

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

To: Town Board

From: Michael Kuchta

DATES COVERED IN REPORT: May 25-June 7, 2024

1. Accomplished/Completed

- **Airport sponsor certifications.** Completed nine FAA documents for Glenn's signature to send to the state Bureau of Aeronautics.
- **Electric ferry grant application.** Electronically filed application with EPA (on behalf of Harbor Commission) ahead of May 28 deadline.
- **Gazette.** Submitted Report from Town Hall, edited Town Chair's column for June issue.
- **Maintenance of Effort.** Filed this new EMS and fire reporting requirement with the state on June 4; not doing so jeopardizes a portion of the \$43,000 in state municipal aid that the Town is supposed to receive in 2024.
- **Performance reviews.** Finished written evaluations of Town Hall staff and department heads; will be scheduling one-on-one meetings.
- **SAM.gov.** Finally navigated all hurdles to renew Town's UEI with accurate, current information.
- **Zoning map.** Sent corrections to Northwest Regional Planning Commission.

2. Coming Up

- **Inline Marathon.** Saturday June 15, 7 a.m.-noon.
- **WCMA Conference.** Wednesday-Friday, June 19-21.
- **Make Music Day.** Friday June 21

3. Town Board Agenda – Information/Comments

- See separate memo.

4. Follow Up on Previous/Ongoing Projects

- **Bad River MOU.** I have a preliminary meeting with tribal representatives on June 10.
- **La Pointe School.** I met with school parents, teachers, and district staff on June 4. We continued discussions on building needs and strategies as the school board continues to debate what capital projects to pursue in a 2025 referendum. Some parents intend to attend the district's building and grounds committee meeting June 10.

5. Grant Report

- **BBTP Accessibility Project.** Sen. Tammy Baldwin's office is recommending \$1.36 million in federal funding. The project would replace the park's aging, narrow, wooden staircase and bridge with a wider ADA-compliant ramp and bridge connecting the bluff with the lagoon, beach, and Lake Superior below. Baldwin's request to the Senate Appropriations Committee does not mean this is a done deal. The Town is also pursuing up to \$250,000 in grants from the state's Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program and the Recreational Trail Program.
- **ESB Microgrid.** I started the "onboarding" paperwork from the Office of Energy Innovation. No official grant contract yet for Town Board approval.

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6. Lawsuits/Legal Issues

- See June 11 Agenda Memo.

7. Other Information

- **Extreme weather meeting.** UW Extension in Ashland County intends to hold a community meeting in La Pointe July 18 to discuss which impacts of climate change concern Islanders the most. Possibly at Town Hall; details to be determined.
- **Fire Department.** Members re-elected Rick Reichkitzer as chief on June 5.
- **MOU with Chamber of Commerce.** Met June 4 with director Sharon Zanto on agreement to designate the Chamber as the Town's "tourism entity." She will present the language to the Chamber board.