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Town Administrator's Report

October 28, 2014

The areas and issues in which we have worked since the last Regular Town Board Meeting are as follows:

- **Big Bay Town Park :** We have been working with Arnie Mackey Construction to close out the contract with respect to the BBTP Improvement Project. Change Orders, Draws and Lien Waivers have been examined and it appears that AMC has fulfilled its responsibilities. Arnie Mackey has made request for release of the 5% Retainage. There remains final discussions/negotiations with Brown Plumbing and 5-Star Electric (these firms are associated since Tony Brown is a principal in each) – there are several significant questions regarding previous payments – accounting assignments and outstanding balances. We await scheduling of those concluding meetings and substantiating documents – signed change orders or add-ons --- we have stated that the Town will only be responsible for work associated with a signed change or add-on. ******In addition, discussion and e-mail follow-up with Ed Slaminski – DNR Land & Recreation Grants Specialist – Mr. Slaminski agreed that the outside boardwalk, pedestrian bridge, rough campsites and trail that connects the Town Park with the State Park fulfills the Town responsibilities under the grants – confirming e-mail sent – will allow Slaminski to authorize reimbursement of @ \$ 370,000 +- to Town.*
- **Winter Transportation:** The Winter Transportation Committee has met on several occasions to bring together the principals – the Town, the Bayfield School District and the Ferry Line. The integrity of the current large windsled has been discussed and it has been determined (based on input from Windsleds Inc.) that the sled will be usable for the next two (2) seasons – potentially with some repair and rehabilitation. The Committee is researching and reviewing options for either rebuilding or replacing the large windsled.

- **Ashland County:** Discussions/negotiations with Ashland County regarding the Act 282 property-tax exemption application and 2014 budget contributions for both law enforcement and zoning. As of this moment, those budget contributions will be the same as those of 2014 - \$124,500. and \$ 5,000. respectively. The Board will discuss and consider a County request to postpone/delay application for exemption to allow the County time to seek an amendment to the Act which will allow reapportionment of the exempted revenues.
- **Budgets:** The lion's share of activities – on the part of virtually all elected and appointed officials and employees - have been devoted to the development, consideration and workshops related to the 2015 budget. There remains one (1) more workshop (Zoning and Planning) and additional information regarding the Harbor Committee request in order to have a consolidated budget proposal to evaluate and consider. Smith Group JJR has been contacted to provide breakdowns of financial requirements by Task in order to determine the actual cost of engineering and design of Town Dock and Joni's Beach Dock.
- **Requests for Proposals and Claims:** Researched the necessity of reposting RFP for Propane based on Class II Notice requirements – reposted and re-inserted with necessary deadlines – the Board will receive bids at its 11/11 mtg. Insurance and adjuster issues related to Claim and Claims – Board has already moved to submit and will make its decision regarding acceptance or rejection this evening.