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Mayor's Report April 23, 2009

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- April 13, 2009 dinner with Monroe Municipal Leaders and Congressman Dingell. Expressed my concern about the funding of stimulus waste water projects under the "revolving funds". I pointed out that Ohio is a 100% grant format rather than the minus interest loan process like Michigan. Congressman Dingell felt that the state was trying to use processes to disperse the stimulus dollars quickly and spread it around more evenly and that the process is in motion and would not be changed at this late date. The Supervisor from Whiteford Township expressed the same concerns and Supervisor Larry Rutledge voiced agreement with both of us on this issue. We made our point clearly, and Congressman Dingell heard us completely, but the Governor was the one in control of how the money would be dispersed and he felt it was out of his control. I also asked about the "white paper" we sent to his office concerning the shoreline. He asked his Field Representative Josh Meyer to bring the paperwork to him the following day. After dinner Josh talked with me and said he would meet with the Congressman and I should hear back from him in a week or two.
- Michael Bailey from Dietrich, Bailey and Associates has looked into USDA loans for the shoreline much as we have for the WWTP, he reports that we can apply for one. He said there may also be grant money available if there is a safety factor involved. This gives us more options concerning Shoreline improvements.
- Along with Administrator Stewart we applied for stimulus money under the "High Priority Project" of transportation. We met the deadline and provided all the documentation required. Now we wait to hear!
- Met with Dave Bernstein concerning a Community Garden, more importantly a "Victory Garden", intended to help provide food to supplement our sparse grocery supplies.
- Kids Day Meeting – no shows, will have to rethink how to organize the event.
- LaSalle Arbitration meeting postponed
- "Hub" Committee meeting with Chris Cortèges from Detroit about the catamaran service to Put-In-Bay