

## TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

To: Town Board

From: Michael Kuchta

DATES COVERED IN REPORT: Dec. 21, 2023-Jan. 4, 2024

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### 1. Accomplished/Completed

- See below.

### 2. Coming Up

- **Documentary.** A film crew led by Justin Giergerich is gathering footage for a documentary on winter on Madeline Island. They expect to film part of Tuesday's Town Board meeting.
- **Rental Ordinance Workshop.** Thursday Jan. 11, 4:45 p.m.
- **Comprehensive Plan Workshop.** Tuesday Jan. 16, 5 p.m.

### 3. Town Board Agenda – Information/Comments

- See separate memo.

### 4. Follow Up on Previous/Ongoing Projects

- **Fire numbers.** The zoning administrator continues to identify driveways that need multiple numbers, to identify multi-unit buildings that will need additional signs, and to work with Ashland County GIS and Land Description departments to coordinate the data base of numbers. I continue to talk with Public Works and the emergency services to coordinate replacement and/or installation of new signs at road intersections.
- **Harbor Commission.** Working capital has been transferred from the Town bank account to the commission's bank account.
- **Whitefish St. parking.** Public Works and Police continue to pursue options for enforcing the "no parking" ordinance across from the school.

### 5. Grant Report

- No update.

### 6. Lawsuits/Legal Issues

- No update.

### 7. Other Information

- **Madeline Island Museum.** Glenn Carlson and I met Jan. 5 with representatives of the Wisconsin Historical Society to learn about their plans following Keldi Merton's departure.
- **Premier resort area.** Talked with Stacey Hessel (district director in Sen. Romaine Quinn's office), to request legislative authorization for La Pointe to implement a half-cent resort area sales tax. She forwarded request to Madison office. Note: Hayward also is pursuing this authorization.
- **Service Award Program.** Payments were made into the accounts of qualifying volunteer fire and ambulance members.
- **Xcel Energy.** I met Jan. 11 with Xcel representatives to learn about their long-range plans for the cable supplying energy to the island.