

October 28, 2020

Powell Township Board:

Re: Lighthouse Road

Virtually everyone on Lighthouse Road wants it paved. You have a petition signed by nearly all the property owners on the road. We all voted for the road millage with the belief that finally, after all these years, the road would be paved. Needless to say, we are also paying the millage with our property taxes. As citizens and taxpayers, we expect something in return. In the past we have always been told that there was no money available to pave the road. With the millage, the money is now available.

We realize that the Champagnes have expressed opposition to paving the road. They have asserted various reasons for their views. Suffice it to say that their views are not shared by the approximately 50 property owners who have signed the petition. With all due respect, they are only one property owner. Please do not let their one amplified megaphone drown out the wishes of everyone else.

I respectfully ask that this letter be read at the Township Board meeting scheduled for November 17th or later if no meeting is held on that date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Al Edgar", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Al Edgar

N4348 Lighthouse Road

I would like to address some of the issues brought up by Carla Champagne's letter to the Powell Township Board regarding Lighthouse Road.

1. An unpaved road will always cause a lot of dust, it does not matter how fast or slow someone is going, dust is there.
2. To help with the dust problem, Powell Township Board approved the brine that the county puts on every spring. It does keep the dust down, but the damage it does to cars has been documented by several residents.
3. By paving Lighthouse Road, it will only improve the neighborhood. It will not turn the area into a suburban enclave. If pavement was not important, then all roads in Powell Township, would be dirt roads.
4. As far as a paved road costing more to maintain, I find that to be false. I walk everyday and from spring of 2020 to the end of Oct., the county has graded Lighthouse Road several times and filled low spots three times. The paved Dam road has been worked on once to fill potholes at the driveway into the mill property.
5. Lighthouse Road is already more than a 30 foot right of way. The covers and ditches were done about 4 years ago, therefore, no trees would have to be taken down.
6. The taxes for a paved road would not increase as a mileage has already been passed for road improvements.

Thank-you
Jean Gertz

On Oct 9/2020 The fireworks committee held a special meeting to discuss the Sands Township Fireworks Ordinance. After reading it carefully the committee members, Bill Ford, Kim Cain and Rod Hector with a total of over 80 years of fireworks experience found the firework ordinance was a overreach, restrictive and prohibiting as written. Noting that Sands Township has NO Display township firework at all. The federal distance is 70' for every inch. They added 250' plus 70' for every inch.

In Powell Township a survey was taken a few years ago. And the #1 thing that people wanted see from the Township was their Fire works. So we held a vote. We Rejected the Proposed Ordinance as a disservice to the citizens of Powell Township. We also discussed the need for the Park and Rec, the Fire department and the board to find a way to get personnel, equipment and shells to the Breakwall for Fire on the Bay 2021.

Sands fireworks ordinance, Fireworks Committee vote

Bill Ford
Kim Cain
Rod Hector

(NO)
(NO)
(NO)

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November 17, 2020

Darlene Turner, Supervisor
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RE: UPEA – Powell Township MI Clean Water Act – Grant Application

Dear Ms. Turner,

Thank you for the opportunity to propose on this work. UP Engineers & Architects, Inc. (UPEA) has served Powell Township for the latest Water Project and Water Asset Management Plan. These projects have given us the information needed to develop a formal grant application for the MI Clean Water Act.

The deadline for the first round of funding is January 1, 2021. In order to meet this deadline, UPEA and the Township will need to work together quickly to develop a quality grant application.

UPEA proposes to complete the MI Clean Water Act Grant Application at no initial cost to the Township. If the Township receives funding for the MI Clean Water Act, UPEA would then include our funding application costs as a grant reimbursement. If the Township is unsuccessful in the grant application through the MI Clean Water Grant Application, then UPEA would not charge the Township for our services. However, if we do get a grant offer and the Township refuses the funding, UPEA will charge for the time associated with the application.

The understanding is that if a project moves forward from the results of these efforts that UPEA will be the Engineer of record throughout the entire project.

Thank you for the opportunity to propose on this project.

Respectfully submitted,

U.P. ENGINEERS & ARCHITECTS, INC.

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