

b) Finance

Met yesterday, this was the second meeting in preparation for the close of the 09/10 fiscal year. Everything went well and it looks like we will finish better than last year. The finance committee works hard to make projections to the end of the year at their meetings each month.

c) Water/Sewer & Solid Waste

The water/sewer project continues to move forward. Josh will comment in his report. There are some drainage issues on Corning Ave that will be attended to. All water/sewer leads are in except for those on Bellows.

d) Recreation Board

There was no meeting.

e) Fire Advisory

There was no meeting.

f) Planning Commission

Met on the 10th of the month. The final Master Plan Document is here at City hall, copies will be available in book or CD format. There were changes to the Gateway Village site plan to address overflow drainage problems and hydrant relocation. The resignation of Suz McLaughlin was accepted. Larry Miller was volunteered to replace Suz in the interim.

Motion by Mayor Johnson, (no second required) to appoint Larry Miller to the Planning Commission to finish out the term vacated by Suz McLaughlin. Term to expire 04/09/2011.

RC: Yeas: All Nays: None Motion **CARRIED**

g) Airport Authority

The glider club is not happy about the \$5 fee the airport is asking them to pay for their take offs. Harwood suggests 30 days to try and work something out with the glider club.

h) Grant

Mills is in the process of writing a grant application to the Northwest Michigan Council of Governments. The grant is for \$20,000 towards a Grand Vision project which will be for funding the virtual model and the ABCD (Asset Based Community Development) funding. Mills has the request in for the HUD grant and is working on supplying information for the MDNR grant.

i) BLUA

Working hard to get the waste haulers to use BLUA this will hopefully keep BLUA from asking the municipalities for cost increases.

j) Brownfield Redevelopment

No meeting.

k) Marina Authority

No report.

l) Commissioners Report – Kristin Hollenbeck

The budget committee for the County met and they are trying to shave \$600,000 from the budget. The Sheriffs Department has laid off 7 officers, which leaves five to handle road patrol. The commissioners voted not to hire an administrator or 911 coordinator right now. Platte Twp has opened up some areas for ORV's. Steve Haugen is coordinating with Leelanau to form a joint building department. Norma Eason came before the board to ask for continuation of her position at the Maples.

Departmental Reports

Clerk/Treasurer – Kidder told of the young lady who came into City Hall to make a donation towards park equipment because she misses the structure at Mineral Springs Park. Helen Erginkara had \$53.00 wrapped up with a rubber band.

Kidder stated that there were 322 voters for the August Primary which is a low turnout but normal for an off year primary. The biggest difficulty voters faced were splitting their ticket which you cannot do in a primary election.

Kidder stated that the Launch Ramp is still down for the year but the Marina is showing an increase over last year. The audit will be sometime in September, no date has been set yet.

Superintendent – Mills stated that from the merchants he has spoken with there have had a banner summer season. The DPW has done a great job maintaining the parks and beaches and streets. The town has never looked better. Mills was pleased with the level of services the City was able to provide in this downturned economy. Mills is looking at warnings for the beach area when the riptides are present; the problem is people will still go in. Mills will speak to the Coast Guard to see if they have any suggestions and get back to council.

The USDA project is nearing completion, with substantial completion around Labor Day. The stripping plan for the launch ramp is waiting for approval from the MDNR. They are wanting the plan to show the vehicles and trailers backing out of the parking spot, where the City would like the vehicles and trailers to drive thru instead.

There is a Zoning Workshop in Traverse City on Thursday, members from the Planning Commission and Josh will be attending. Mills will be sending out a letter later next week on the City's interest in the Frankfort Lighthouse.

Stransky would like to be present when the walk through is done for the Launch Ramp project. There were some issues about different size boat using different docks. Mills updated on the brown out that caused the sewer overflow and the placement of a battery back up phone system as well as updating the council on fire and first responder runs. The marina and launch ramp revenues are still down over last year. Mills is sending out letters to residence that have violated the junk ordinance and asked that measures be taken to alleviate the problem.

