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Supervisors Report for January 2025

The month of December was quite busy. I'll break down my month.

1. I met with Bob Hughes regarding his letter to the board and his concerns. Our town is fast outgrowing it's services. Our emergency equipment although some of which is in need of updating is ok but the bottom line is people. Our emergency personnel are getting older and younger folks aren't stepping up to fill the positions. We need to look into options and incentives to encourage younger folks to get involved in our emergency services. I am looking into upgrades to our communication radios for ambulance and fire crews as well as an automatic CPR machine to take the place of another person in case of a cardiac event. It would be funded through Alger County and a important piece of equipment for our aging community. I also discussed with our Sheriff our patrol contract and how we can fine tune and improve it.

2. I met with the parks and recreation department in Marquette to look into the Mobi mat option for agate beach. The rock show folks are willing to donate 14000 dollars for this project. It along with some adaptation to the boardwalk would allow wheelchair bound folks and walkers to access and enjoy our beach. They as well as South Bend Michigan use them and say the work and hold up very well.

3. I've poked around and looked at the bathrooms at the bottom of bay hill. I'd like to look into the cost and feasibility of repairing them, adding power and improving the stairway as well as the sidewalk from the playground to allow for handicap accessibility. They are in great disrepair and would be a great help especially in the summer months. We could winterize them in the fall.

4. I've talked to both Devin Lawrence and Ed Petersen. I don't think we as the township should take a stand one way or the other in this issue.

The alleys have been used in one way or another for many years as public access. I think alley ways and use of them will be addressed in the new zoning plan. I will make a motion and take a vote by the board to reflect our stand on this issue,

5. After last Friday I have elected to fence the Green Space again this year. I had hoped that the "WELCOME SNOWMOBILES" sign would be sufficient but it wasn't so I had no choice but to put the fence back up. I have discussed options with the road commission and Sean at the Brewery to provide additional parking in the vacant lot to the west.

I'll continue to work on this issue.

Thank you
And as always, I welcome
your comments and concerns

Jon Babbitt
Burt Township Supervisor

