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TO: Rose Township Board Members & Residents
FROM: Alison K. Kalcec, Supervisor
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RE: Monthly Supervisor's Report

Road Commission

I have contacted the Road Commission about the RR crossing on Milford Road near Camp Wathana. I have heard numerous complaints and I drive over it everyday myself. I brought it up at a meeting with RCOC officials last spring but haven't heard back from them. Recently I noticed that the pavement outside of the track area has been cut and am trying to find out if that means something is going to happen to improve that RR crossing.

Fire Services Funding

On August 3, 2010, voters approved a renewal of the 1.3585 fire/EMS millage and an increase of .75 for fire/EMS services. This critical vote will allow the current level of services to continue. In rural communities like Rose Township, ambulance services are usually provided by the local fire department. Without our local EMS and ambulance transport, a response from an ambulance could take 30-40 minutes or more. Even though our responses come from the station on Grange Hall Road, response times for Rose Township range from 6-11 minutes depending on distance and road conditions. Our Advanced Life Support responders also have a direct link to the emergency room personnel at Genesys Health Park so patient care begins as soon as the EMS service providers arrive at the scene of a medical emergency. THANK YOU ROSE TOWNSHIP VOTERS!!

ADA Building Improvements Project

The township has received preliminary architectural drawings from Redstone Architects, Inc., for review and comment. At the August 11, 2010 board meeting, the board will have to make a decision whether to improve the lower level at 9080 Mason Street for use as a public space. My recommendation is to move forward with making all spaces in our public buildings useable for public purposes.

Medical Marijuana Issues

There has been a considerable amount of discussion surrounding the regulation of medical marijuana "facilities" in Michigan. Rural settings are particularly concerned about whether to attempt to regulate activities associated with medical marijuana. I attended a symposium in Ypsilanti on July 20th to learn more about the issues and the regulations that may or may not be needed in the future. It seems that there are basically three options for municipalities: do nothing, prohibit any medical marijuana activities and be prepared to go to court or regulate the activities through zoning ordinances. The attorney has recommended that the township adopt a 6 month moratorium to allow time for the issues to be researched and for case law to emerge that may help the township to do what is appropriate for our community.

West Oakland Pipeline Project

The West Oakland Pipeline Project is continuing. The township is receiving weekly reports from ECT, the consultant retained by the township and funded by Consumers Energy. Copies of the reports are available from the township offices. Unfortunately, there have been a number of instances of vandalism and theft at the construction site. Consumers Energy is using private security to help stop the illegal activities.

Oakland County Association of Township Supervisors (OCATS)

The OCATS meeting this month will include a presentation from SMART regarding transportation issues for communities that operate buses and/or that receive credits for SMART transportation activities. Rose Township receives credits and transfers the credits to the Village of Holly for the operation of the SMART bus that serves a number of Rose Township residents.

North Oakland County Fire Authority (N.O.C.F.A.)

Improvements to the NOCFA fire station in Rose Township will be funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act as part of the economic recovery stimulus package. Bids have been received and opened and are being evaluated. This project is a first step toward housing additional EMS services here in the township.

The North Oakland County Fire Authority Fire Fighters Association will hold its 2nd Annual Fire Fighter Shoot-out Archery Competition on Sunday, August 29th. Details are available at: <http://www.nocfa.org/ShootOut.asp>

NOCFA will begin installation of one new dry hydrant on a small pond on Tipsico Trail and will be repairing an existing dry hydrant that provides for filling tankers from Fish Lake. The projects are funded by Program Year 2007 Community Development Block Grant Funds and are part of a larger, ongoing project to improve the township's ISO rating.

New Consumers Energy Customers

Several residents of Rose Township will become new Consumers Energy Gas customers. Following our December 2009 meeting with the utility companies, residents who attended contacted Ms. Wells from Consumers Energy and have made arrangements to have new gas lines installed to serve their homes.

Oakland County Parks and Recreation

A beaver dam water flow device has been installed by Oakland County Parks personnel and has been successful in keeping the water levels in School Lot Lake at acceptable levels. The Water Resources Commission has installed gauges to monitor the lake levels. In addition, Oakland County Parks staff will be making recommendations to the township for areas that lend themselves to recreational trapping in the established season.

I will be getting with the supervisor that is responsible for the Oakland County Parks in this area to determine whether to open the gate on Buckhorn Lake Road to allow park users to carry boats in to the lake for fishing. Historically the gate has been closed to prevent vandalism but there has been some interest from residents in using the gate to access School Lot Lake.

New Ordinances

The township has adopted a new, nuisance noise ordinance to address numerous complaints from residents about noise that disturbs neighbors. The township also adopted some revised open burning regulations. The full text of the ordinances was published in the Tri-County Times on August 11, 2010 and is available on the township's website: www.rosetownship.com

More Water Level Issues

There have been a number of reported low or high water levels in part of the Buckhorn Creek water system. After some investigation it appears that a RR culvert that is in the extreme northeast part of the township was clogged with plant material. I spoke with a representative from CN Railroad who is currently engaged in resolving that culvert issue. Special equipment is necessary to access the culvert and CN was awaiting the arrival of the equipment late last week.

Shared Services Work Session

Holly Township Supervisor, Jesse Lambert, is working toward scheduling a shared services work session with Rose, Holly and Groveland townships and the Village of Holly. With the changes that may occur as the economy continues to lag and as services continue to be expensive, exploration of shared services seems to be the responsible approach to providing services to our communities.

Water Resources Commission (WRC) Meeting

On July 14th I met with Glenn Appel, Chuck Lawhorn and Charles Tischer from the Water Resources Commission (formerly known as the Drain Commission) to review the commission's role in Rose Township. We spoke at length about the Garner Drain assessment that has taken property owners by surprise this year. The good news is that the special assessment account balance for the drain cannot exceed \$2500 so it is unlikely that the assessments will increase. We also discussed ways that the commission can improve its interactions with the township and assist with situations that arise as a result of drainage issues.

