

## September 2022 Supervisor's Report

**Street lights** I shared with you the email from Consumers Energy about their pilot program for testing some new streetlight controls. We were asked to pick out 10 different locations of existing LED street lights. Consumers Energy will be installing 5 different types of controllers on those lights. Once Consumers Energy has tested them, Leland Township will be able to test the controllers, enabling us to use a program to change the brightness of lights and to schedule times for them to turn down or off, nightly or seasonally. With just a few days to select the street lights, I went through our correspondence and found lights that have been the subject of complaints. I also chose one near the Township office and one that is completely enclosed in tree limbs, since it might be a good thing to test how these controllers actually worked with the line of sight blocked by trees. The ones that I asked to be test cases are:

1. St Marys Street N/O Williams
2. 470 W Main Street in Lake Leelanau
3. West Main and Gertrude in Lake leelanau
4. First and River
5. 2nd and William
6. Chandler and Juniper Trail
7. Chandler and River
8. Fourth and Oak
9. Grand and Pearl
10. Grand and Cedar

**Fireworks** We received an email from the proprietor of Great Lakes fireworks, with an attached application for a commercial fireworks display permit for a wedding at Aurora cellars on October 22. The applicant was the couple to be married, not the land owner. I replied that the only commercial fireworks that the township allows is on Independence Day week. The fireworks contractor told me in a subsequent email that unless we had specifically disallowed commercial fireworks in an ordinance, we must issue such a permit. After talking things over with Tim Cypher, he sent an email referring to the special use permit that allows Aurora sellers to host weddings and the fact that fireworks are not part of that privilege. Still remains to research whether our existing fireworks ordinance is robust enough.

**Sunset Shores** At close of day Friday, we received an extensive list of comments and clarifications from Eagle on the permit for Sunset Shores. Scott Jozwiak and I will be addressing this with Barry Christian, the EGLE engineer, next week. Part of addressing these concerns will be an ordinance that ensures that the township, or later the homeowners' association, has access to inspect and service septic tanks and step pumps. Our attorney recommends that we go ahead and acquire the Korson easement as it is a year since we got the extension on that option. Marie Korson is a constituent of ours who has been very patient throughout this process and without that easement there will be no project, so it makes sense to pull the trigger and spend the \$10,000 (in our budget) to secure that easement.

**Par Plan** On August 16, Chief Besson and I met with Mike Gombos of Michigan Par Plan, to look at risk management at the fire department. There were a few recommendations concerning liability for personal vehicles that firefighters use to get to a scene. Almost everything on Mike's checklist was an order and it was evident to me that Mike was very impressed with Chief Besson's operation and leadership..

**Speed study on M 22** The speed study is a little bit hung up right now, as there is a difference of opinion between Road commission Manager Brendan Mullane and Jessica Carpenter, MDOT safety engineer, as to whether the Road Commission needs to pass a corresponding resolution before the speed study can take place. With summer winding down we have time to sort this out and move that speed study ahead. Brendan will be contacting Jessica to figure it out.

**Pine Street** Road Commision manager Brendan Mullane met with zoning administrator Tim Cypher at the site last week. The Road Commision will be requiring the landowner permit holder who clear-cut that area to restore it according to Leland Township's requirements for waterfront landscaping. They also visited 6th Street to look at complaints about neighboring property owners infringing on the road right of way.

**Sidewalks** We received the parcel by parcel breakdown of sidewalk construction costs. I have reviewed this, added in the engineering and construction management costs, and provided the amounts to be invoiced to the clerk. Total construction costs are \$217,575 + whatever sidewalk is yet to be put in at 2<sup>nd</sup>/Pearl. \$78,243 will be billed to property owners.

**Station Bond** When figuring the millage rate for the Fire Station Bond I became curious about the call date, the first date at which that bond can be repaid in full. That date is April 1, 2025. However, we are not allowed to overlevy, to levy any more in taxes than is required to cover the next year's repayment and the associated costs. Our taxable value has risen faster than projected, so we have adjusted the rates down from the .6333 mils that was approved by the voters in 2014.

There is a good article in this month's Township Focus about the L-4029 . This is on our agenda tonight.

We need to meet with the Road Commission to discuss road funding and the cost of needed road repairs. I would like to do this on September 26th or October 3rd in the evening. Please let me know of your availability.

Susan Och