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Mayor's Report November 12, 2009

Attended Sewage Treatment Agreement Arbitration Board

- Dan Stefanski, Monroe County Drain Commissioner moderated the meeting.
- Mr. Stefanski made no decisions, but referred to the meeting as a “fact finding” session
- Supervisor Rutledge voiced his concerns that LaSalle was not a partner in the system, but rather a customer of the system. He also stated that he would like to see a yearly review of the rates so if there is an increase it will not be significant in nature. He supports any decision of the Drain Commissioner to be fair and to settle this matter with no hard feeling. Several LaSalle residents spoke about their concerns with a rate increase. One resident felt it was not their responsibility to pay for maintenance after the meter. He said that LaSalle residents pay the Drain Commission fees each year to maintain their part of the sewers and he did not think that they should have to pay for maintenance within the City limits.
- In addition to Administrator Stewart and myself we invited the following to attend; Bob Snyder DEQ, Steve Wordelman from Jones & Henry and Jason Dobson. All guests spoke to the Commissioner giving information on our behalf and answering questions. Bob Snyder from the DEQ voiced several issues 1) LaSalle received grants through the MCDC office for this project 2) The City can only charge the system for operations, maintenance and can not charge for debt. 3) Each customer must pay their “fair” share of the costs. 4) System must generate sufficient funds to cover costs.
- Commissioner Stefanski told the meeting that he would be gathering more information over the next 2 weeks and we would meet again in December for his decision.

Luna Pier Business Association Meeting

- Decided to endorse business friendly candidates; Mike Lucarrelli and Nola Young for the election, plan to take out a MEN ad and make posters for the businesses.
- Taking nominations from members for any individual who promotes business in Luna Pier. Awarded at the Christmas party.

EDC & Planning Commission

- Randy Mielnik of Poggemeyer spoke to the Commission about questions concerning the master plan zoning map, he feels the master plan is shaping up well.
- There is an offer on Balencia, the interested party intends on making it an assisted living center for approx. 9 residents.
- Commissioner Murray brought thick packets of information to share with each

Commissioner from his attendance at the Planning Conference

DBA

- Gave permission for DBA to put a proposal together to pre-qualify the city for Rural Development USDA loan for shoreline improvements at a cost of \$1,800 as passed by Council
- Gave questions to DBA, which MDOT requested, to qualify us for their support to the federal government for Ferry Discretionary Funds.

Employee Grievance

- Attached letter sent in answer to grievance
- Next step would be an appeal to Council in closed session.

Addressed other Employee Concerns

- Called an office meeting for Tuesday November 10th at 4:30pm

Swine Flu Vaccine

- See attached e-mail offering swine flu vaccines to employees at City's expense
- In my researched I realized that the Swine Flu vaccines are currently free of charge to high risk groups.
- I would like Council to allow DPW, WWTP and Police to go during the work day to obtain their vaccine. Also I recommend we pay the Fire Dept. for a call or \$15 if they attend a clinic to get their vaccine. The lines are extensive and time consuming.
- It is strongly recommended that WWTP, Fire Dept., DPW and Police receive the vaccines. Imagine the City operations if an entire dept. were to contract the flu at the same time?

Wage & Salary Meeting with Councilman Murray November 11th

I recommend Beth Mooney for a full-time Deputy Clerk's position until June 30, 2010

To be discussed in closed session: to start immediately, at \$16.01 per hour with a \$1 an hour raise after 6 months and up to \$17.95 after an additional 6 months. Or she may opt to stay at 16.01 per hour and receive 2 weeks paid vacation instead. If this option is chosen she would not be eligible for raise in pay until she negotiates her contract in July of 2011.

I recommend Michelle Cureton for a part-time position as Clerk until June 30, 2010