there are 164 persons on the waiting list and I am still receiving inquiries regarding boat slip rental.

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