

JOINT GOVERNMENTAL ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

Monday, August 20, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m in the Escanaba City Council Chamber, Room C101, 410 Ludington Street, Escanaba, Michigan, Delta County.

Present: State Representative for 108th District Beau LaFave, Escanaba Mayor Marc D. Tall, Escanaba City Manager Patrick S. Jordan, Escanaba City Clerk Lisa M. Glish, Wells Township Supervisor Matt Jenson, Intermediate School District Superintendent Doug Leisering, Delta County Drain Commissioner George Maciejewski, Masonville Township Supervisor and Assessor Peter Brock, Richard Smith and Peter VanSteen of CUPPAD, and Gladstone/Rapid River Superintendent Jay Kulburtis.

CALL TO ORDER

Escanaba City Manager Patrick S. Jordan called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

APPROVAL/CORRECTION(S) TO MINUTES

Jordan advised that due to change over in the Escanaba City Clerk's Office, the meeting minutes from the April 16, 2018 meeting could not be found, therefore no minutes could be approved/corrected.

PARTICIPANT INTRODUCTIONS

Each member present at the table introduced themselves and stated their location and title.

DISCUSSION ITEMS – None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Update – Dark Store

Jordan reported that other communities (Counties, Cities, Townships, etc.) are responding well to the request for support funds for the Dark Store litigation.

2. Update – Wells Township Hannahville Project

Jenson reported that the project is moving along, and they are in the process of applying for additional grants to help with expenses associated with the bridge and other items. Maciejewski questioned if the current storm drain at the location will be adequate, Jenson stated that the Project Engineers will be calculating that, and will be in contact if it is not.

3. Discussion – Items of Mutual Interest and Concern and 4. Committee Member Announcements and Updates

Each member then gave an update for their area:

- Smith reported that the Escanaba Township Master Plan is almost complete and they may have a solar project development in the future.
- LaFave reported that Legislation is off at the moment. He also explained some current Bills on the floor concerning Assessors, Septics, and Building Rehabilitations. LaFave then stated that if the

Escanaba Bridge Project does not start back up by next week, he plans to urge the Governor to call in the National Guard and declare it a State of Emergency for completion since construction has been halted due to labor wage disputes.

- VanSteen reported that they are working on the next round of Façade applications for the City of Escanaba, along with a possible Brownfield for the Delta Plaza Mall due to Asbestos being found. He also stated that the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan is expiring soon, and that is in the works of being updated.
- Leisenring reported that they are getting the schools ready to open for another school year, along with applying for a Grant to assist with Talent Funding.
- Jenson reported that Bay College and Wells Township are working together on improving the Baseball Fields for the possibility of attracting a College Tournament to the area.

Hearing no further comments, the meeting adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Glish
Escanaba City Clerk
Recording Secretary