



February 28, 2020

Mayor Donald D. Lyons
City Council Members

Dear Mayor Lyons and City Council Members:

Next Meeting: Planning Commission, Monday, March 2nd at 7pm

The following report has been prepared to provide you with an update on current issues or projects in progress:

Assistant City Manager Natalie Dean, reports that Dowagiac will be participating in the Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP) grant this spring—**IN A BIG WAY!** The City was notified yesterday that we are receiving the maximum grant (\$30,000) for Round 5 NEP funds. We also found out yesterday that we are receiving the “High Performer” grant in the amount of \$25,000, awarded for our administration of the Round 4 funds. The High Performer grant dollars are tied to the Round 4 grant; therefore, they will need to be administered in the same neighborhoods. This spring: There will be 5 more projects in the southern neighborhoods and 6 projects we can tackle in the northern neighborhoods! Just as soon as MSHDA gives us the go-ahead, we are off and running!

DPS Director Chad Tyrakowski, reports on projects across the city. The electric crew continued termination work on the Grove St. reconstruct, maximizing progress with the final days of lineman Dale Myer, who’s unofficial last-day was yesterday. We are working with Midwest Energy and Communications (MEC) to assist as needed, and also host safety training provided through the Michigan Electric Cooperative Association (MECA), beginning in March. In addition, we registered for another year with Elm Training, provided by Ron Cook for our Mutual Aid members. The crew also assisted DPW with plowing and pulling the pumps at Pokagon lift-station for cleaning.

Activities in DPW include jetting the sewer main on Lincoln as a preventative measure, addressing issues with Vineyard and Pokagon lift-stations, investigating a PVC/Clay connection on Haines St., patching city roads and the WWTP drive, and filling a void on N. Paul near a storm water inlet. We will explore this further once weather allows. They were also able to repair a leaking hydrant on E. Division, perform some alley maintenance, pick-up some brush, and clear a fallen tree in Rudophi trails.

In preparation for testing this spring, three members of DPW and our civil engineer tech attended a three-day EGLE approved Basic Math and Hydraulics short-course in Gull Lake. Mid-year inventories continues as time allows. The sewer camera truck issues have been resolved and is back in working order. The first quarter landfill inspection report was completed. And, we received the EGLE survey report from their visit of the compost site last summer, giving us two weeks to submit a correction plan for any noted deficiencies.

At the WWTP, the NOVA tertiary filter number two had another drive trunnion shaft bearing failure. Dubois Cooper will be contacted to discuss corrective measures.

Sincerely,



Kevin Anderson, City Manager