

# CHOCOLAY TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

July 2023

## DEPARTMENT REPORTS

### Assessing

**By John Gehres**

There was a total of 9 petitions for the July Board of Review: 7 veterans exemptions and 1 exempting Habitat for Humanity. The reappraisal continues and I will be focusing more on follow up new construction. We had several partials for the 2023 roll that need re-inspections.

### Clerk

**By Lisa Perry**

Staff continues to organize files and also prepare for 2024 election changes due to Proposal 22-2. Some of these changes will be nine days of early voting and a permanent ballot list. Once these changes are complete at the State level, the Clerk's office will have more information for the Chocolay Township voters.

### Fire Department

**By Lee Gould**

July is parade and race month. The fire department participated in the 4th of July parade and firefighter races in Marquette, Negaunee Pioneer Days and the UP Firefighter Tournaments held in Negaunee. It's good to get out in the community in a non-emergency mode and interact with people. The firefighter races show off our firefighter skills against our neighboring departments in a fun atmosphere. It builds comradery and teamwork skills.

We continue to work on our tanker and brush truck replacement planning. Fire truck building is still a 36-month build time so planning is key to ensuring our fleet is maintained and ready. We hope to have a plan put together by September.

Our call volume has remained steady. We have responded to several water rescue calls this summer already. August typically brings more water and land rescue calls with the warmer weather and tourist season staying strong.

### Public Works

**By Brad Johnson**

The televising is now complete on the sewer system, and I am currently reviewing the notes and videos. I am hoping to have a presentation for the Board by September's board meeting followed by recommendation on fixes.

The new welcome to Chocolay Township and park signs are ordered and as soon as they come in we will start installing them.

Been busy planning for next year's budget.

The board walk at the Rivers Access Park (Marina) has been removed. The work was performed by Great Lakes Climate Corp.

### Planning / Zoning

**By Dale Throenle**

**Planning Commission**

The Planning Commissioners participated in a meeting held on July 17 in the Township Fire Hall.

There were four items on the agenda for the regularly scheduled meeting; three were



considered old business, and two were considered new business.

**Old Business**

- 1) Proposed Zoning Ordinance Definitions  
Commissioners finished reviewing definitions for the new zoning ordinance, with minor changes to the language. The Commissioners will review the language one final time during the September meeting.
- 2) Proposed Agriculture Zoning District Language  
Commissioners reviewed and modified proposed land uses for each district and made several minor changes to the language. The Commissioners will review the language as a final draft during the September meeting.
- 3) Proposed Zoning District Intent Statements and Land Uses  
Commissioners reviewed the proposed zoning districts and intent statements for each district and made a change to the language. The Commissioners will review the language as a final draft during the September meeting.

**New Business**

- 1) Proposed Zoning Ordinance Document Layout

The Commissioners reviewed the proposed layout for the new zoning ordinance. After discussion and some minor changes, the Commissioners decided to approve the layout for the ordinance.

**Zoning**

**New Flood Maps**

FEMA has released a preliminary set of flood plain maps for Marquette County. This new set of maps includes flood plain determinations for those living along Lake Superior.

Please review the maps and related information to determine if the data represented on the maps is accurate for your location. There is an appeal process that began on May 5 and will be open through August 3. Click [maps and information](#) to view the appeal process, the insurance study, and the proposed maps.

**Zoning Board of Appeals**

The Zoning Board of Appeals did not meet for its regular meeting in July and will not meet in August.

**Police**

By Liz Norris-Harr

**Prescription Drug Collection**

Prescription drug collection through the drop-off box at the Township Police Station.

Month 2019	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Pounds To-Date	5.5	4	8.5	7	2.5	6.5	12					
<b>Pounds Year To-Date</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>27.5</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>46</b>					



## FOIA

REQ #	Date Rec	Res by Date	Invoice Sent	48 Days Invoice	10 day Ext Sent	10 day Ext	Response Date	Link to Documentation	Description
23-1	2/6/2023	2/10/2023					2/7/2023	<a href="#">23-1 Glendon</a>	Police Reports
23-2	2/15/2023	2/21/2023					2/15/2023	<a href="#">23-2 Dankin</a>	Police Reports
23-3	2/24/2023	3/3/2023					2/28/2023	<a href="#">23-3 Skyline Lein Search 02.24.23</a>	Property Information
23-4	3/6/2023	3/10/2023					3/10/2023	<a href="#">23-4 Hyde 03.06.23</a>	Police Reports
23-5	3/14/2023	3/20/2023					3/17/2023	<a href="#">23-5 Mulcahey 3-14-23</a>	Job descriptions
23-6	3/14/2023	3/20/2023					3/16/2023	<a href="#">23-6 McLaughlin 3-14-23</a>	Police Reports
23-7	3/17/2023	3/24/2023					3/21/2023	<a href="#">23-7 Rjoser Request 3-17-23</a>	Police Reports
23-8	3/20/2023	3/27/2023			03/24/2023	4/11/2023	4/5/2023	<a href="#">23-8 Mulcahey request 3-20-23</a>	Job descriptions
23-9	3/14/2023	3/21/2023			03/21/2023	4/4/2023	3/23/2023	<a href="#">23-9 Metropolitan request 3-14-23</a>	Fire Report
23-10	4/5/2023	4/12/2023					4/12/2023	<a href="#">23-10 Eric Riley-GFL Environmental</a>	Refuse/Recycle Information
23-11	4/12/2023	4/18/2023					4/18/2023	<a href="#">23-11 Carrie Vanlandshout 04-12-23</a>	Police Reports
23-12	4/14/2023	4/21/2023					4/18/2023	<a href="#">23-12 Tormis Request 4-14-23</a>	Contracts and accounts receivable
23-13	4/19/2023	4/25/2023					4/19/2023	<a href="#">23-13 Ryan Talbot-Flagstar Bank 4-19-23</a>	Police Reports
23-14	4/25/2023	5/2/2023	5/10/2023	6/27/2023	04/25/2023	5/16/2023	Expired	<a href="#">23-14 Miller request 4-25-23</a>	Election Materials
23-15	5/3/2023	5/9/2023					5/8/2023	<a href="#">23-15 Nicole Borzek-Curran &amp; Co 05.03.23</a>	Police Reports
23-16	5/4/2023	5/10/2023					5/8/2023	<a href="#">23-16 Lombard 05.04.23</a>	Police Reports
23-17	5/17/2023	5/24/2023					5/24/2023	<a href="#">23-17 Cass 05.17.23</a>	Police Reports
23-18	6/6/2023	6/13/2023					6/6/2023	<a href="#">23-18 Holm 6-6-23</a>	Police Reports dog bite
23-19	6/13/2023	6/19/2023					6/19/2023	<a href="#">23-19 Harry 6-13-23</a>	Police Reports
23-20	6/22/2023	6/28/2023					6/27/2023	<a href="#">23-20 Roose 6-22-23</a>	Police Reports
23-21	6/27/2023	7/3/2023	6/27/2023	8/11/2023				<a href="#">23-21 Miller 6-27-23</a>	Election Materials
23-22	7/13/2023	7/19/2023					7/14/2023	<a href="#">23-22 Johnson 7-13-23</a>	Police Reports
23-23	7/21/2023	7/27/2023					7/24/2023	<a href="#">23-23 Mulcahey 7-21-23</a>	Rental Registrations
23-24	7/24/2023	7/31/2023					7/27/2023	<a href="#">23-24 Barnes and Thornburg, LLP 7-24-23</a>	Fire Report

## Web Page Statistics

Year to date totals through July are shown in the table.

Month	Unique Visits	Number of Visits	Pages	Hits	Bandwidth (GB)
January	2,166	4,268	16,517	31,093	14.68
February	1,972	4,032	22,272	34,526	20.39
March	1,808	4,059	18,225	30,410	13.34
April	1,843	4,028	17,535	29,540	17.12
May	2,641	4,149	48,219	72,440	20.17
June	2,926	4,611	50,005	73,856	21.7
July	3,124	4,954	44,882	72,866	27.11
<b>Totals</b>	<b>16,480</b>	<b>30,101</b>	<b>217,655</b>	<b>344,731</b>	<b>134.51</b>
<b>Averages</b>	<b>4,120</b>	<b>7,525</b>	<b>54,414</b>	<b>86,183</b>	<b>33.63</b>

Highest hits per day in July for the Township web site occurred on Wednesday and the highest peak usage time was 11 PM to 12 AM.



## Downloads

There were 1267 downloaded documents in July. The top ten documents downloaded were:

Page	Number of Downloads
2023 Meeting Dates	177
2023 Surplus	147
2023 Notification Dates	134
Township history	117
Township Board agenda materials – 07.10.23	107
Township Board agenda– 07.10.23	95
Township Board minutes – 05.08.23	91
2023 Fireworks Schedule	85
Township Board minutes – 03.13.23	83
Township Board minutes – 04.10.23	77

## Page Visits

Top ten pages visited in July were:

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Recycling	893
Recreation listing	788
Directory email	712
Agendas and Minutes – Township Board	555
Agendas and Minutes – Planning Commission	482
Assessor	433
Contacts	418
Public Works	402
Information and Newsletters	398
Ordinances and Maps - Maps	397



## Zoning Permit Counts

Zoning permit counts through July, 2023:

2023 Reviewed Permits by Month		2023 Reviewed Permits by Type		
Month	Number of Permits		Approved	Denied
		Permit Type	Number	Number
January	0	Addition	5	0
February	0	Alteration	0	0
March	6	Commercial Outbuilding	0	0
April	11	Conditional Use	2	0
May	11	Deck	2	0
June	9	Fence	11	0
July	14	Garage	5	0
		Grading	0	0
		Home	3	0
		Home / Garage	1	0
		Home Occupation	1	0
		New Commercial	0	0
		Outbuilding	13	0
		Pole Building	1	0
		Rezoning Application	1	0
		Sign	4	0
		Site Plan Review	2	0
		Zoning Variance Request	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>0</b>

