

Town Administrator's Report

February 12, 2013

The Administrator has been involved in a broad range of issues in the time since the last report, among them:

- Discussions and revisions/simplifications to the Ashland County/Town Law Enforcement Contract.
- Administrative/Administration organizational issues.
- Army Corp – Confirmation of permit issuance on outstanding Island projects – private and public. Confirmed by two (2) Corp directors (Jeff Olson/Brad Johnson)
- Preliminary consideration and initial funding possibilities for Community Center.
- Strategy and tactics with respect to settling/concluding contract and billing disputes with Chequamegon Bay Engineering.
- Potential for a new Town Board Resolution regarding Mining which would underscore and augment support for the Bad River Band.
- Development of wage and job description for summer intern dedicated to containment of invasive species in conjunction with MIWP.
- Continued discussions with Bayfield School District to re-establish Winter Transportation Committee – mtg with Superintendent scheduled.
- Worked with Rep Bewley regarding exemption from County property tax for those functions self-financed by the Town – Rep Bewley to carry bill in the house – Sen Jauch in senate.
- Advancing preliminary funding matrix, designs and costs for Harbor Improvement Project permitting and sequencing with Smith Group JJR and Harbor Committee.
- Working with Windsleds, Inc. to secure companies to replace hull and build new mid-size sled – beginning to isolate potential grant funding sources for repair and construction.
- Big Bay Town Park – anticipated/confirmed permit issuance (to occur in Feb) – background and revenue projections to assist Town Board in a final decision regarding size and scope of project.
- Mtgs regarding potential development of microloan program --- receipt of ltr from Peter Rogers offering to donate up to \$5,000 in 1 to1 match to assist in loan fund development.
- Progress – with Barb Nelson, Glenn Carlson and Tom Banner – in rewrite and reworking of Personnel Policy and Handbook that reflects dynamics and Board decisions regarding Town Administrator's position and areas of responsibility/oversight.

- Discussion and due diligence regarding the potential institution of 1% voluntary donation to support community center based on '1% for Open Spaces' program established in Crested Butte, CO.

In addition to the foregoing specific areas and activities, the Town Administrator continues to maintain a strict 'open door' policy – available and amenable to discussing any relevant Town issue, with any citizen, at any time. Further, the Town Administrator, on a daily basis, ensures that time is taken to make 'rounds' of the community to talk with , listen to and keep citizens and elected officials up to speed with what is happening at Town Hall and to seek their thoughts, ideas and concerns regarding both direction and programs undertaken, anticipated or under consideration by the Town.