

# TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

To: Town Board

From: Michael Kuchta

DATES COVERED IN REPORT: Oct. 20-Nov. 10, 2023

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## 1. Accomplished/Completed

- **Budget.** Completed spreadsheets for final budget framework, including multiple police scheduling options.
- **Gazette.** Submitted "Report from Town Hall" article, TA Reports.
- **Insurance.** Submitted liability renewal information to Horton Group.
- **LRIP application for Mondamin Trail.** Submitted application for potential state funding with only 30% Town match; Ben Schram will attend ranking of county projects on Nov. 15.

## 2. Coming Up

- **Budget Book.** Must be posted for public access by Monday Nov. 20.
- **WTA Unit Meeting.** Monday Nov. 27, 7 p.m., Pilsen Town Hall.
- **Town Meeting on tax levy, public hearing on budget.** Tuesday Dec. 5, 5 p.m.

## 3. Town Board Agenda – Information/Comments

- See separate memo.

## 4. Follow Up on Previous/Ongoing Projects

- **Affordable Housing.** Attended webinar on potential WHEDA funding. Most promising options for La Pointe include Residential Housing Infrastructure Revolving Loan Fund and Workforce Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program. There are similar programs to convert commercial properties to housing.
- **County administrators.** Met Nov. 2 with Ashland County administrator Dan Grady and Bayfield County administrator Mark Abeles-Allison regarding law enforcement issues.
- **Dog park.** Authorized Nelson Surveying to conduct property survey of Rec Center land, to establish additional fence lines.
- **Hagen Road.** Ben Schram and I signed off on the engineering firm's pavement design report and hazardous materials assessment. The Department of Transportation has some concern that the Army Corps of Engineers will not issue a wetland fill permit in time to allow 2024 construction. To minimize cost overruns, we urged the engineering firm to push forward with a 2024 schedule.

## 5. Grant Report

- Submitted an "intent to apply" with the DNR's Clean Water Fund; the partially forgivable loan could be used to build a new RV sanitary disposal station on Town-owned land near the MRF/ESB, then connect it to the sanitary district's collector system nearby.

## 6. Lawsuits/Legal Issues

- See Town Board Agenda memo.

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## 7. Other Information

- **Afterschool programs.** Glenn Carlson and I met with Samantha Dobson about potential cuts to school district's funding of afterschool programming for La Pointe families.
- **Comprehensive Plan.** Provided a potential business owner data collected for the Plan.
- **Managed forest program.** DNR is working with 13 Island landowners to conduct selective logging on about 350 acres of their land in 2024. Project may require providing space on Town dock so a barge can haul off harvested timber.