

## CITY MANAGER REPORT

TO: Mayor Pat Humphrey & Clare City Commission  
FROM: Jeremy Howard, City Manager  
DATE: November 11, 2021  
RE: City Manager's Report

For the Agenda of November 16, 2021

---

Lake Shamrock Dredging. Still waiting on EGLE to approve our new location so that we can get the hauling contract to you for approval. It was forwarded to the engineering staff from the EGLE Floodplains Unit in order to review the site to determine if there are any floodplain issues. They have issues with the location as it is in the 100-year flood plain according to them and now therefore would require another complete permit submission and full review for that site location. We are working with our contracted engineer to determine next steps.

Little Tobacco River Drain Project. The Dunlop Street bridge has been set, backfilled with stone for asphalt and weather permitting will get asphalt Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. If Central can't get to it Friday, their plan is Wednesday the next week. As for the 4th Street bridge, they have the sewer lines changed over, water lines tied to the new poly pipe they bored under the drain and demolition started November 10<sup>th</sup> taking out the existing bridge. The boxes for 4th Street will be set next Wednesday and the plan is to have that street paved yet this year.

Planning Commission. The Planning Commission approved 2 site plans at their last meeting.

- Amy Shindorf & Gordon Risbridger – 504 Riverside – Tiny House
- Doherty Hotel – 604 North McEwan – Patio Pavilion

They also heard a presentation from McKenna on the Master Plan Update process and next steps. They will be working on the update over the next 6-8 months. Lastly, they had a discussion on sign heights on the North end of town after the recent ZBA variance granted to Peterbilt. They have decided to wait and see what the new sign looks like in that area before determining if any changes are needed to the sign ordinance at this time.

Lead and Copper Water Service Line Replacements. As you know, the city received a large grant from the State of Michigan thanks to Speaker Wentworth last year. After our normal bid process, the City Commission then approved Gerber Construction to come in and replace the remaining service lines throughout the city that need to be replaced. There are approximately 200 lines that will be done and are galvanized lines. All of our known lead lines were already replaced last year as soon as we found them. Gerber will be beginning work in the next week or two.

Clare's 1<sup>st</sup> Family Night Out. The event was a huge success. The weather was great and the feedback from families and the community have been very positive. Hopefully this will be the first year of many years to come with this event. It really was a great time for families to spend together and enjoy activities in the Clare area.

Leaves. Just a reminder to citizens now that we are into the Fall season and leaves are falling, please remember not to rake leaves into city streets. This can cause issues with both the street sweeper and it can clog city storm sewers. The City of Clare does however participate in the residential curbside yard waste collection program. Yard waste is collected on Thursdays from April 1 through November 30 (barring substantial snowfall). Yard waste will not be collected if placed in plastic bags or cardboard boxes. It must be in one of the following:

- Biodegradable bags-Available at the City Clerk's Office in Clare City Hall for a nominal fee.
- A privately owned rigid container (trash can) that has the words "YARD WASTE ONLY" clearly painted (or otherwise permanently marked) on the side. No Yard Waste container shall ever weigh more than 35 pounds when full.
- Yard Waste must be placed to the curb before 6:00 a.m. on the day of collection as drivers will only go down each street one time. When a major holiday (New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day) falls on a regular working day, collection will be one day later. If the holiday falls on Sunday, it will not affect collection services.

Attachments: None