

November Report 2010

November 1st, I met with Roger Swetz, the bond attorney, to sign the bond papers. In the afternoon, we had a DPW meeting to discuss using some Building and Grounds money to add to the sidewalk energy grant money. The committee decided not to spend the money. Later on, Cathy, Dick and I met with Chief Harmes. On the 2nd, Kirk, Dick and I met with Ed Benning of MTA regarding the Bus Shelters that they will put in to complement our sidewalk project. We will have the first solar lit bus shelters in the area. Following that was our weekly meeting with Attorney Lattie where several things having to do with legal implications were discussed. At noon, I met with Mike Strader from MERS. That afternoon, I delivered some papers to Sheila Auten at the County Planning Commission. The next day, Dick, Chief Stamm and I attended the Annual Fang Luncheon and Conference. The following day, I attended the Technical Advisory Committee for the Metropolitan Planning Commission where they went over the Genesee County Public Participation Plan and the Freight Connectivity Study made a presentation. After that, I attended the funeral for the mother of one of our employees, Crystal, who handles code enforcement and fire inspections. After that I worked with Maria Hobson to finalize plans for the meeting we were hosting on the fuel chargers at the Regional Chamber of Commerce. Friday morning was the Annual Meeting of the Metropolitan Planning Commission at the MTA Building. After the meeting Maria and I took John Auld, from Shocking Solutions, the speaker at the breakout session on fuel chargers at the Metropolitan Planning Annual meeting out to lunch. We followed that by showing him the locations where we planned to install the chargers.

That afternoon was our meeting at the Regional Chamber. Mr. Auld of Shocking Solutions summarized his morning presentation at MTA. Mr. Gauthier, Director of Next Energy, cited Michigan's high ranking in regard to other mid-west states. He explained his company's work with the state to help businesses review ideas and help plan placement of fuel chargers for electric vehicles. It was his contention and the state's that this would give the project a bad look if there were multiple unused charger sites. Seth Gerber from Consumers Energy went over their involvement with the installation of power for the chargers, and potential costs, both for residential, commercial and other uses. I talked about the potential for a tax rebate for installation of chargers under House Bill 6435 and Kevin Bai and Mehrad Zadeh, professors from Kettering, told of their plan for a prototype of a solar powered fuel charger. The rest of the time was spent in questions and

answers from future recipients of the chargers like Rod Jones of Genesys and Tom Riddle and Pam Montgomery of Holiday Inn Express. Others interested parties were Jay Freeman representing the Electrical Workers Union and Jim Kane from Magna Electronics as well as Keith Edwards from the Genesee Regional Chamber of Commerce, Maria and myself.

Tuesday, November 9th, was the weekly meeting with Mr. Lattie and after that was the ribbon cutting for the official opening of Ichiban, the Japanese restaurant, in the Silverton complex. That night was the Committee of the Whole. Thursday, I worked with Mr. Lattie to clarify some of the language that would be proposed in the Board meeting that night. That was a hard night as we disclosed that we would have to lay off some of our personnel to reach a balanced budget. Especially hard was the elimination of the Administrative Assistant position to Dick and I. People always stopped to talk to Nancy. She always made them feel welcome. She was also our top charity person. Hardly a week went by when Nancy wasn't working on some cause or charity; and Brad, Janie Dave and Darene have been part of our township "family" since I first came on the Board in 1988. It's something I won't get over for quite awhile. Friday, I met with our insurance attorney for deposition in Roger Buell's case against the Township.

The next Tuesday started with Roads and Bridges where we discussed the comparative pricing and efficiency or viability of chloride application versus brine. This was followed by the weekly meeting with David Lattie. In the afternoon was the Strategic Plan meeting for Genesee Regional Chamber at Baker College. The next morning was the Supervisors' Breakfast followed by Water and Waste. The agenda there centered around a recap of the KWA Organizational Meeting and Commissioner Wright's projections on the future working of the KWA organization and of the pipeline plans and timeline. This was followed by a report from the Surface Water Committee on the Public Education Program, Monitoring and Mapping and on Best Management Practices. There was a meeting on Freight by Rail in the afternoon, which Dick attended for me since I had a doctor's appointment.

The week of the 21st started with a meeting of the Historic Commission. The next day was the weekly meeting with Attorney Lattie and back and forth conversations on the scheduling of contract negotiation times. Then there was a meeting with a Flint Journal reporter and another Grumlaw meeting. The month

finished off with a couple of DPW meetings especially pertaining to moving the mechanics bay to relieve our air quality problems and completing our lift station projects. Hope you had a Great Thanksgiving.