Centerville Township Board Meeting – 1-12-22

Commissioner’s Report

***Recycling***

Recycling bins are in place at the Government Center parking lot, northwest corner. The draft recycling agreement was on yesterday’s agenda for BOC review and was approved. It also is being reviewed by the Road Commission and hopefully can be finalized on 1/18.

***Broadband***

The Leelanau Internet Futures Team Broadband Expansion Committee, whose members also include the DCS Technology Design consultant and Commissioner Melinda Lautner, met again on December 20th to review the status of service township by township. The Committee began development of both short and long term recommendations for presentation to the BOC later this month. Short term recommendations for completion during 2022 focuses on provision of broadband service from varying sources offering a minimum speed of 35 Mbps down and 5 Mbps up to Leelanau residents and business. Long term goal centers on expanding fiber-to-the-home. township by township. This will be the topic of discussion at their next meeting.

The Rural Broadband Internet Survey full report is available on the County website can be accessed with the following link:

<https://www.leelanau.gov/downloads/leelanau_broadband_report_ver210923_ver2_1.pdf>.

***ARPA Funds***

A second special Committee Meeting of the Whole was held on January 4th with presentations by members of the community who submitted proposals requesting ARPA funding. Another meeting is slated for Wednesday, January 19th at 10:00 am to review the final proposals. There were so many excellent projects submitted, but unfortunately we won’t be able to fund all of them. The response from community members and thoughtfulness of proposals has been impressive.

***BOC Tuesday Agenda Included:***

* Final review of the BOC goals for 2022, Board Rules of Order and Procedure, and the Prayer Policy, which were first discussed at the Organizational meeting on January 3rd. These items will receive final approval on January 18th.
* The Leelanau Conservation District and The Veterans Affair program both provided update presentations. The Veterans Affairs 2021 Report is available online at: <https://www.leelanau.gov/downloads/01112022_executive_board_pkt_opt.pdf>.

The BOC meeting is recorded and the Conservation District presentation can be viewed on the Utube at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KfEdLaGVVrE&t=2182s>

Starting on 36 minutes into the recording. The Veterans Affairs discussion followed immediately after and also can be viewed on video.

Respectfully Submitted by

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Leland and Centerville Townships