

Water Board Report

March 2, 2021

- Hydrant on Tamarac is still out of service.
- Voted to buy a new trimble reader to read new endpoints at a cost of \$8,195.
- Voted to overhaul well 2 at a cost not to exceed \$13,600. Last overhaul was in 2004.

Centreville Fire Chief's Report

February 2021

- We had 4 calls for the month of February
 - Village had 0 calls
 - Nottawa had 2 calls
 1. 22787 Riverside Dr. Structure fire/ Thermostat caught fire inside the wall
 2. 23703 River Run Rd Assist Lifecare/ Hemorage
 - Lockport had 1 call
 1. Hoshel Rd near the canoe park. Fully involved vehicle fire/ no one around possibly stolen vehicle
 - We also had 1 Mutual aide to Constantine Fire Department/ 19662 Centreville-Constantine cardiac arrest.
- We would like to welcome Matt Hasbrouck to the department. Matt will be a 3rd generation firefighter for Centreville. Matt served in the U.S. Marine Corp. and now serves in the National Guard.

Report on Three Rivers Public Library Board Meeting

held on February 23, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom

- The contract for the Women's Club to use space in the lower level of the library at a monthly rate of \$50 has been finalized;
- Two well-qualified candidates have submitted applications to fill two open positions on the Library Board. After much discussion, it was determined that their applications, along with a recommendation to appoint them, be sent to the City for their approval. (Note: On March 2, both candidates, Vicki Wordelman and Desiree Horrocks, were approved by the city commission and are awaiting their swearing-in procedure).;
- A nomination to renew the current Board officers was approved as follows: Julie Keefer, President; Mike Fleckenstein, Vice President; and Linda Munro, Secretary;
- An emergency purchase of a refurbished copier with less than one month of usage and with full warranty at a cost of \$3,400 (half the price of a new one) was approved;
- The Board went into closed session to evaluate the performance of Bobbi Schoon, Interim Director of the Library;
- The library remains open with reduced hours, limited services, and reduced capacity. All appears to be going well;

- On-line programs and information is available on their website: info@threeriverslibrary.org or by calling 269/273-8666;
- Next meeting will be March 23, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom.

Report on Three Rivers Public Library Special Board Meeting

held on March 3, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. on Zoom

- After six months of negotiations with Park Township (PT), a special meeting was necessary, as their contract with the Three Rivers Public Library (TRPL) is set to expire on March 19, 2021. I will attempt to provide this update to the best of my ability.
- The TRPL sent off a final contract to PT following the February 23rd Board meeting. The projected contract called for PT to assign the TRPL 50% of the penal fines and 50% of their library state aid and to pay 50% of 0.3 mill of the township taxable property value (which may change each year);
- PT rejected this contract and made a counter offer to TRPL agreeing to assign 50% of the penal fines and pay a flat rate of \$15,000/yr. (with this amount increasing annually, based on the consumer's price index for the year);
- During a lengthy discussion, TRPL rejected PT's counter offer;
- Reasons for rejecting PT's counter offer included the following points:
 - It would be unfair to Lockport and Fabius Townships to establish a different set of rules at a lower rate;
 - PT's proposed contract could jeopardize TRPL's eligibility for library state financial aid;
- Important points brought up to support the decision by TRPL to reject PT's counter offer included the following:
 - Although PT was previously paying approximately \$5/yr. per patron and would now increase to approximately \$8/yr., this connects the PT residents to a lot of library services that are valued at thousands of dollars per year;
 - The city residents receive the same services at approximately \$60/yr. per patron;
 - The actual increase for PT for the past 5 years would be approximately \$1,600, putting their projected annual cost at about \$21,132;
- If TRPL and PT cannot come to an agreement shortly, there were a couple alternative suggestions discussed:
 - The Government Relations Committee could meet with TRPL and PT and attempt to resolve this issue with the assistance of a mediator. (This meeting may be of interest to Lockport Township as well, because it would provide important details explaining how the cost to townships is determined and how the value of service is determined.);
 - As a last result, one PT resident suggested that PT be asked to cover the annual cost of PT residents who would like to remain patrons of TRPL.

The current cost is \$50 for a household of up to 2 people or \$75 for a family per year. (This action would have to be established at a township level with the possibility of issuing vouchers to residents to submit to the library when they register. It would involve some work on their behalf, as well as for the TRPL, but it may be a possibility.)

- At this point, the Three Rivers Public Library has notified Park Township of their decision to not accept their counter offer and is waiting for a response.

Government Relations Committee:

met on March 2nd via Zoom. I provided the group with an update from the Chamber.

Three Rivers Health – reported needing 2 officials from each township (Supervisor + another Board Member) and the City of TR to attend a meeting with Beacon Health and TR Health as they proceed with the partnership

St. Joseph County – reported being zoom bombed at their meeting, helping with the vaccine distribution and bringing the Johnson & Johnson vaccine in and distributing about 1,000 per week, hiring for the prosecutor's office, elections in May for a few districts and gradually opening up the courts building.

Centreville – reported waiting for a survey in the Industrial Park for Nottawa Gas and looking for grants for Park & Rec.

Lockport Township – reported holding a workshop on Private Roads and Zoning

Park Township – reported voting soon regarding the TR library contract and considering a road millage on August ballot

Fabius Township – reported working on budget, anticipating state revenue sharing to be down and getting new computers

Constantine – reported recreational marijuana in legal challenges and village in a lawsuit, Easter Egg Hunt coming and working on the Fireworks for July 4th.

City of Three Rivers – reported 2 site plans for residential development, Broadway trail is market out and construction will begin soon, grateful for the help from the FPF on recent house fires, working on the former hospital demo, trimming trees contracts out as well as construction projects for roads, sewer and water, DDA obtained grants for outdoor seats and heaters, Housing corporation continuing to take tax sale houses and resell with renovation requirements causing an increase in the quality of houses in the City.

Website Report

March 6, 2021

If anyone wants to add anything to the website please contact Mark or Melissa.

Cash Report

LOCKPORT TOWNSHIP TREASURER'S MONTHLY CASH STATEMENT

BANK BALANCE
31-Jan-21

BEGINNING BALANCE SMB GENERAL CHECKING #558	\$4,893.09
DEPOSITS	\$52,253.56
CHECKS DRAWN	\$56,134.63
SUB TOTAL	\$1,012.02
OUTSTANDING CHECKS	\$361.64
OUTSTANDING DEPOSITS	\$0.00
ADJUSTED CHECKING BALANCE	\$650.38

TRANSFERS FROM GEN SAVS#2470 TO GEN CKG#559	\$23,887.00
CHECKS DRAWN 02/08/2021	\$23,410.00
CHECKING BALANCE TO DATE	\$1,127.38

BALANCE OF ACCOUNTS TO DATE:

GENERAL CHECKING BALANCE #5598	\$1,127.38
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SOUTHERN MICHIGAN BANK GENERAL SAVINGS #2470 <i>(\$112,000 IS FOR FIRE TRUCK FUND) (Includes \$2,867.38 in Inspections/Building Fund)</i>	\$333,855.71
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FLAGSTAR SAVINGS #3993	\$257,241.18
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HORIZON BANK CD#6170 (4-8-2021)	\$186,896.20
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KELLOGG COMM FED CU CD#9300 (12-15-21)	\$80,535.94
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KELLOGG COMM FED CU SAVINGS	\$5.00
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THREE RIVERS BANKING CD #5040 (04-08-22)	\$118,045.00
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SOUTHERN MICHIGAN BANK CD#5608 (06-16-21)	\$51,917.57
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SOUTHERN MICHIGAN BANK ESCROW #2468	\$1.34
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TOTAL CASH ACCOUNTS:	\$1,029,625.32
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TREASURER'S TAX PETTY CASH ON HAND:	\$100.00
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2020-2021 TAX CHECKING #2819 & SAVINGS #5614 ACCTS SUMMARY

Balance Forward Tax Accounts:	\$546,787.72
Plus Tax Deposits #2819 01/12/21-02/08/21	\$439,919.60
Minus Service Chgs #2819 & #5614	\$0.00
Plus Interest #2819 & #5614/or NSF fees paid	\$105.73
Plus Voided Checks	\$0.00
Minus NSF/reversals etc.	\$0.00
Minus Pmts/transfers made #2819 01/12/21-02/08/21	\$638,747.41
TOTAL COMBINED TAX ACCOUNTS AS OF 02/08/2021	\$348,065.64