



MEMORANDUM

Date: January 10, 2025
To: Mayor Nemecek and the Boyne City City Commission
From: Michael Cain, City Manager
Subject: City Manager's Report – Preliminary

Note: Updated or new items are highlighted

- +New pumps 1 and 2 at the Rivermouth pump station continue to work well. There was a brief outage when both pumps had to be reset but we believe that was an outside electrical issue and not related to clogging. We are still working on the recommendation for replacing pump 3 so that is not on Tuesday's agenda.
- +The replacement pump and piping for water production well #4 is complete and continues to work well.
- +The new Trackless sidewalk plow vehicle arrived today. We are working to get the old one and the chute we don't use out for bid.
- +The Zoning ordinance amendment that would allow for a daycare on Vogel Street will be going to the Planning Commission for consideration on the 20th and if all goes well there it should come to the City Commission on the 28th for a first reading.
- +Christmas came a bit early for Boyne City when before the holidays the Michigan Natural Trust Fund Board of Trustees recommended to the State Legislature that our \$322,000 grant funding request for additional improvements be included for approval. We have been told that it could take 4-6 months for that final approval. As we get more information this matter it will come back to the City Commission for consideration. I do not anticipate work taking place before 2026, at the earliest.
- +The most viable date for a full Joint Board and Commission meeting where it appears there is a chance that all City Commissioners could be present appears to be the evening of Wednesday, February 5th. If there is enough interest in that date we could send out a 'save the date' notice to all our Boards and Commissions and then confirm it with the City Commission at our next meeting on January 28th.
- +We have received two responses to our RFQ from firms interested in developing housing on currently City owned property north and east of Lake View Apartments. I would recommend that we look at setting up work sessions with the developers to review their submittals.
- +On December 17th we again received one bid for the five streets (map attached) that came in way over the original estimate of \$583,481 last year. The most recent bid, from the same bidder, came in at \$709,245. We are looking to see if there is any way to make this work before giving up on the \$250,000 MDOT grant.
- +Attached is the 2025 IMPACT Report that our Main Street program recently received working with the Michigan Main Street Program. It is designed to give an overview of the DDA and Main Street activities. Further, it includes feedback received from our annual surveys that provides insight into trends and needs. One item of note is that for the second year in a row, the 25% of our Pulse Poll respondents (85% of which are from the Boyne area) said their trips to downtown increased over the past year.

+We have received two applications to date for the Planning Director's position. Applications are due on Monday.

+I am continuing to work on action items and other items as part of the current City Manager's evaluation. That will be completed prior to our next meeting.

+Attached is a picture of a revised Public Access sign. The sign on the left is the newest version. One piece and made using used City street sign metal blanks (Darcy's idea). The results is a good looking sign that much less expensive, less likely to be stolen and easier to install than the one on the right. The signs will be present for inspection at Tuesday's meeting.

+If you have any questions or would like additional information on these or other items, please let me know.

City of Boyne City 2024 Road Improvements

- Single Course Chip Seal and Fog Seal
- Single Course Mill and Overlay
- Two Course Mill and Overlay



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