

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

To: Town Board

From: Michael Kuchta

DATES COVERED IN REPORT: June 12-23, 2023

1. Accomplished/Completed

- **Industrial Zone.** One-year lease signed for Lots 4-5; payment received.

2. Coming Up

- **Public hearing.** Dog park CUP application, Wednesday June 28, 5 p.m., Town Hall.
- **July 4 events.** Parade down Main Street, 10:30 a.m.; events on Museum Green, after parade; fireworks, 9:45 p.m.; other stuff in-between.
- **Moningwaane'akaaning Revival.** July 7-9, Joni's Beach.
- **La Pointe Center for the Arts Summer Concert Series.** Begins July 6, Rec Center, 6-8 p.m.

3. Town Board Agenda – Information/Comments

- **Fee schedule for restaurants seeking additional seating on Town property.** As discussed on June 13, we suggest adding a new category to the fee schedule: an annual fee of \$200 plus 25 cents per square foot. This would apply immediately to Grampa Tony's use of space in Russell Park; a letter to them spelling out conditions is in your packet. The restaurant sent a check to the Town for 2023, pending your approval of the fee.
- **Library Board.** See Committees memo.
- **Energy Committee.** See Committees memo.
- **Septic Waste Removal Contract.** See Town Hall Administration memo

4. Follow Up on Previous/Ongoing Projects

- **Affordable Housing.** The Town's advisory committee expects to have a Request for Qualifications for developers ready for approval at your July 11 meeting. Meanwhile, the regional work group seems to be coalescing on asking WHEDA for financial and technical assistance to create a workforce housing land trust for Ashland and Bayfield Counties.
- **Comprehensive Plan.** The Steering Committee expects to forward a preliminary draft to the Plan Commission this week. The intent is also to post the draft on the Town website for the community to begin reading. The committee will hold two public Q&A sessions: July 10 and 13.
- **Fire department.** Representatives from the department are traveling to Osceola on June 28 to check progress on the new truck.
- **Fire numbers.** Lange Enterprises provided initial recommendations on which fire numbers should be changed, as well as an up-to-date map of existing numbers. The next step is for the zoning administrator and I to convene the work group to review the recommendations.
- **La Pointe school remodeling.** The school district's building and grounds committee has given itself a January deadline to decide whether to proceed with the project in 2024, and where to get the money to pay for it.

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- **Rental ordinance.** Town Attorney Max Lindsey is reviewing the latest draft of proposed revisions; the work group's hope is that he will complete his review before the Town Plan Commission's meeting on July 5. A memo explaining changes also is drafted.
- **Repeater.** Filed an insurance claim on the repeater tower and had phone conversation with insurance adjuster; no decision yet.
- **Sanitary District.** Wrote to James Lemke of the DNR's real estate division asking about revamping the RV Dump Station contract; no response yet. Also, the sanitary district board voted to ask the Town to reduce the speed limit and forbid parking on Snow Place Road. I'll research our options on that.

5. Grant Report

- **Public Arts Committee.** See Town Hall administration memo.

6. Lawsuits/Legal Issues

- **Harbor Commission.** See separate memo.
- **Ashland County: Claim under state statute 893.80.** We received official notification on June 21 of the County's denial of the claim. The Town now has six months – until Dec. 21 – to file any lawsuit challenging the denial.

7. Other Information

- **ESB.** The building's fire, smoke and carbon monoxide systems all passed inspection.