

AGENDA

CHOCOLAY TOWNSHIP BOARD

Township Fire Hall Room
April 8, 2024 – 5:30 P.M.

- I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. ROLL CALL:** Richard Bohjanen (Supervisor), Max Engle (Clerk), Ben Zyburt (Treasurer), Dave Lynch, Kendra Symbal, Donald Rhein, Judy White (Trustees).
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Additions/Deletions.**
- V. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- VI. CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting – Regular Meeting, March 11, 2024.
 - B. Approve Revenues and Expenditure Reports – March 2024.
 - C. Approve Bills Payable, Check Register Reports – March 6, 11, 14, and 28, 2024.
 - D. Approve Bills Payable, Tax Disbursements Check Register Reports – February 18 and 28, 2024.
 - E. Approve Regular Payroll – March 14 and 28, 2024.
- VII. SUPERVISOR REPORT**
 - A. Grant Award for the Chocolay River Dredging Feasibility Study
- VIII. CLERK’S REPORT**
- X. PUBLIC HEARING**
 - A. Public Hearing – FEMA Flood Insurance Program Ordinance.
- XI. PRESENTATIONS**
 - A. Peter White Library
- XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - A. Consider County FEMA Flood Insurance Program Resolution.
 - B. Consider Second Read and Adoption of Revised FEMA Flood Insurance Program Ordinance #60.
- XIII. NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. Discussion County ORV Ordinance Update.
 - B. Consider New Bathroom Project at Beaver Grove Park.
 - C. Consider Police Chief Packet.
 - D. Consider Donating the Remaining Non-Compliant Fire Department SCBA’s.
 - E. Consider the Replacement of a Ventilation Fan Used During Fires by the Fire Department.
 - F. Recognition of Biennial Fire Department Leadership Election.
 - G. Consider Marquette County Road Commission Contract to Re-Pave Shot Point.
 - H. Manager Update of Work Plan and Corporate Status.
- XIV. BOARD MEMBER’S COMMENTS**
- XV. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- XVI. CORRESPONDENCE, MEETING MINUTES AND INFORMATION.**

- A. Minutes – Chocolay Township Planning Commission – Regular Meeting of March 18, 2024, Draft.
- B. Minutes - Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority; Regular Meeting of March 20, 2024
- C. Information – Chocolay Township Newsletter – March 2024.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

March 11, 2024

The regular meeting of the Chocolay Township Board was held on Monday, March 11, 2024, in the Chocolay Township Fire Hall. Supervisor Bohjanen called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

TOWNSHIP BOARD.

PRESENT: Richard Bohjanen, Max Engle, David Lynch, Judy White, Don Rhein

ABSENT: Ben Zyburt (excused), Kendra Symbal

STAFF PRESENT: William De Groot, Dale Throenle, Brad Johnson, Suzanne Sundell

APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

White moved, Lynch supported to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bob Hendrickson, Iron Ore Heritage Trail – introduced himself as the new Administrator of the IOHT, replacing Carol Fulsher last July upon her retirement. He wanted to provide an update on what is happening with the IOHT. Had met with Brad Johnson and Joe Neumann earlier to inform them of projects going on in Chocolay Township. There is an extension being worked on that will connect to Lakenenland – construction will likely happen in 2025. Lots of other projects in the County – Negaunee Boardwalk and a land acquisition in Marquette Township adjacent to the trail.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting – Joint Meeting, February 12, 2024.
- B. Approve Revenue and Expenditure Reports – February 2024.
- C. Approve Bills Payable, Check Register Reports – February 12, 2024 (Check #'s 26677 – 26694, in the amount of \$38,011.69), and February 21, 2024 (Check #'s 26695 – 26717, in the amount of \$97,432.47).
- D. Approve Bills Payable, Tax Disbursement Check Register Reports – January 2, 2024 (Check #'s 5042 – 5045, in the amount of \$581,192.30), January 9, 2024 (Check # 5046, in the amount of \$158,021.18), January 18, 2024 (Check #'s 5047 – 5051, in the amount of \$945,257.95), January 31, 2024 (Check #'s 5052 – 5053, in the amount of \$1,058.58), February 12, 2024 (Check #'s 5054 – 5060, in the amount of \$857,862.39), and February 21, 2024 (Check #'s 5061 – 5065, in the amount of \$884,329.29).
- E. Approve Bills Payable – Regular Payroll of February 1, 2024 (Check #'s DD3927 – DD3943 and Check #'s 11471 – 11476, Federal, State, and MERS in the amount of \$45,970.52),

Regular Payroll of February 15, 2024 (Check #'s DD3944 – DD3980 and Check#'s 11477 – 11482. Federal, State, and MERS in the amount of \$51,285.00) and Regular Payroll of February 29, 2024 (Check #'s DD3981 – DD4012 and Check #'s 11483 - 11488, Federal, State, and MERS in the amount of \$56,088.55).

Lynch moved, Rhein supported to approve the consent agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Bohjanen informed the Board that the Township has received notice of retirement of the Police Chief, Scott Jennings. There will be discussion on this later in the agenda.

Manager's Annual Review – Supervisor Bohjanen presented his report to the Board. In the past, this has been given to all members to fill out, but this seems a little impractical as not all the Board members have regular contact. Bohjanen would welcome any input other Board members may have. The Supervisor's review of the manager was accepted by the Board.

CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Engle reported that the election ran smooth, despite some of the problems that were encountered in the time leading up to it. Voter numbers included: Absentee – 1,125, Precinct 1 – 222, Precinct 2 – 205, and Early Voting – 85 in total with 51 of those being Chocolate Township. Clerk Engle was asked about the cost of early voting per person. At this point, it is expensive but it was new, so hopefully the number of people taking advantage of it will pick up in the next election.

TREASURER'S REPORT - NONE

PUBLIC HEARING – NONE

PRESENTATIONS – 2023 SEWER MAIN AND LATERAL INSPECTION FINDINGS

Brad Johnson, Public Works Superintendent, presented the findings of televising that had been completed by Great Lakes TV Seal, Inc. The reason for doing the televising is that our system is approximately 50 years old and it is getting harder to find replacement parts when needed. It was also needed to monitor flows. This has been a huge learning experience for staff. Johnson is working on an Asset Management Plan for the sewer to determine what our immediate and long-term needs are. Once done, this will come back to the Board. Currently, the manhole structures need repair along with two areas that require root ball removal. Root ball removal would require a fix or patch on the pipe also.

DISCUSSION LOCAL ELECTION DEADLINES FOR 2024.

Election deadlines were discussed, along with the plans of the five members of the Board present for running in the upcoming elections. Richard Bohjanen and Judy White are not planning on running at this time. Dave Lynch will be running for Supervisor, Max Engle will be running for Clerk, and Don Rhein will be running for Trustee. Clerk Engle let the Board members know that the packets needed to run for office can be obtained from Lisa Perry in the front office.

CONSIDER FEMA FLOOD ORDINANCE 60 UPDATE INTRODUCTION.

It was noted that it is necessary to have a Public Hearing in a timely manner, as this must be completed by June 6, 2024, in order to maintain our flood insurance designation.

White moved, Rhein supported that the Chocolay Township Board set a public hearing for the next available Board Meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

CONSIDER 2024 DUST CONTROL AGREEMENT WITH THE MCRC WITH PAYMENT FROM RESIDENTS.

Lynch moved, Engle supported that the Chocolay Township Board approves staff recommendation and move forward with approving the request for dust control for 2024 that is paid by the residents requesting the dust control and sign the contract with the Marquette County Road Commission.

MOTION CARRIED

CONSIDER SEWER MAIN REPAIR

White moved, Rhein supported that the Chocolay Township Board approves the expenditure of not more than \$42,000 and award a future contract to Smith Construction to replace 60 feet of 10-inch sewer main.

MOTION CARRIED

(This 60 feet of pipe is located at Lift Station #3 on Baker Street – manhole to manhole).

And,

Lynch moved, White supported that the Chocolay Township Board approves the expenditure of not more than \$11,000 and award a future contract to Great Lakes T.V. Seal Inc. to remove the two root balls out of our 18-inch sewer main.

MOTION CARRIED

CONSIDER THE PURCHASE OF A WILDLAND / BRUSH TRUCK.

Supervisor Bohjanen indicated that this was discussed at our last meeting. We currently have the opportunity to purchase this vehicle.

Township Manager De Groot indicated that the reason we have to purchase such a large truck is that in the past we have used trucks that have been handed down. Having a larger truck changes

the way we utilize it for things such as brush fires. This allows us to get in line – truck still at factory. This is just chassis and cab – will need to build deck and integrate a skid unit into the frame. Will be looking at procuring the equipment needed over the next few months.

Lynch moved, Rhein supported that the Chocolay Township Board approves the expenditure of not more than \$68,000 for the acquisition of a Wildland / Brush Truck Ford F-550 from LaFontaine Ford in Lansing. The funds for this vehicle have already been received from the KBIC 2% allocation.

And,

Empower the Township Manager to finalize the purchase contracts and sign on behalf of the township.

AYES: Lynch, Rhein, Engle, Bohjanen

NAYS: White

ABSENT: Zyburt, Symbal

MOTION CARRIED

CONSIDER AN APPLICATION FOR CONGRESSIONAL FUNDING FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Manager De Groot indicated that this is Congressional funding, which is earmarked funding. There is funding available to commit to this obligation in our Capital Fund.

**CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING APPROPRIATIONS OPPORTUNITY
RESOLUTION OF AUTHORIZATION- LOCAL UNIT OF GOVERNMENT MATCH WITHOUT
DONATED FUNDS**

White moved, Rhein supported:

WHEREAS, The Chocolay Township Board supports the submission of an application titled, "Fire Apparatus Acquisition" for design, build and delivery of a fire pumper/tanker engine; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed application would negate the need to ask for a millage to fund this apparatus,

WHEREAS, Chocolay Township is hereby making a financial commitment to the project not to exceed \$ 110,000.00 of matching funds, in cash and/or force account; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that The Chocolay Township Board hereby authorizes submission of a CDS Request for \$ 550,000.00 and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to make available its financial obligation amount of \$110,000.00 (20%) of a total of project cost \$550,000.00 during the 2025 fiscal year.

AYES: Rhein, Lynch, White, Engle, Bohjanen
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Zyburt, Symbal
RESOLUTION APPROVED.

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that the foregoing is a Resolution duly made and passed by the Township Board of Chocolay Township at their regular meeting held on March 11th, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. in the Chocolay Township Fire Hall, with a quorum present.

Max L. Engle, Township Clerk

Date

CONSIDER AN APPLICATION FOR MDNR FUNDING FOR POCKET PARK IMPROVEMENTS.

RECREATION PASSPORT GRANT PROGRAM

RESOLUTION OF AUTHORIZATION- LOCAL UNIT OF GOVERNMENT MATCH WITHOUT DONATED FUNDS

Lynch moved, White supported:

WHEREAS, The Chocolay Township Board supports the submission of an application titled, "Kawbawgam Pocket Park Improvements" to the Recreation Passport Grant Program for development of improved access and amenities at Kawbawgam Pocket Park; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed application is supported by the Community's 5-Year Approved Parks and Recreation Plan OR Current Annual Capital Improvement Plan; and,

WHEREAS, Chocolay Township is hereby making a financial commitment to the project in the amount of \$ 9,000 matching funds, in cash and/or force account; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that The Chocolay Township Board hereby authorizes submission of a Recreation Passport Grant Program Application for \$ 36,000 and further resolves to make available its financial obligation amount of \$ 9,000 (25%) of a total of \$36,000 project cost during the 2025 fiscal year.

AYES: Rhein, Lynch, White, Engle, Bohjanen
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Zyburt, Symbal
RESOLUTION APPROVED.

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the Chocolay Township Fire Hall, with a quorum present.

Max L. Engle, Township Clerk

Date

CONSIDER A CONTRACT WITH MARQUETTE COUNTY EQUALIZATION FOR THE FETCH ELECTRONIC PARCEL TOOL AND MAPPING.

Lynch moved, Rhein supported that the Chocolay Township Board approves the Township Manager to enter into a contract with Marquette County for the use of the FETCH GIS software platform. The cost of the purchase is outlined in the "Marquette County Fetch GIS Access Quote".
MOTION CARRIED

EWING PINES SUBDIVISION PLAT AMENDMENT RESOLUTION.
RESOLUTION OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF CHOCOLAY

White moved, Lynch supported that:

Upon consideration of a request by Paulette Perttunen and Timothy Prisk, record title owners of Lots numbered One (1) to Seven (7) of the Ewing Pines Subdivision Plat, pursuant to their Second Amended Complaint, case number 21-60631-CL, to vacate Lots numbered One (1) through Seven (7) of the Ewing Pines Subdivision Plat, and all of Trillium Circle. Therefore the Township of Chocolay, pursuant to MCL 560.226(c), resolves to approve the vacation of Lots numbered One (1) through Seven (7) of the Ewing Pines Subdivision Plat, and all of Trillium Circle.

AYES: Rhein, Lynch, White, Engle, Bohjanen

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Zyburt, Symbal

RESOLUTION APPROVED

It is certified that the Township of Chocolay passed this Resolution in formal Board action on March 11, 2024.

Certification:

By: Max L. Engle
Its: Township Clerk

Date

CONSIDER AUDIT LETTERS OF ENGAGEMENT AND UNDERSTANDING.

Lynch moved, Rhein supported to enter into agreement with Anderson Tackman and sign the letters to move forward with our audit.

MOTION CARRIED

DISCUSSION OF POLICE CHIEF RETIREMENT AND NEXT STEPS.

Supervisor Bohjanen indicated that our previous practice of hiring a police chief has changed. Going forward, we will need to advertise for candidates and interview by the full Board. There is also criteria that is necessary for MCOLES to be hired on as Chief.

Township Manager De Groot explained the process of hiring a new police chief. The Township Manager is not allowed to be involved, except for the administrative process. De Groot stated it has been an honor to service with Chief Jennings, who has been with the force for 38 years. De Groot will be presenting a timeline to the Board at the April meeting if they wish. This could include the advertising, salary, recruitment, how to handle (internal first, then outside?), open meeting on a different day for interviews, tours, internal vetting. The last two hires have been an open process. The attorney would recommend having just one process to provide transparency.

De Groot will draft a couple different versions for the April meeting. This is a highly sought after job and we may receive a lot of resumes. In April, the Board may need to decide on desired criteria. The current Chief will be ending his employment with us as of May 31, 2024. The June meeting will include a recognition of Chief Jennings' accomplishments.

MANAGER UPDATE OF WORK PLAN AND CORPORATE STATUS.

Manager De Groot indicated that we have received funding of approximately \$142,000 for new radios. We have contracted with Motorola to provide the radios. We should have them within a few months, and then they get templated through the State.

The auditors have been in and spent the last week with us. There is nothing to report at this time.

There is a movement in the news right now – AXMITAX – they have started a petition to have a constitutional amendment to eliminate property taxes. They do not have anything in place as to how the money would be replaced. They have until mid-July to collect 450,000 signatures. We are looking at putting something on the web as to where property taxes go. Michigan Township Association is also looking at informational material.

We have a temporary employee, Kellie Barry-Angeli, in the front office to replace staff that is on medical leave.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Don Rhein – None

Kendra Symbal – Absent

Judy White – attends the meetings at the landfill – they are having significant financial problems. There is a possibility that they will need to raise tipping fees.

Dave Lynch – None

Ben Zyburt – Absent

Max Engle – None

Richard Bohjanen – None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bob Hendrickson, IOHT – the funding for the Lakenenland extension is \$300,000 and is coming from a Michigan Trust Fund grant. This trail will be a parallel trail, and not be replacing the motorized trail on the south side. This will be an aggregate trail, which also make the trail ADA.

Rhein moved, Lynch supported that the meeting be adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

- A. Minutes – Chocolay Township Planning Commission; Regular Meeting of February 12, 2024, Draft.
- B. Minutes - Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority, Special Meeting of February 9, 2024.
- C. Minutes – Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority, Regular Meeting of February 21, 2024, Draft.
- D. Information – Chocolay Township Newsletter – February 2024.

Max Engle, Clerk

Richard Bohjanen, Supervisor

ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	2024		YTD BALANCE 03/31/2024	AVAILABLE BALANCE	% BGD USED
	ORIGINAL BUDGET	2024 AMENDED BUDGET			
Fund 101 - GENERAL FUND					
000.000	2,707,924.00	2,707,924.00	220,660.33	2,487,263.67	8.15
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>2,707,924.00</u>	<u>2,707,924.00</u>	<u>220,660.33</u>	<u>2,487,263.67</u>	<u>8.15</u>
103.000 - TOWNSHIP BOARD	200,601.00	200,601.00	45,691.60	154,909.40	22.78
175.000 - TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR	17,012.00	17,012.00	3,407.29	13,604.71	20.03
190.000 - ELECTION DEPARTMENT	76,293.00	76,293.00	20,927.83	55,365.17	27.43
202.000 - ASSESSOR	75,975.00	75,975.00	14,172.08	61,802.92	18.65
215.000 - CLERK	151,968.00	151,968.00	34,370.44	117,597.56	22.62
247.000 - BOARD OF REVIEW	2,828.00	2,828.00	868.50	1,959.50	30.71
253.000 - TREASURER	82,273.00	82,273.00	13,540.44	68,732.56	16.46
258.000 - TECHNOLOGY	52,000.00	52,000.00	13,337.49	38,662.51	25.65
265.000 - TOWNSHIP HALL & GROUNDS	63,675.00	63,675.00	7,615.48	56,059.52	11.96
285.000 - OTHER GENERAL GOVERNMENT	515,888.00	515,888.00	145,792.35	370,095.65	28.26
305.000 - POLICE DEPARTMENT	572,969.00	572,969.00	118,317.02	454,651.98	20.65
340.000 - FIRE DEPARTMENT	127,304.00	127,304.00	12,594.98	114,709.02	9.89
440.000 - STREETS	23,400.00	23,400.00	4,840.61	18,559.39	20.69
526.000 - SANITARY LANDFILL	36,400.00	36,400.00	1,169.79	35,230.21	3.21
708.000 - RECREATION & GRANTS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
722.000 - COMMUNITY CENTER	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
756.000 - RECREATION AND PROPERTIES	192,885.00	192,885.00	36,655.53	156,229.47	19.00
800.000 - ZONING	80,343.00	80,343.00	29,598.38	50,744.62	36.84
805.000 - ZONING/PLANNING COMMISSION	13,400.00	13,400.00	1,834.63	11,565.37	13.69
815.000 - ZONING/APPEALS BOARD	4,713.00	4,713.00	0.00	4,713.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>2,289,927.00</u>	<u>2,289,927.00</u>	<u>504,734.44</u>	<u>1,785,192.56</u>	<u>22.04</u>
Fund 101 - GENERAL FUND:					
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>2,707,924.00</u>	<u>2,707,924.00</u>	<u>220,660.33</u>	<u>2,487,263.67</u>	<u>8.15</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>2,289,927.00</u>	<u>2,289,927.00</u>	<u>504,734.44</u>	<u>1,785,192.56</u>	<u>22.04</u>
NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES	417,997.00	417,997.00	(284,074.11)	702,071.11	67.96

03/06/2024

CHECK REGISTER FOR CHOCOLAY TOWNSHIP
CHECK DATE FROM 03/06/2024 - 03/06/2024

Check Date	Bank	Check	Vendor Name	Amount
Bank GEN GENERAL CHECKING				
03/06/2024	GEN	26718	ALGER-DELTA CO-OPERATIVE	2,011.39
03/06/2024	GEN	26719	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	43.15
03/06/2024	GEN	26720	APEX SOFTWARE	260.00
03/06/2024	GEN	26721	BARAGA TELEPHONE COMPANY	2.21
03/06/2024	GEN	26722	BERGDAHL'S EQUIPMENT	83.89
03/06/2024	GEN	26723	EL COM SYSTEMS	507.81
03/06/2024	GEN	26724	LASCO DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	976.94
03/06/2024	GEN	26725	LISA PERRY	93.16
03/06/2024	GEN	26726	MENARDS	938.89
03/06/2024	GEN	26727	MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL RISK	13,044.25
03/06/2024	GEN	26728	MIDAMERICA ADMINISTRATIVE &	1,525.47
03/06/2024	GEN	26729	MISS DIG 811	1,494.65
03/06/2024	GEN	26730	NAPA AUTO PARTS	72.11
03/06/2024	GEN	26731	NORTHSTAR EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE	270.00
03/06/2024	GEN	26732	PITNEY BOWES, INC	1,999.85
03/06/2024	GEN	26733	SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATIVE	269.00
03/06/2024	GEN	26734	WASTE MANAGEMENT OF WI-MN	150.00
03/06/2024	GEN	26735	WEX BANK	2,142.20
03/06/2024	GEN	26736	WOLVERINE POWER SYSTEMS	455.37

GEN TOTALS:

Total of 19 Checks:	26,340.34
Less 0 Void Checks:	0.00
Total of 19 Disbursements:	<u>26,340.34</u>

GENERAL FUND	\$ 22,942.77
SEWER FUND	\$ 3,397.57
	\$ 26,340.34

03/07/2024

CHECK REGISTER FOR CHOCOLAY TOWNSHIP
CHECK DATE FROM 03/06/2024 - 03/11/2024

Check Date Bank Check Vendor Name Amount

Bank GEN GENERAL CHECKING				
03/06/2024	GEN	8(A)	MICHIGAN FINANCE AUTHORITY	<u>30,600.00</u>

GEN TOTALS:

Total of 1 Checks:				30,600.00
Less 0 Void Checks:				<u>0.00</u>
Total of 1 Disbursements:				30,600.00

SEWER FUND \$ 30,600.00

\$ 30,600.00

03/14/2024

CHECK REGISTER FOR CHOCOLAY TOWNSHIP
CHECK DATE FROM 03/13/2024 - 03/14/2024

Check Date	Bank	Check	Vendor Name	Amount
Bank GEN GENERAL CHECKING				
03/14/2024	GEN	26737	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	53.11
03/14/2024	GEN	26738	BENSINGER, COTANT, & MENKES,PC	1,704.00
03/14/2024	GEN	26739	CHOCOLAY TWP. VOL. FIRE. DEPT.	372.90
03/14/2024	GEN	26740	CITY OF MARQUETTE	300.00
03/14/2024	GEN	26741	DELTA DENTAL	1,050.40
03/14/2024	GEN	26742	ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES	503.65
03/14/2024	GEN	26743	FOX MARQUETTE CHEVROLET	171.38
03/14/2024	GEN	26744	GOVERNMENT EXECUTIVE MEDIA GROUP	1,000.00
03/14/2024	GEN	26745	JOHN GEHRES	107.96
03/14/2024	GEN	26746	MARQUETTE BD OF LIGHT & POWER	4,115.87
03/14/2024	GEN	26747	MENARDS	38.93
03/14/2024	GEN	26748	MICHIGAN ASSOC OF MUNICIPAL CLERKS	800.00
03/14/2024	GEN	26749	MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC.	142,079.60
03/14/2024	GEN	26750	PENINSULA FIBER NETWORK LLC	508.80
03/14/2024	GEN	26751	SBAM PLAN	16,347.75
03/14/2024	GEN	26752	SILVER CREEK CHRUCH	150.00
03/14/2024	GEN	26753	UPPER PENINSULA FIREFIGHTERS ASSN	91.00
03/14/2024	GEN	26754	VERIZON	329.88
03/14/2024	GEN	26755	WASTE MANAGEMENT OF WI-MN	289.93

GEN TOTALS:

Total of 19 Checks:	170,015.16
Less 0 Void Checks:	0.00
Total of 19 Disbursements:	170,015.16

GENERAL FUND	\$ 25,186.93
CAPITAL FUND	\$ 142,079.60
SEWER FUND	\$ 2,748.63
	\$ 170,015.16

03/28/2024

CHECK REGISTER FOR CHOCOLAY TOWNSHIP
CHECK DATE FROM 03/28/2024 - 03/28/2024

Check Date	Bank	Check	Vendor Name	Amount
Bank GEN GENERAL CHECKING				
03/28/2024	GEN	26756	ACCIDENT FUND INSURANCE CO OF AMER	2,454.50
03/28/2024	GEN	26757	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	222.29
03/28/2024	GEN	26758	BERGDAHL'S EQUIPMENT	20.00
03/28/2024	GEN	26759	BRAD JOHNSON	85.04
03/28/2024	GEN	26760	CITY OF MARQUETTE	3,635.04
03/28/2024	GEN	26761	COUNTRY MILE DOCUMENT DESTRUCTION	63.25
03/28/2024	GEN	26762	LASCO DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	976.44
03/28/2024	GEN	26763	MARQUETTE BD OF LIGHT & POWER	4,039.39
03/28/2024	GEN	26764	MARQUETTE COUNTY CLERK'S ASSOC	20.00
03/28/2024	GEN	26765	MEDICAL AIR SERVICES ASSOCIATION	180.00
03/28/2024	GEN	26766	MENARDS	211.46
03/28/2024	GEN	26767	MICHIGAN ASSOC OF MUNICIPAL CLERKS	600.00
03/28/2024	GEN	26768	MICHIGAN STATE POLICE	33.00
03/28/2024	GEN	26769	NAPA AUTO PARTS	9.09
03/28/2024	GEN	26770	NYE UNIFORM COMPANY	127.14
03/28/2024	GEN	26771	O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC.	385.46
03/28/2024	GEN	26772	ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS LLC	57.40
03/28/2024	GEN	26773	PETER WHITE PUBLIC LIBRARY	73,186.47
03/28/2024	GEN	26774	POMP'S TIRE SERVICE, INC.	53.06
03/28/2024	GEN	26775	RINGCENTRAL INC	719.29
03/28/2024	GEN	26776	SEMCO ENERGY GAS COMPANY	1,279.66
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GEN TOTALS:

Total of 26 Checks:	90,629.08
Less 0 Void Checks:	0.00
Total of 26 Disbursements:	<u>90,629.08</u>

GENERAL FUND	\$ 12,922.03
LIBRARY FUND	\$ 73,186.47
SEWER FUND	\$ 4,520.58
	\$ 90,629.08

03/18/2024 CHECK REGISTER FOR CHOCOLAY TOWNSHIP
CHECK DATE FROM 03/18/2024 - 03/18/2024

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03/18/2024	TAXC	5067	IRON ORE HERITAGE TRAIL AUTHORITY	14,813.95
03/18/2024	TAXC	5068	MARESA	278,540.40
03/18/2024	TAXC	5069	MARQUETTE AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS	708,667.69
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TAXC TOTALS:

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Total of 5 Disbursements:	1,666,375.01

TAX FUND **\$ 1,666,375.01**

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03/28/2024	TAXC	5076	GIBBS BRYCE N & PATSIE	3.13
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03/28/2024	TAXC	5079	STEVENS JOHN & CERONA	864.00

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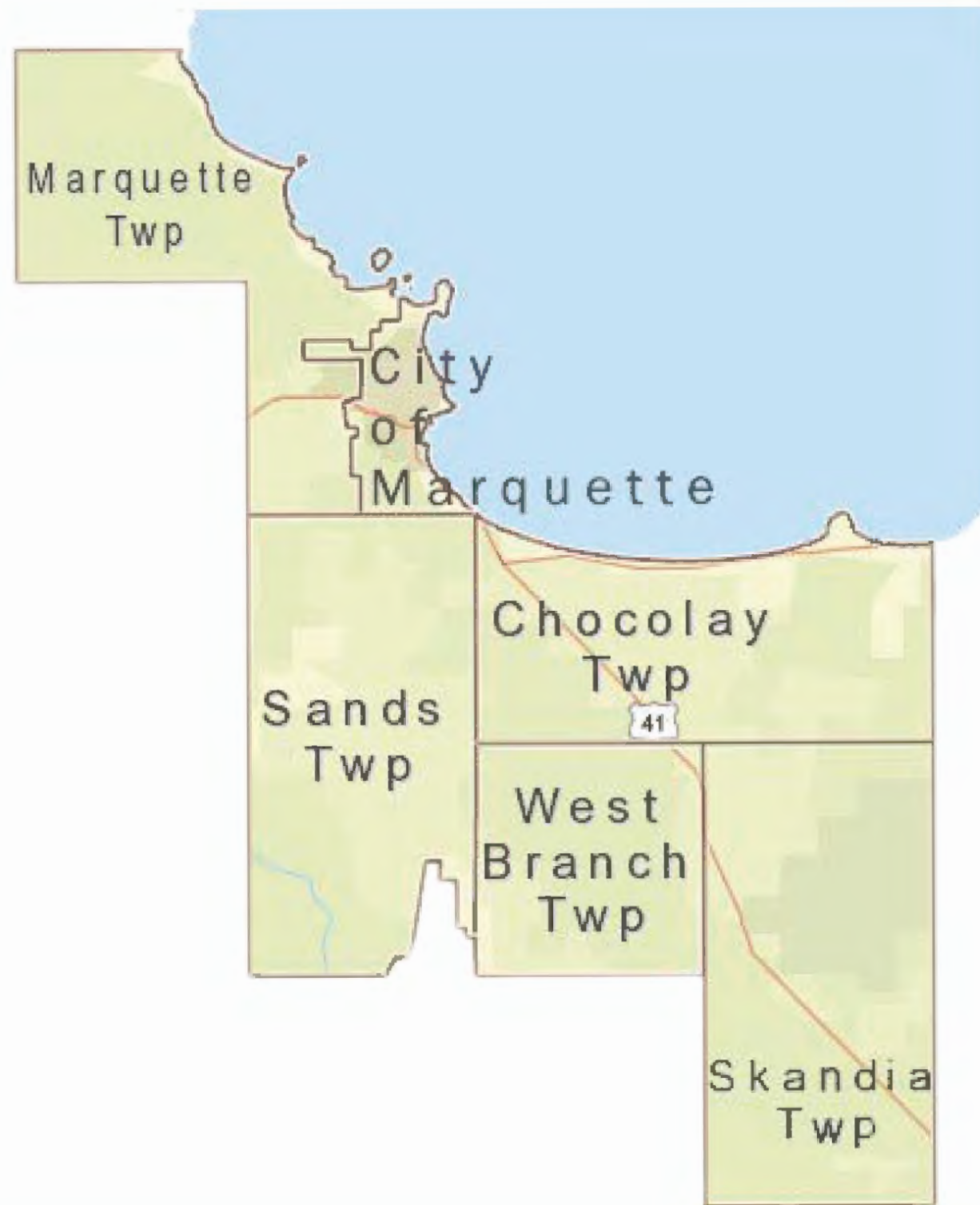
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- 0.5 Mill - Bond

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- Chocolay Township (1992)
- Marquette Township (1992)
- Sands Township (1992)
- Skandia Township (2002)
- West Branch Township (1992)

Millage funded service

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- Voted on every 2-4 years



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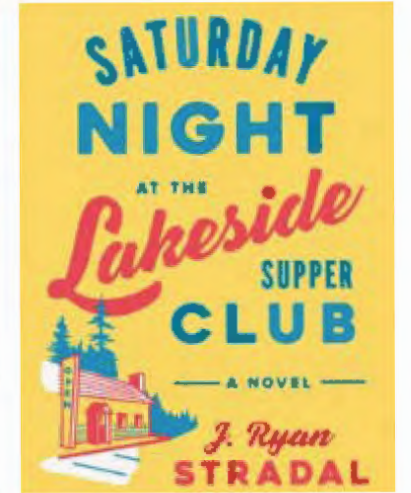
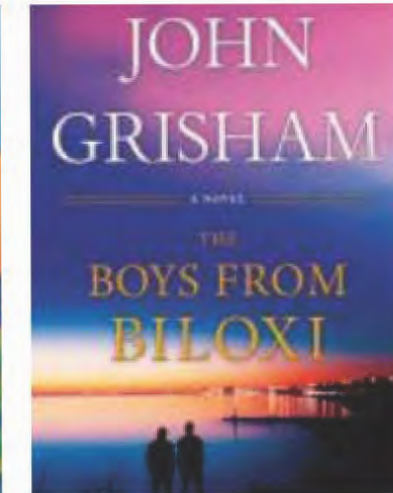
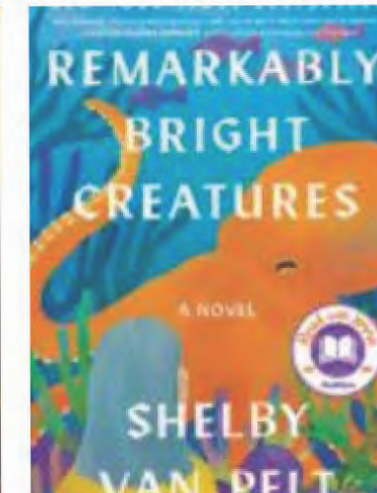
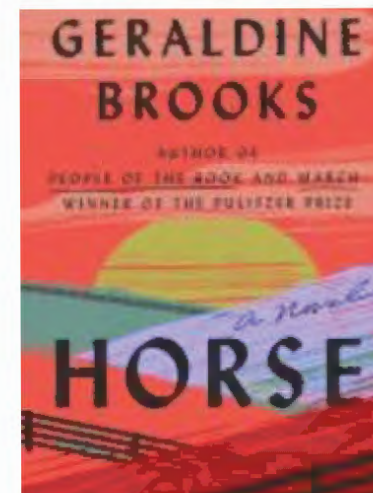
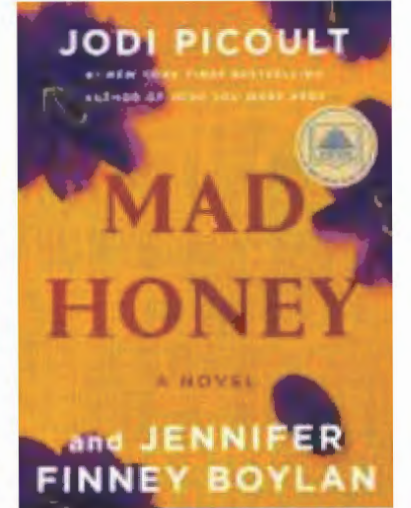
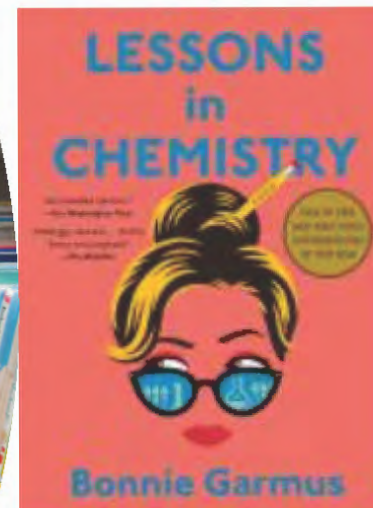


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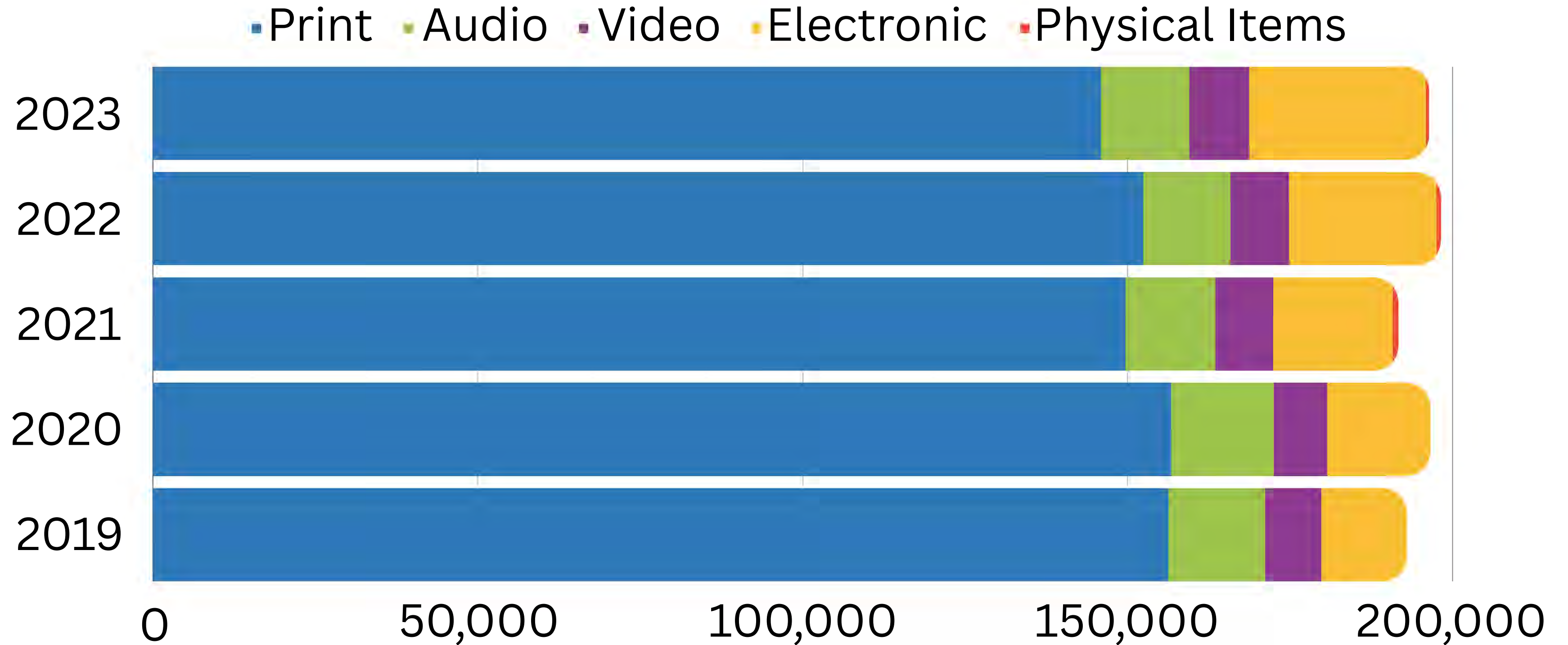
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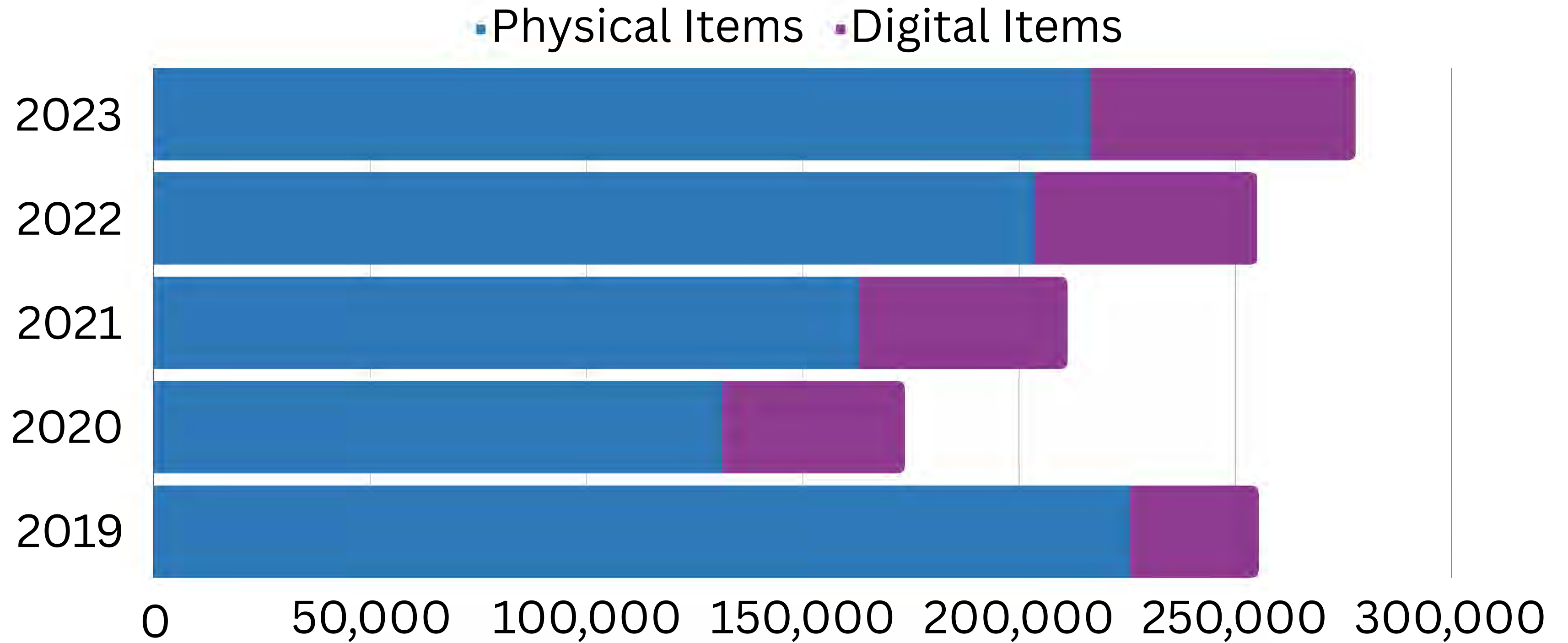


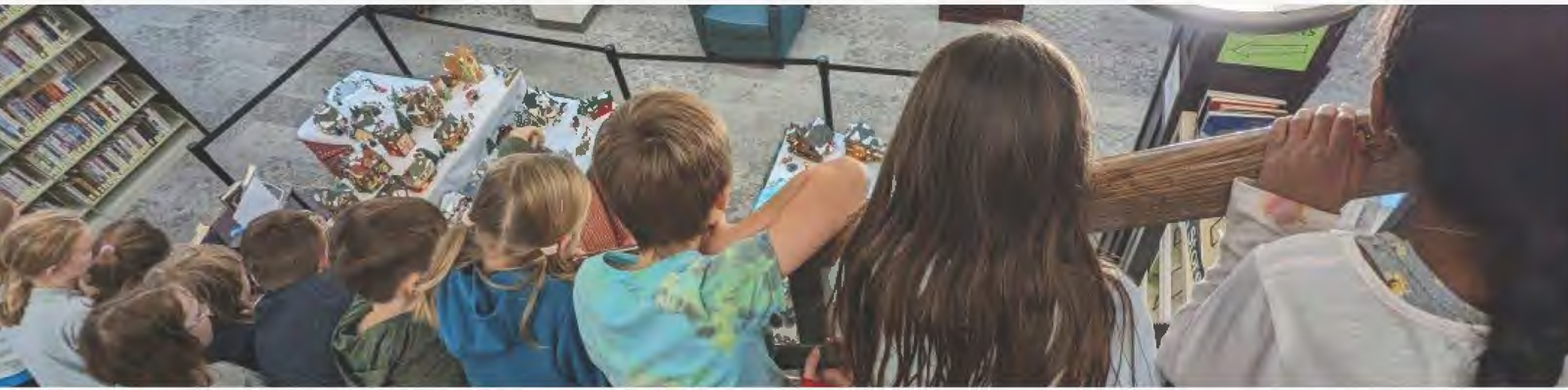
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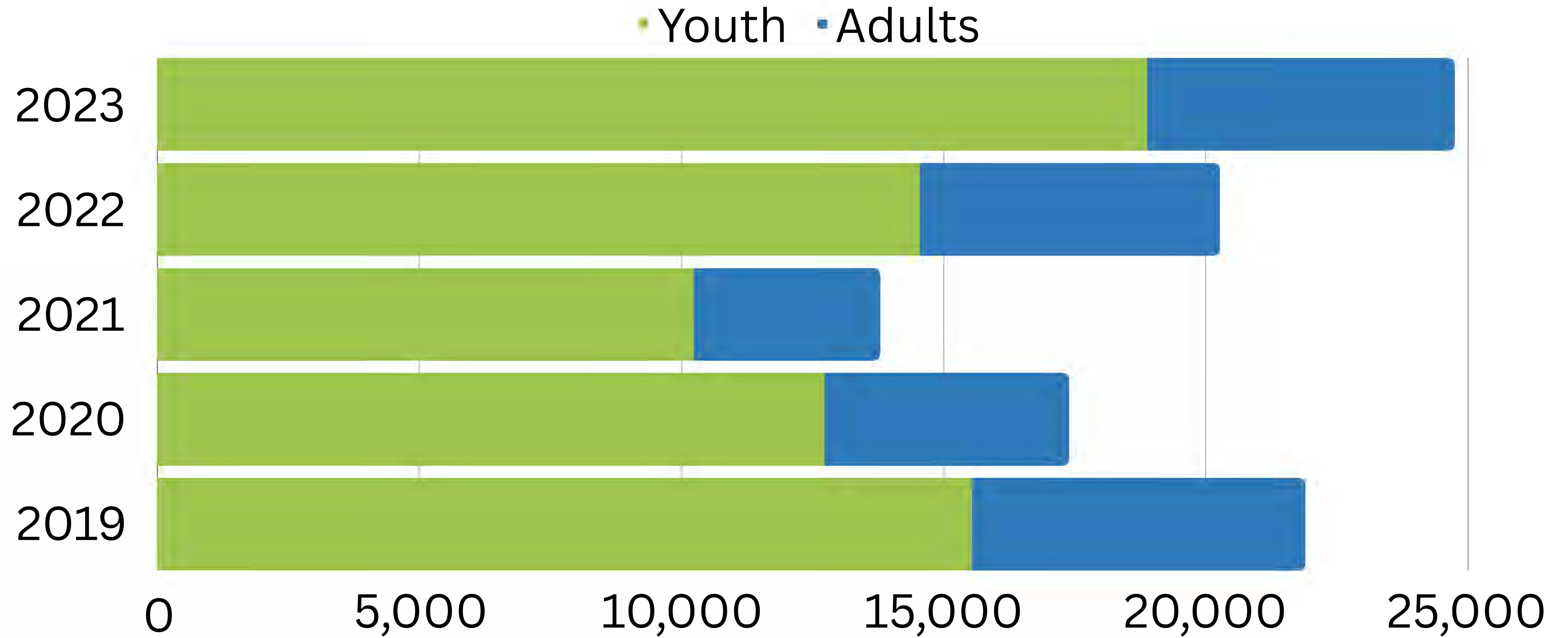


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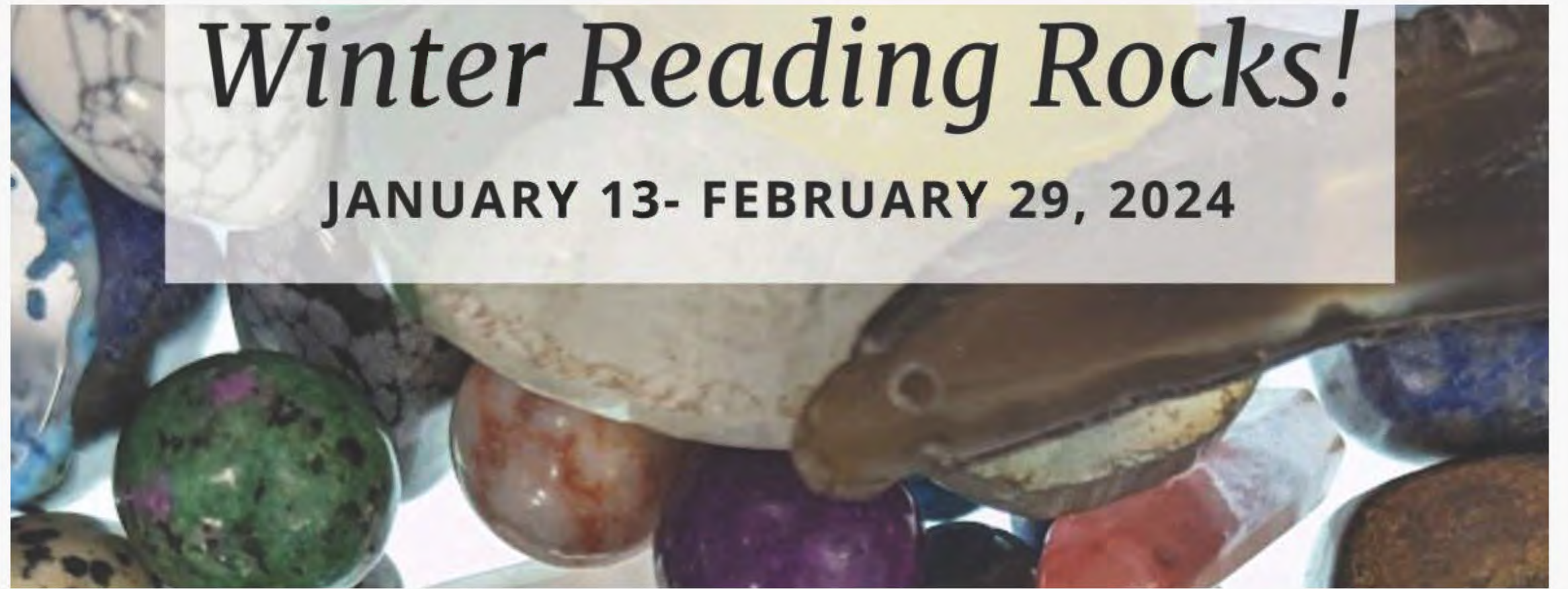


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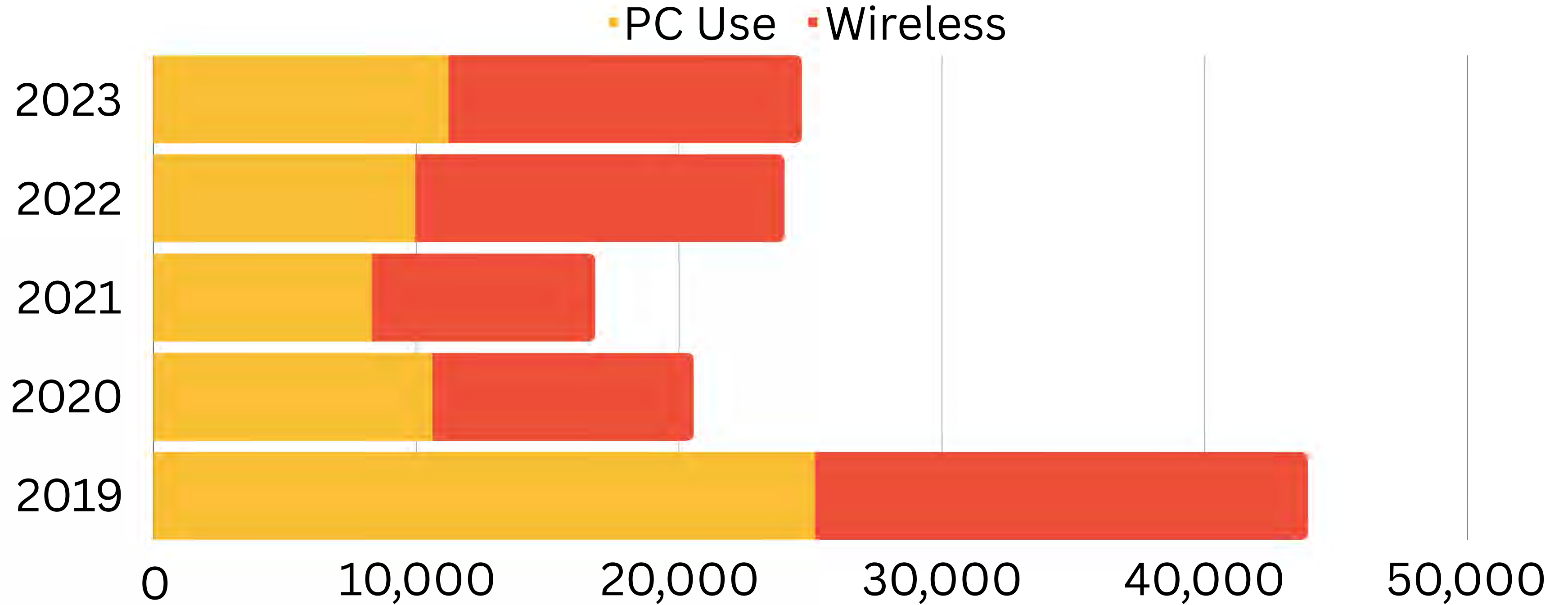
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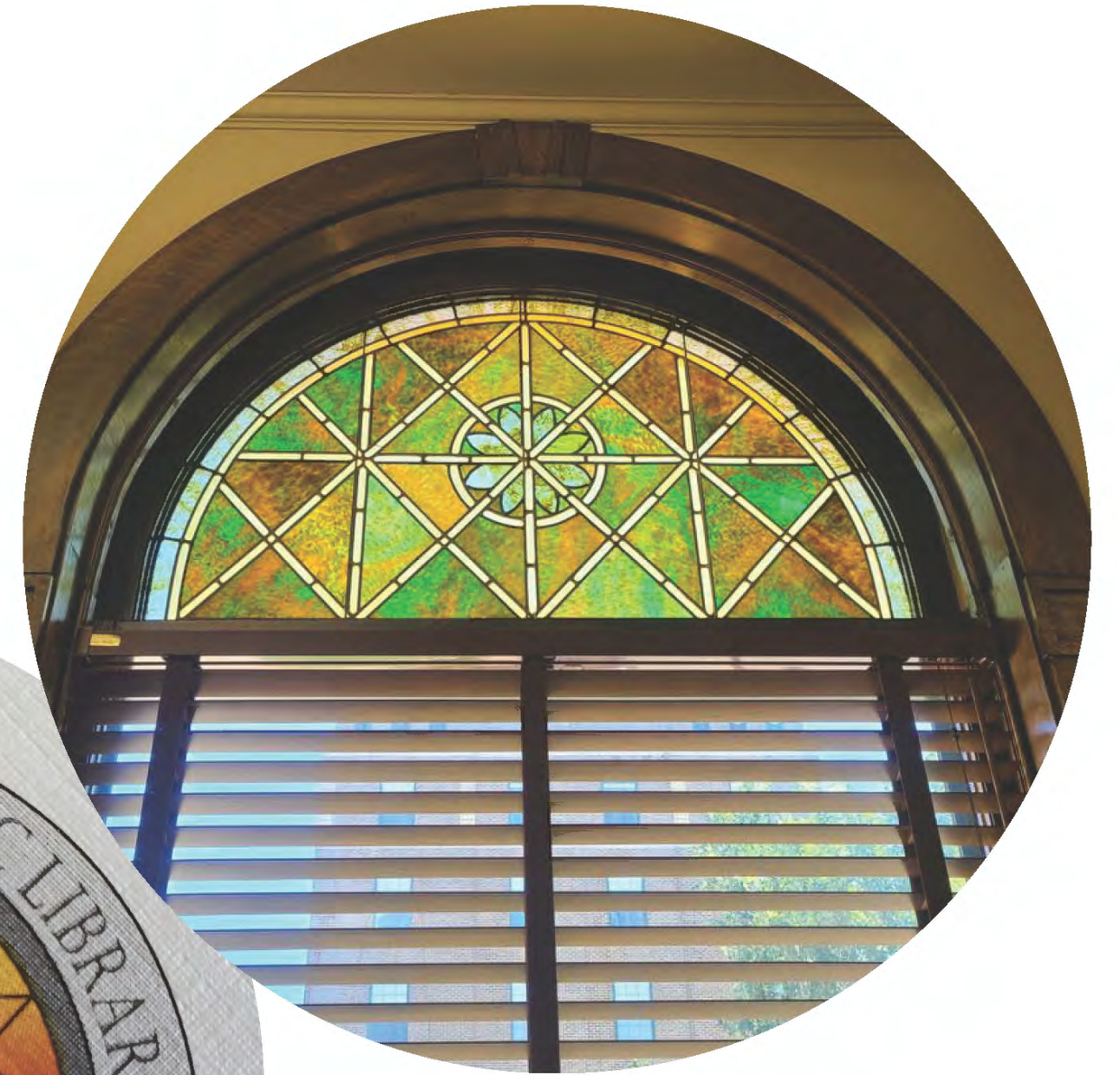
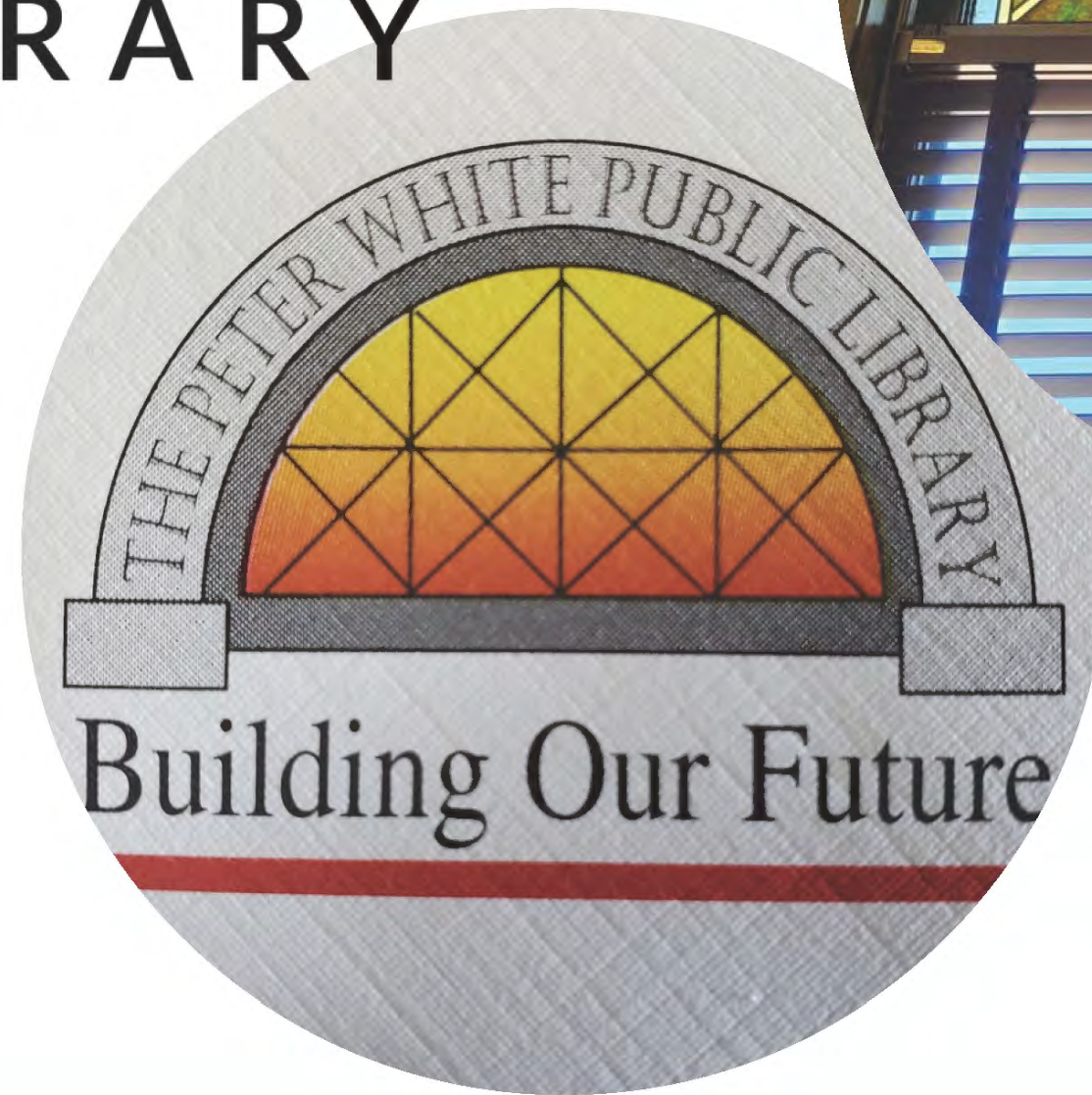
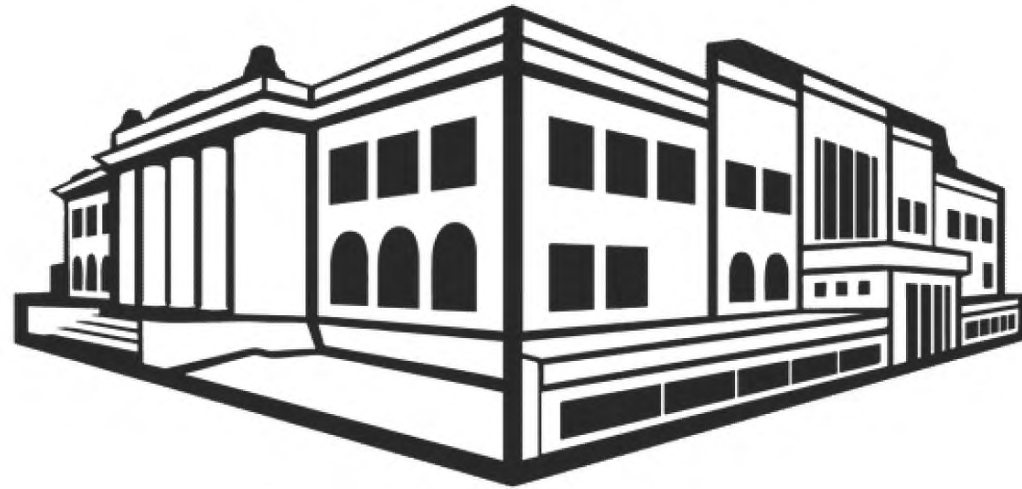
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Break For West U.P. Deer

10 Public Deer Yard Tours Scheduled In U.P. During March

Stated today of deer yards in the Upper Peninsula to give the public an inside look at the winter habits of whitetails are scheduled by the Michigan Conservation Department on March 20 and 21.

The "show me" trip on March 20 are scheduled from the Ottawa Sportsman's Club near Baraga and from conservation department equipment at the home of Gerald Peck, sportsman and Sault Ste. Marie and at the department's fish hatchery at Tahquamenon near Marquette.

Meeting places for the March 21 trip will be the Iron River Agency and the department's equipment station at Wakefield, the Cushing Wildlife Experiment Station at Skandia and the department's district headquarters at Negaunee.

The tour getting under way from the Cushing station will be specially directed at providing legislators with a "deer's eye view" of winter, the department said. It also will be open to the general public.

Starting here for all of the Upper Peninsula deer yards will be 1 p.m. In the event of bad weather, indoor briefing sessions will be conducted at each of the meeting places.

The tours will be held not to show people what deer do and don't eat during the winter, Department field men will also give out signs of overhunting by whitetails and explain the importance of this problem in deer reproduction.

No Reservations Needed

In addition, the field trip will take in areas where the experienced and recreational hunters have carried on the most intensive winter food studies for deer.

Deer considered as "hosts" for deer sand germ include field hatches, waterfowl habitats and warm but light conditions. Transportation arrangements will be left up to each individual or hunting party.

No reservations are needed to join the tours.

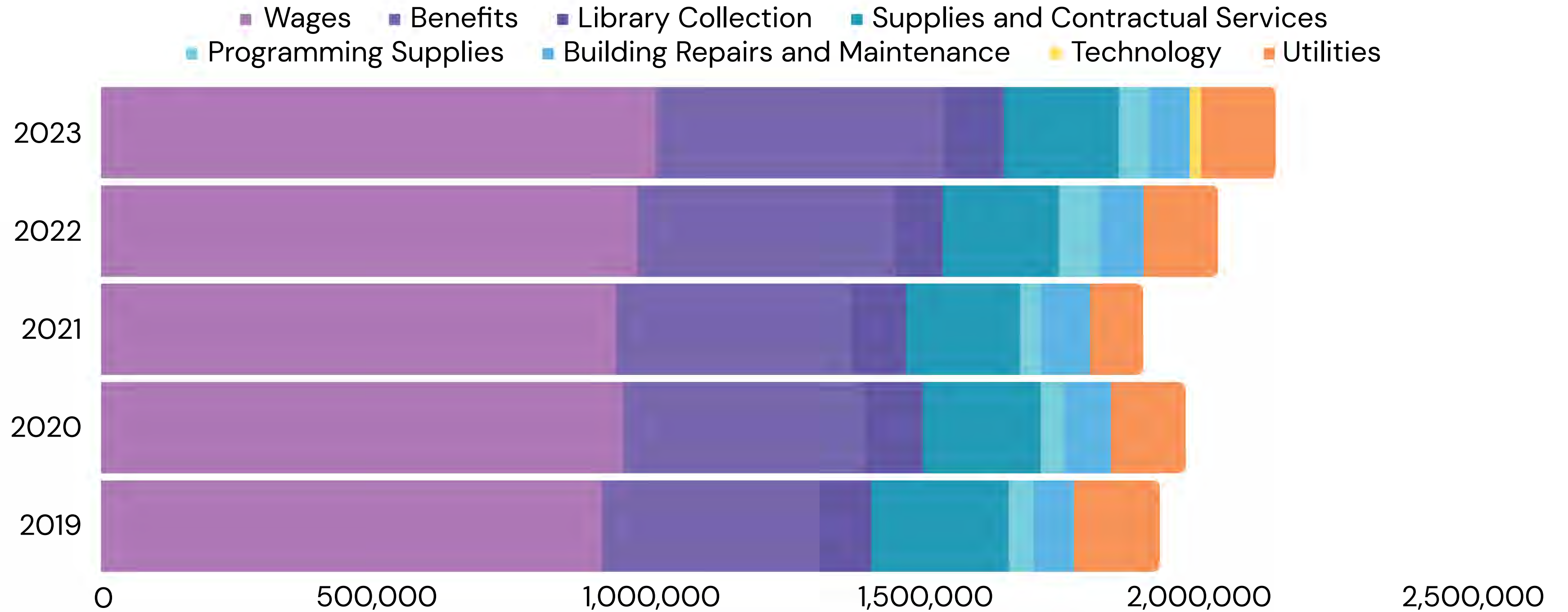


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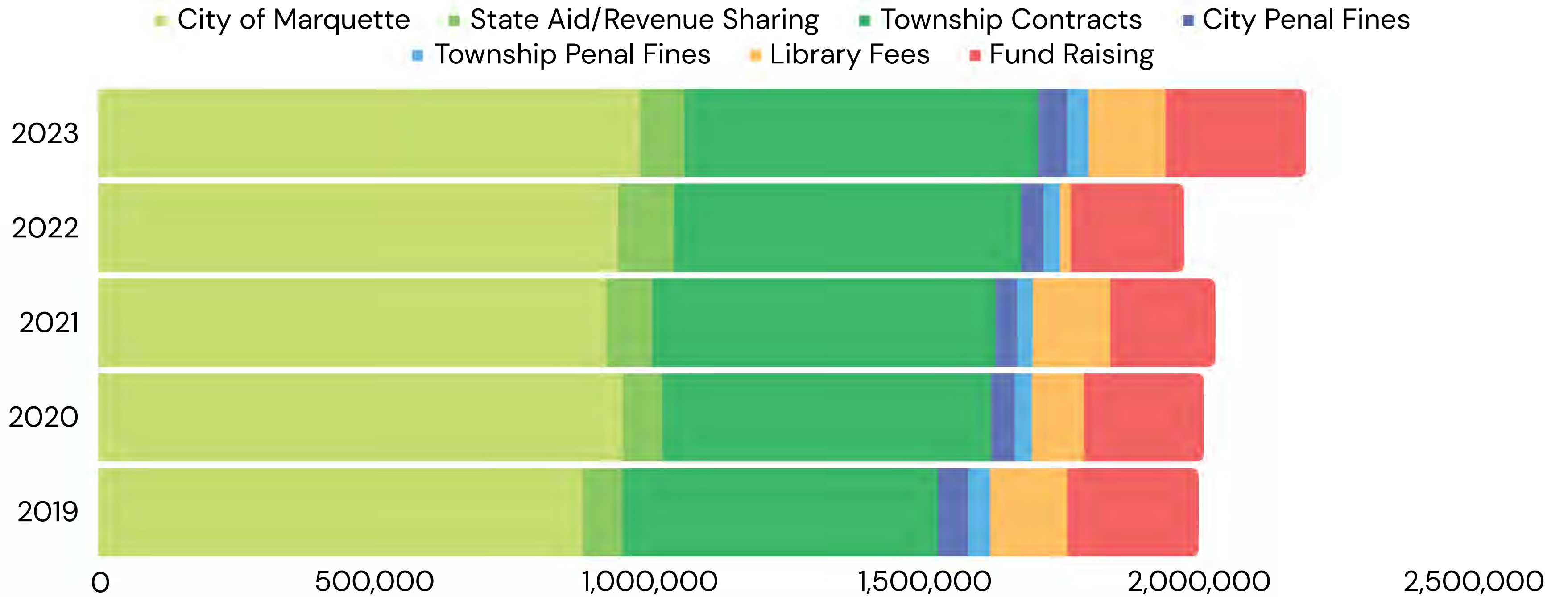
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▲ EXPENSES



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▲ FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY



Endowments:

Allyn Roberts Endowment Fund - Youth Services

- Fund Balance: \$85,939.16 / Disbursement: \$2,300.00

Holly and Rod Aldrich Fund - Technology

- Fund Balance: \$338,724.84 / Disbursement: \$2,700.00

PWPL General Endowment Fund

- Fund Balance: \$447,894.87 / Disbursement: \$15,900.00

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TOWNSHIP SERVICE RENEWAL

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MICHIGAN COMMUNITY RESOLUTION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL**AGREEMENT TO MANAGE FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT****FOR THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM**

Community A (NFIP community): Chocolay Township

Community/Entity B (enforcing agency): County of Marquette, Michigan

WHEREAS, Community A (check the appropriate following box statement) currently participates desires to participate in the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) by complying with the program's applicable statutory and regulatory requirements for the purposes of significantly reducing flood hazards to persons, reducing property damage, reducing public expenditures, and providing for the availability of flood insurance and federal funds or loans within its community; and

WHEREAS, the NFIP requires that floodplain management regulations must be present and enforced in participating communities, and utilize the following definitions which also apply for the purposes of this resolution:

1. Flood or Flooding means:
 - a. A general and temporary condition of partial or complete inundation of normally dry land areas from: 1) the overflow of inland or tidal waters, 2) the unusual and rapid accumulation or runoff of surface waters from any source, 3) mudflows, and
 - b. The collapse or subsidence of land along the shore of a lake or other body of water as a result of erosion or undermining caused by waves or currents of water exceeding anticipated cyclical levels or suddenly caused by an unusually high water level in a natural body of water, accompanied by a severe storm, or by an unanticipated force of nature, such as flash flood or an abnormal tidal surge, or by some similarly unusual and unforeseeable event which results in flooding, as defined in paragraph (a)(1) of this definition.
2. Flood Hazard Boundary Map (FHBM) means an official map of a community, as may have been issued by the FEMA, where the boundaries of the areas of flood, mudslide (i.e., mudflow) related erosion areas having special hazards have been designated as Zone A, M, and/or E.
3. Floodplain means any land area susceptible to being inundated by water from any source (see definition of flooding).
4. Floodplain management means the operation of an overall program of corrective and preventive measures for reducing flood damage, including but not limited to emergency preparedness plans, flood control works, and floodplain management regulations.
5. Floodplain management regulations means zoning ordinances, subdivision regulations, building codes, health regulations, special purpose ordinances (such as a floodplain ordinance, grading ordinance, and erosion control ordinance) and other applications of police power that provide standards for the purpose of flood damage prevention and reduction.
6. Structure means a walled and roofed building that is principally above ground, gas or liquid storage facility, as well as a mobile home or manufactured unit.

WHEREAS, the Stille-Derossett-Hale Single State Construction Code Act", Act No. 230 of the Public Acts of 1972, as amended, (construction code act), along with its authorization of the state construction code composed of the Michigan Residential Code and the Michigan Building Code [and its Appendices (specifically Appendix G)] contains floodplain development and management

regulations that comply with the FEMA NFIP minimum floodplain management criteria for flood prone areas as detailed in Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations (44 CFR), Section 60.3, and

WHEREAS, by the action dates of this document Community/Entity B affirms/agrees on behalf of Community A to function as the designated enforcing agency to discharge the responsibility of administering, applying, and enforcing the construction code act and the state construction code, specifically the Michigan Residential Code and the Michigan Building Code, and the Michigan Rehabilitation Code for Existing Buildings to all development within Community A's political boundaries, and

WHEREAS, Community A and Community/Entity B enforce floodplain regulations of the construction code act, and Community A wishes to ensure that the administration of that code complies with requirements of the NFIP, and

NOW THEREFORE, to maintain eligibility and continued participation in the NFIP,

1. Community A and Community/Entity B agree that Community/Entity B's officially designated enforcing agency for the construction code act, the Marquette County Building Official, be directed to administer, apply, and enforce on Community A's behalf the following floodplain management regulations as contained in the state construction code (including Appendix G) and to be consistent with those regulations, by:
 - a. Obtaining, reviewing, and reasonably utilizing flood elevation data available from federal, state, or other sources pending receipt of data from the FEMA to identify the flood hazard area, and areas with potential flooding (Appendix G103.3), and
 - b. Ensuring that all permits necessary for development in floodplain areas have been issued, including a floodplain permit, approval, or letter of no authority from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality under the floodplain regulatory provisions of Part 31, "Water Resources Protection," of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (Appendix G103.2), and
 - c. Reviewing all permit applications to determine whether the proposed building sites will be reasonably safe from flooding (Appendix G103.1). Where it is determined that a proposed building will be located in a flood hazard area or special flood hazard area, Community/Entity B shall implement the following applicable codes according to their terms:
 - i) All appropriate portions and specifically the floodplain management regulation portions and referenced codes and standards of the current Michigan Residential Code.
 - ii) All appropriate portions and specifically the floodplain management regulation portions and referenced codes and standards of the current Michigan Building Code.
 - iii) Appendix G of the current Michigan Building Code.
 - iv) All appropriate portions and specifically the floodplain management regulation portions and referenced codes and standards of the current Michigan Rehabilitation Code for Existing Buildings.
 - d. Maintaining records of new structures and substantially improved structures concerning any certificates of floodproofing, lowest floor elevation, basements, floodproofing, and elevation to which structures have been floodproofed (Appendix G103.9).
2. Community A and Community/Entity B agree that Community A will retain responsibility for the following:
 - a. Reviewing all proposed subdivisions to determine whether such proposals are reasonably safe from flooding and to ensure compliance with all applicable floodplain management regulations (Appendix G301.2); and
Advising FEMA of any changes in community boundaries, including appropriate maps.

3. Community A and Community/Entity B will split the following responsibilities:
 - a. Assisting in the delineation of flood hazard areas (Community A); provide information concerning uses and occupancy of the floodplain or flood-related erosion areas (Community A), maintain flood proofing and lowest floor construction records (Community B), and cooperate with other officials, agencies, and persons for floodplain management (both).
4. Community A assures the Federal Insurance Administrator (Administrator) that it intends to review, on an ongoing basis, all amended and revised FHBMs and Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) and related supporting data and revisions thereof and revisions of 44 CFR, Part 60, Criteria for Land Management and Use, and to make such revisions in its floodplain management regulations as may be necessary to assure Community A's compliant participation in the program.
5. Community A further assures the Administrator that it will adopt the current effective FEMA Flood Insurance Study (FIS), FHBMs, and/or the FIRMs by reference within its Floodplain Management Map Adoption Ordinance or similarly binding ordinance documentation.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, both communities declare their understanding that, until this resolution is rescinded or Community A makes other provision to enforce the construction code act:

1. Community A and Community/Entity B must administer and enforce the construction code act in accordance with the terms and the conditions contained herein, and
2. For Community A to continue its participation in the NFIP, the construction code act must be administered and enforced according to the conditions contained herein.

Community A: _____	Date Passed: _____
Officer Name: _____	Title: _____
Signature: _____	Date: _____
Witness Name: _____	Title: _____
Signature: _____	Date: _____

Community/Entity B: _____	Date Passed: _____
Officer Name: _____	Title: _____
Signature: _____	Date: _____
Witness Name: _____	Title: _____
Signature: _____	Date: _____



Suggested Motion: Proposed Revised FEMA Flood Ordinance #60

Meeting: March Board Meeting

Date: 4/3/2024

Suggested Motion:

_____ Moved; _____ Supported that after a first reading, public hearing, and second reading held April 8, 2024, the Chocolay Township Board approve proposed revised Ordinance #60 FEMA Flood Ordinance. The proposed revised Ordinance #60 shall take effect fifteen (15) days from the publication of the final draft within the Mining Journal and the posting on the Township Website.

Roll Call Vote:



Charter Township of Chocolay

Planning and Zoning Department

5010 US 41 South

Marquette, MI 49855

Phone: 906-249-1448

Fax: 906-249-1313

Issue Brief: Ordinance 60 Floodplain Management and Interagency Resolution

Meeting: Township Board Meeting

Date: March 11, 2024

Issue Summary

Discussion and recommendations regarding an update to Ordinance 60 *Floodplain Management* and an interagency resolution that supports the adoption of the that the new FEMA floodplain maps that go into effect on June 6, 2024.

Background

Since August 1976, the Township has participated in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). This program allows participants to purchase flood insurance for their property, which provides relief if a flooding event occurs. Purchasers of property within the Township are also able to get federally backed mortgages if flood insurance is required prior to the purchase of the property.

FEMA flood plain mapping for the Township was updated in 1987, and again in 2016. Both updates required Township Board resolutions for participation in the program; the 2016 update also added a new requirement for a local floodplain management ordinance. On April 19, 2016, the Township Board passed the resolution, and adopted Ordinance 60, Floodplain Management.

In 2019, new floodplain maps were introduced to Marquette County. There were numerous meetings to discuss the maps, as they primarily affected the Lake Superior shoreline communities.

After several meetings, draft maps were sent to each community for public review. In August 2023, a ninety-day public appeal period started with the Township and ended in November with FEMA receiving no comments from Chocolay Township residents.

On December 6, 2023, the FEMA sent the Township a letter stating that the appeal period had ended, and that the maps would be adopted on June 6, 2024. As part of that process, the Township is required to update the Township's floodplain management ordinance that shows the adoption of minimum FEMA statutory requirements and any resolutions that involve floodplain management intergovernmental agreements regarding building in the flood plain. Both must be presented to FEMA for approval prior to June 6; otherwise, the Township will be suspended from the NFIP, which would affect insurance rates for property owners participating in the program.

Marquette County, participating in the program with the Township, is also required to adopt a resolution stating that Marquette County Building Codes will enforce the floodplain building regulations for the Township. This process is in progress with the County.

Adoption of the updates to Ordinance 60 will require a public hearing prior to the adoption of the ordinance.



Staff Actions

Staff has drafted a proposed updated ordinance and proposed resolution language (see attached documents). Staff has also outlined a schedule for adoption of both the ordinance and the resolution so that FEMA can approve the language and the language can be in place before the June 6 deadline. The proposed schedule is:

- 3.11.24 introduction to the Board
- TBD Marquette County Board of Commissioners resolution adoption
- 3.24.24 public notices due for a Board public hearing
- 4.08.24 Board public hearing / first read
- 5.13.24 Board second read / adoption and resolution
- 5.24.24 EGLE / FEMA final review of ordinance language and resolution
- 6.06.24 FEMA map effective date

Staff sent a copy of the proposed ordinance to EGLE for pre-approval review (EGLE serves as the approval body for FEMA for the State of Michigan. EGLE reviewed the language and suggested no changes; the proposed language is attached for Board approval and adoption.

Staff Recommendations

Staff is asking the Board to review the attached documents and approve them for presentation for a public hearing at the April 8 Board meeting.

Author: Dale Throenle
Date: February 28, 2024

Attachments

1. *Proposed Ordinance 60 Floodplain Management*
2. *Proposed Ordinance 60 Floodplain Management with highlighted revisions*
3. *Proposed Agreement To Manage Floodplain Development For The National Flood Insurance (NFIP) Program resolution*

ORDINANCE 60 FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT

An ordinance to designate an enforcing agency to discharge the responsibility of the Charter Township of Chocolay, Marquette County, Michigan for floodplain construction, and to designate regulated flood hazard areas under the provisions of the Stille-Derossett-Hale Single State Construction Code Act, Act 230 of 1972~~State Construction Code Act, Act No. 230 of the Public Acts of 1972 (known as the Act)~~, as amended.

The Charter Township of Chocolay ordains:

Section 1 Designated Enforcing Agency

1.0 Agency Designated

Pursuant to the provisions of the State Construction Code, in accordance with Section 125.150 8b(6) of ~~Act 230, of the Public Acts of 1972, as amended~~the Act, ~~the the~~ Resource Management/Codes Development Department of the County of Marquette, Michigan, is hereby designated as the enforcing agency to discharge the responsibility of the Charter Township of Chocolay under the Act~~Act 230, of the Public Acts of 1972, as amended, State of Michigan.~~

~~The~~ County of Marquette, Michigan assumes responsibility for the administration and enforcement of ~~said the~~ Act throughout the corporate limits of the Charter Township of Chocolay.

Section 2 State Building Code Enforcement

2.0 Code Appendix Enforced

Pursuant to the provisions of the State Construction Code, in accordance with Section 125.150 8b(6) of ~~Act 230, of the Public Acts of 1972, as amended~~the Act, Appendix G of the Michigan Building Code shall be enforced by the enforcing agency within the jurisdiction of the Charter Township of Chocolay.

Section 3 Designation of Regulated Flood Prone Hazard Areas

3.0 Designation of Regulated Flood Prone Hazard Areas

The documents adopted as references for the purposes of administration of the Michigan construction code and declared to be a part of Section 1612.3 of the Michigan Building Code, and to provide the content of the Flood Hazards section of Table R301.2(1) of the Michigan Residential Code are as follows:

1. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) (Flood Insurance Study (FIS) Entitled "Marquette County, Michigan (All Jurisdictions)" and dated April 19, 2016~~dated June 6, 2024.~~
2. and The Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMS) panel numbers dated June 6, 2024:
 - of 26103CIND0B (County map index)
 - 26103C0513E, version number 2.5.3.6
 - 26103C0545E, version number 2.5.3.6
 - 26103C0701E, version number 2.5.3.6
 - 26103C0702E, version number 2.5.3.6
 - 26103C0706E, version number 2.5.3.6
 - 26103C0707E, version number 2.5.3.6



- 26103C0726E, version number 2.5.3.6
- 26103C0730E, version number 2.5.3.6
- 26103C0735E, version number 2.5.3.6
- 26103C0755E, version number 2.5.3.6
- 26103C0765E, version number 2.5.3.6

3. The Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMS) panel numbers dated April 19, 2016:

- 26103C075D
- 26103C710D
- 26103C720D
- 26103C740D
- 26103C745D

~~C, 0513D, 0545D, 0701D, 0702D, 0705D, 0706D, 0707D, 0710D, 0720D, 0726D, 0730D, 0735D, 0740D, 0745D, 0755D, and 0765D, dated April 19, 2016, are adopted by reference for the purposes of administration of the Michigan Construction Code, and declared to be a part of Section 1612.3 of the Michigan Building Code, and to provide the content of the "Flood Hazards" section of Table R301.2(1) of the Michigan Residential Code.~~

Section 4 Repeals

~~4.0 Repeals~~

All ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 5 Publication

~~5.0 Publication~~

This ordinance shall be effective ~~April 19, 2016~~ June 6, 2024, after legal publication and in accordance with the provisions of the Act governing same.



**PUBLIC NOTICE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CHOCOLAY**

The Chocolay Township Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 8, 2024 at 5:30 PM at the Chocolay Township Fire Hall at 5010 US 41 South, Marquette, MI to hear public comment on proposed changes to Township Ordinance 60, *Floodplain Management*.

The proposed updates will adopt the FEMA preliminary maps for the Township that go into effect June 6, 2024, and will designate the Marquette County Resource Management Development Department (Building Codes department) as the enforcing agent for the relevant floodplain building code provisions within Chocolay Township.

A copy of the language is available for review and inspection at the Chocolay Township office Monday through Friday 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM and can also be viewed at chocolay.gov. Questions or comments can be directed to the Planning Director at 906.249.1448, sent to the Township office, or submitted via email (publiccomment@chocolay.gov). Comments will be received until 12:00 PM April 3, 2024.

From: [Max Engle](#)
To: [Bill Degroot](#); [Richard Bohianen](#); [Dale Throenle](#)
Subject: FW: 2024 Marquette County ORV Ordinance Amendment
Date: Tuesday, March 26, 2024 10:13:38 AM
Attachments: [2013 Marquette County ORV Ordinance.pdf](#)
[2013 MOT County ORV Map.pdf](#)

We have opted out of this in the past.

From: Sven Gonstead <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2024 3:16 PM
To: Sven Gonstead <[REDACTED]>
Subject: 2024 Marquette County ORV Ordinance Amendment

To Whom It May Concern-

For 2024, Marquette County is amending its ordinance related to outdoor recreational vehicles (ORVs). The current ordinance was passed in 2013, and changes are needed to bring it up to standards that mirror the State of Michigan statute. Additionally, machines and technology have changed since then. Goals for the 2024 Marquette County ORV ordinance amendment include:

- Mirror the State of Michigan statute (DNR Public Act of 324.81011)
- Include an electric ORV definition
- Golf carts, if used as ATVs, may be required to have ORV registration
- Machine width widens from 50" to 65"

Your municipality may opt in or out of the amended ordinance. If your municipality opts in, you can designate roads (if any) to be closed to ORVs within your jurisdiction. A digital map showing the current roads where ORVs are closed is included. ORVs are not allowed on state or federal highways. However, they are allowed on the shoulder of county roads and intended for use to go to and from designated trails. As part of the amendment, it is up to your municipality to designate additional roads in which ORVs are closed.

Attached as part of this email is the following:

1. A brief [survey](#). Please click on the link to complete
2. The 2013 Marquette County Ordinance
3. The 2013 Marquette County Ordinance map declaring roads that are closed to ORV use

This is an initial step as we work toward the Marquette County Board of Commissioners review. Please complete the survey by April 17th, 2024. If you have questions or need

further clarification, the Marquette Planning Division is happy to help. Many thanks!

Best-

Sven Gonstead

County of Marquette

Planner/Recreation Coordinator

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF MARQUETTE
ORV ORDINANCE OF 2013**

An ordinance adopted for the purpose of authorizing and regulating the operation of Off-Road Vehicles (ORVs) on roads in Marquette County for the purpose of providing penalties for the violation thereof, to provide for the distribution of public funds resulting from those penalties pursuant to 2008 PA 240, MCL 324.81131, and for the purpose of repealing the County's existing ORV Ordinance adopted on November 18, 2008.

THE COUNTY OF MARQUETTE ORDAINS:

Section 1. As used in this ordinance, the following definitions shall apply:

"ATV" or "All-Terrain Vehicle" means a three (3) or four (4) wheeled vehicle designed for off-road use that has low pressure tires, has a seat designed to be straddled by the rider, and is powered by a 50cc to 500cc gasoline engine or an engine of comparable size using other fuels;

"County" means the County of Marquette;

"Driver license" means an operator's or chauffeur's license or permit issued to an individual by the Secretary of State under Chapter III of the Michigan Vehicle Code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.301 to 257.329, for that individual to operate a vehicle, whether or not conditions are attached to the license or permit;

"Operate" means to ride in or on, and be in actual physical control of the operation of an ORV;

"Operator" means a person who operates or is in actual physical control of the operation of an ORV;

"ORV" means a motor driven off-road recreation vehicle capable of cross-country travel without benefit of a road or trail, on or immediately over land, snow, ice, marsh, swampland, or other natural terrain. ORV or vehicle includes, but is not limited to, a multi-track or multi-wheel drive vehicle, an ATV, a motorcycle or related 2-wheel, 3-wheel, or 4-wheel vehicle, an amphibious machine, a ground effect air cushion vehicle, or other means of transportation deriving motive power from a source other than muscle or wind. ORV does not include a registered snowmobile, a farm vehicle being used for farming, a vehicle used for military, fire, emergency, or law enforcement purposes, a vehicle owned and operated by a utility company or an oil or gas company when performing maintenance on its facilities or on property over which it has an easement, a construction or logging vehicle used in the performance of its common function, or a registered aircraft;

"Road" means a County primary or County local road as described in Section 5 of 1951 PA 51, MCL 247.655, and does not include State or Federal highways or rights-of-way;

“Road Commission” means the Board of County Road Commissioners for the County of Marquette;

“Safety Certificate” means a certificate issued pursuant to 1994 PA 451 as amended, MCL 324.81129, or a comparable ORV safety certificate issued under the authority of another state or a province of Canada;

“Township” means an individual township within the County of Marquette;

“Township Board” means a board of trustees of any township within the County of Marquette; and

“Visual supervision” means the direct observation of the operator with the unaided or normally corrected eye, where the observer is able to come to the immediate aid of the operator.

Section 2. An ORV may be operated on the far right of the maintained portion of a Road within the County with these exceptions:

a) Roads within the Charter Township of Chocolay, the Charter Township of Marquette, the Township of Sands, and the cities of Marquette, Negaunee and Ishpeming; and,

b) Roads closed to the operation of ORVs either by the Road Commission or by a Township, pursuant to MCL 324.81131(4).

c) The County, in cooperation with the Townships and the Road Commission, shall maintain a map that depicts all roads closed to ORV use, which map shall be posted on the County website; together with a listing of all townships and cities closed to all ORV use, and a listing of all townships and cities that maintain their own ORV ordinance.

Section 3. Pursuant to MCL 324.81131(4), the Township Board of a Township in the County may adopt an ordinance to close any Roads within the boundaries of the Township to the operation of ORVs permitted by this Ordinance. The Township Board of a Township in the County may adopt an ordinance authorizing the operation of ORVs “on the maintained portion of one (1) or more roads located within the Township,” pursuant to MCL 324.81131(3).

Section 4. Pursuant to MCL 324.81131(4), the Road Commission may close no more than thirty (30%) percent of the total linear miles of Roads in the County to protect the environment or if the operation of ORVs poses a particular and demonstrable threat to public safety. The Road Commission may not close a municipal street to ORVs opened under Section 5 of MCL 324.81131.

Section 5. An ORV may not be operated on the road surface, roadway, shoulder, or right-of-way of any state or federal highway in the County.

Section 6. Except as otherwise set forth herein or otherwise provided by law, an ORV meeting all of the following conditions may be operated on Roads in the County:

- a) at a speed of no more than 25 miles per hour or a lower posted ORV speed limit;
- b) by a person not less than twelve (12) years of age;
- c) with the flow of traffic;
- d) in a manner that does not interfere with traffic on the Road;
- e) traveling single file except when overtaking and passing another ORV;
- f) when visibility is not substantially reduced due to weather conditions unless displaying a lighted headlight and lighted taillight;
- g) one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise until one-half (1/2) hour after sunset unless displaying a lighted headlight and lighted taillight;
- h) while displaying a lighted headlight and lighted taillight at all hours beginning January 1, 2010;
- i) while the operator and each passenger is wearing a crash helmet and protective eyewear approved by the United States Department of Transportation unless the vehicle is equipped with a roof that meets or exceeds standards for a crash helmet and the operator and each passenger is wearing a properly adjusted and fastened seat belt;
- j) with a throttle so designed that when the pressure used to advance the throttle is removed, the engine speed will immediately and automatically return to idle;
- k) while the ORV is equipped with a spark arrester type United States Forest Service approved muffler in good working order and in constant operation;
- l) pursuant to noise emission standards defined by law; and,
- m) consistent with all other applicable laws, rules, regulations and ordinances.

Section 7. A child less than sixteen (16) years of age shall not operate an ORV on a Road in the County unless the child is under the direct visual supervision of an adult and the child has in his or her immediate possession a Michigan issued ORV safety certificate or a comparable ORV safety certificate issued under the authority of another state or a province of Canada.

Section 8. Unless a person possesses a valid driver's license, a person shall not operate an ORV on a Road in the County if the ORV is registered as a motor vehicle and is either more than sixty (60) inches wide or has three (3) wheels.

Section 9. Any person who violates this ordinance is guilty of a municipal civil infraction and may be ordered to pay a civil fine of not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars.

Section 10. A court may order a person who causes damage to the environment, a Road, or other property as a result of the operation of an ORV to pay full restitution for that damage above and beyond the penalties paid for civil fines.

Section 11. The County Treasurer shall deposit all fines and damages collected under this ordinance into a fund to be designated as the ORV Fund. The County Board of Commissioners shall appropriate revenue in the ORV Fund as follows:

a) Fifty (50%) percent to the County Road Commission for repairing damage to Roads and the environment that may have been caused by ORVs, and for posting signs indicating ORV speed limits, or indicating whether Roads are open or closed to the operation of ORVs; and,

b) Fifty (50%) percent to the County Sheriff for ORV enforcement and training.

Section 12. This Ordinance shall become effective the day following publication of notice of its adoption in a newspaper of general circulation in the County.

Section 13. The existing County ORV Ordinance adopted by the Marquette County Board of Commissioners on November 18, 2008, shall be and hereby is repealed as of the effective date of this Ordinance.

This Ordinance is adopted by action of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners this 18th day of June, 2013.

Commissioners voting “Aye.” Commissioner Arsenault, Commissioner Heikkila, Commissioner Pellow, Commissioner Seppanen and Chairman Corkin.

Commissioners voting “Nay.” None.

Commissioners Absent. Commissioner Pence.

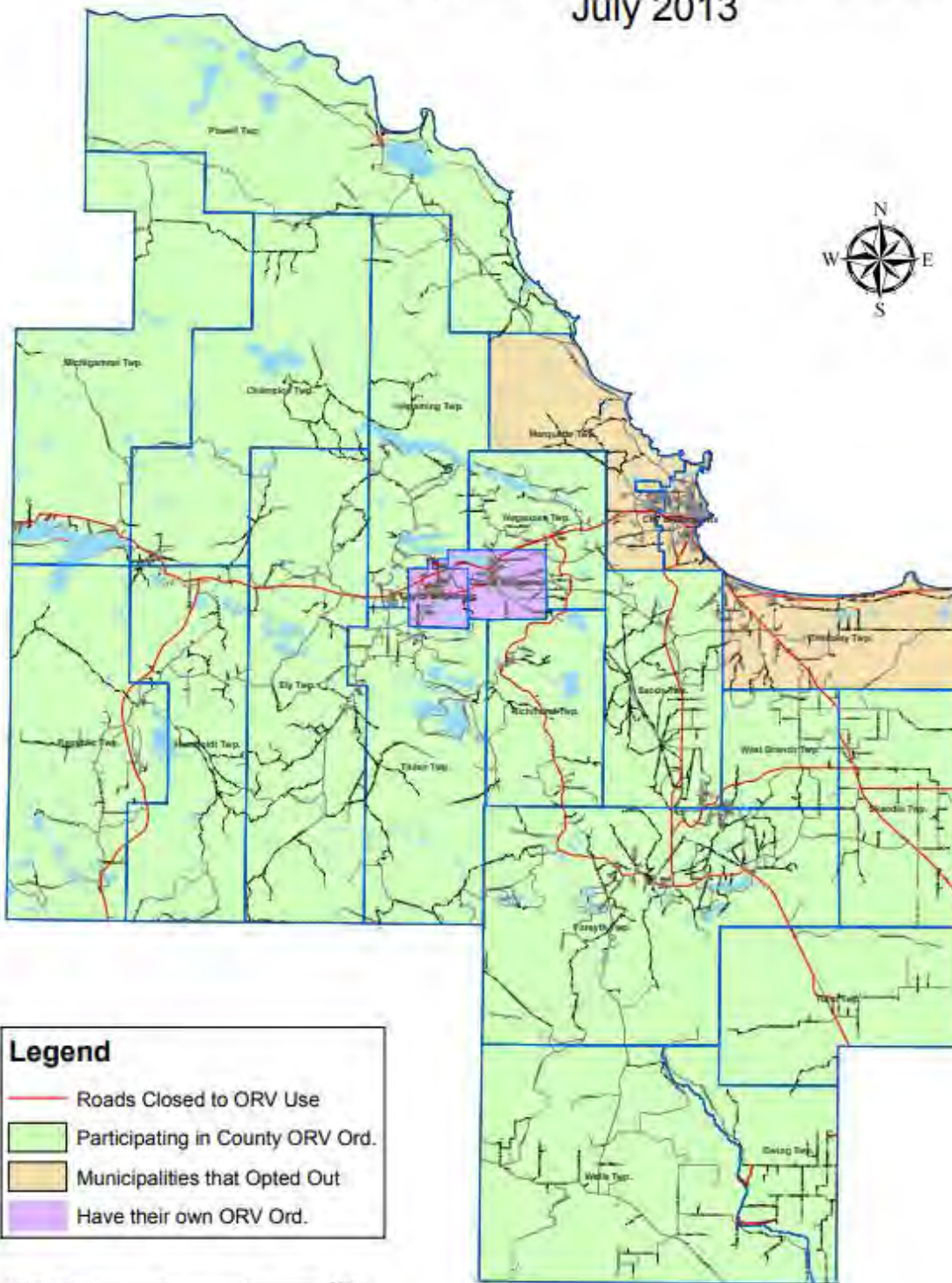
Gerald O. Corkin, Chair
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

CERTIFICATION

I, Peter Dishnow, Clerk of the County of Marquette, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the Ordinance duly adopted by the Marquette County Board of Commissioners on the 18th day of June, 2013.

Peter Dishnow, Marquette County Clerk

Marquette County ORV Ordinance July 2013



Legend

- Roads Closed to ORV Use
- Participating in County ORV Ord.
- Municipalities that Opted Out
- Have their own ORV Ord.





Suggested Motion: Beaver Grove Park Restroom Replacement

Meeting: March Board Meeting

Date: 4/3/2024

Suggested Motion:

_____ Moved; _____ Supported that the Chocolay Township Board approves staff recommendations to replace the restroom building at the Beaver Grove Park.

To complete this work the Township Board awards the following contracts:

1. The replace Vault Restroom to Boom Concrete, Inc. in the amount of \$44,455.75
2. The pumping and removal of Existing Vault Restroom to Carey S Sodergren, Inc. \$8,417.00
3. All Associated Electrical Work to J.Wright & Co., Inc. \$9745.00

Vote:

The second is for the demolition and removal of the existing vault restroom. We received four bids back and the low bid was with Carey-Sodergren, Inc. The work will consist of the demolition of the current restroom, disposal of all materials, backfill the hole and restoration.

The RFP results received are,

- Carey Sodergren, Inc. \$8,417.00
- Smith Construction, Inc. \$15,000.00
- Oberstar Inc. \$19,500.00
- Ultra Construction Services, LLC \$10,416.75

The third is for electrical work. This will consist of relocating the transformer, installing a strut system to hold the meter box, breaker panel and outdoor outlet and trenching to the water shed and pavilion to hook up the electrical to meet local codes. We received three bids back and only one met the requirements in the RFP. The contractor meeting the specifications was J. Wright & Co., Inc.

The RFP results received are,

- Mandel Electric, Inc. \$9450.00 (did not meet RFP requirements)
- J.Wright & Co., Inc. \$9745.00
- Red Electric \$5,740.00 (did not meet RFP requirements)

Recommendation:

Staff suggests to the Township Board that the expenditure of no more than \$45,000.00 that was budgeted this year out of the recreation capital improvement fund be authorized for the purchase and installation and contracting with Boom Concrete Inc. to supply and install the vault structure.

Staff also suggests to the Township Board that the expenditure of no more than \$11,000.00 that was budgeted this year out of the recreation capital improvement fund be authorized for the demolition and removal of the current restroom structure and contracting with Carey-Sodergren, Inc. for the demolition and removal of the current restroom.

Staff is also suggesting to the Township Board that the expenditure of no more than \$10,000.00 that was budgeted this year out of the recreation capital improvement fund be authorized for the electrical work to be completed at the Beaver Grove Park and contracting with J. Wright & Co., Inc. for the electrical work.

Author: Brad Johnson

Date: 3/5/2024

Marketing Material for Police Chief Job

About Us

Chocolate Township is in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan just east of Marquette. The community is approximately 60 square miles with a population of roughly 5,900. Along the shorelines of Lake Superior, the community is diverse with work force housing, single family homes, farms, State Forest land, KBIC Trust land, and commercial and industrial enterprises. The township has six parks with recreational options such as sports, walking, trail riding, and river access. In our diverse culture our community leaders recognize the hard work and dedication that backs our success as we continue to build our future.

Police Department's Mission Statement

Our mission is to partner with the community to solve problems and improve public safety in a manner that is fair, impartial, transparent, and consistent. We do so with honor and integrity, while at all times conducting ourselves with the highest ethical standards to maintain public confidence.

The Department

The Department serves to provide public safety and preserve the peace through active road patrol. Although each officer, including the Chief, serves as a road patrol officer, the Chief provides additional direction that assures compliance with federal, state, and local laws. The workforce consists of two road patrol offices, a Corporal (Investigator, road patrol), a Sergeant (shift administrator, road patrol, training officer), The Chief, and an Administrative Assistant/Accreditation Manager.

The Position

The next Chief, through leadership, will exemplify professionalism, honor, and integrity, while promoting active community engagement and transparency in policing. The Township desires a hands-on leader that is an effective communicator, inspires confidence, will be a mentor for new leaders, is a proven administrator, and can build trust with the Township Officials, Departments, and with the community. The Chief is expected to work with the Township Manager to plan, develop, and implement a public safety program that builds the community's trust in protecting and preserving the peace.

Opportunities

- The Chief, through thoughtful reflection, shall develop a plan that promotes a highly responsive, respected, and community focused police force.
- Develop internal goals that continue to inspire, educate, mentor, and develop new leaders.
- Implement departmental strategies to increase interaction in departmental operations such as budgeting, capital needs, and general administration.
- Suggest transparency initiatives improving departmental communications to the general community.



Job Description: Chief of Police

JOB DESCRIPTION

Position, Purpose, and Objectives:

The Chief of Police is responsible for the direction and leadership of the Chocolay Township Police Department. The Chief of Police is the leader of a dedicated and diverse group of professionals who are committed to ensuring that Chocolay Township continues to be a safe and desirable place to live, work or visit. The Chief of Police will lead this department based on a set of core values being Integrity, Professionalism, Fairness and Impartiality, Teamwork, Efficiency, Advocacy and Empathy. The Chief of Police will endeavor to instill these core values in the officers and staff he/she has been appointed to lead to provide an environment where all persons can perform their responsibilities free from any type of harassment, injury, or victimization from the criminal activities of any person or entity. The Chief of Police will foster an environment that encourages each officer and staff member to seek self-improvement and training so that all could take on a leadership role within the department and community. The Chief of Police assists and supports the Township Manager by providing the leadership and oversight necessary to ensure the department has appropriate procedures, processes, and systems in place so the department can make informed decisions and achieve its overall goals. The Chief of Police also serves as a member of the Township Leadership Team.

Direct Reports include:

Police Sergeant, Patrol officers (full and part-time) Police Administrative Assistant / Accreditation Manager

Essential Job Functions:

Lead and oversee all activities of the Police Department to advance the Department's daily mission and core values for the benefit of the community. Comply with legal and regulatory standards while managing exposure to risk.

- Oversees, through supervision, the commitment of the department and staff to make Chocolay Township a safe and desirable place to live, work or visit. Partner with the community to identify, solve problems and improve public safety by maintaining and strengthening the department's reputation for excellence in operation.
- Plans and directs all administrative and technical activities of the Police Department; develop and implements internal polices procedures, other operating practices, rules, and regulations for police operations based on the core values, mission and vison of the Police Department and the community.
- Fosters excellent communications, working relationships and personal connections with employees. Ensure consistent implementation of both the department's policies, procedures,

written directives and the Township personnel policies, vision, and direction as put forth by the Township Manager and or Board of Trustees.

- Fosters excellent relationships working cooperatively with Federal, state, county, city, tribal and other regional jurisdictions, or agencies, public or private, to resolve common police or community problems as they may relate to the health, safety, and wellbeing of the community.
- Acts as administrator of professional contracts with state agencies or private contractors/vendors to access, and/ or have available needed tools to accomplish the department's legal mandate.
- Participates with local citizen groups to hear problems or concerns. Offer suggestions, direct department resources and/or seek other outside assistance to address these situations.
- Assist in reporting agency-wide compliance with Michigan Department of Transportation, Marquette County Road Commission, City of Marquette, Department of Labor, and lead any resource coordination required.
- Limits the agency's exposure to risk, proactively identifying risks and establishing internal controls for mitigating exposures.
- Creates and promotes a culture of teamwork, continuous improvement, collaboration, and proactive problem solving. Assist the Township Manager with change initiatives and improvements to better serve our residents.
- Must perform all the duties of a road patrol officer, including special events or special assignments such as snowmobile patrol, community block parties, or other events as they present themselves.
- May at times be required to represent the Police Department or Chocolay Township at community events, or groups and associations on a county, state, or federal level.

Provide senior leadership and supervision for the Police Department for the purpose of developing a high-performing team that can deliver operations effectively and efficiently in a changing environment.

- Model appropriate behaviors to foster a positive, supportive workplace culture.
- Inspire staff to enhance employee development, education, and engagement. Help staff understand the departmental values, ideas, and goals. Help staff understand how their role contributes to the overall success of the team and impacts our community. Translate the Township's strategic goals into departmental direction.
- Encourage reflection and innovation in order to create an atmosphere of learning, growth, and continuous improvement. Identify emerging trends, challenges, and opportunities to experiment with or challenge conventional thinking.
- Ensure effective communication and coordination within the department and other departments within the Township Administration, Senior Leadership Team, Township Boards, and outside partners.
- Foster delegation and empowerment for staff in order to encourage staff growth, organizational productivity, and succession building.
- Ensure recognition of staff, celebrating employee engagement, pride, loyalty, and commitment to team and community.
- Design a succession plan that helps staff reach their potential in order to enhance individual and organizational capacity. Provide clear expectations, coaching, and feedback to direct

reports in order to build on strengths and foster continuous learning. Hold staff accountable for decisions, behaviors, and actions.

Ensure effective approaches to resource management throughout the department for the purpose of delivering agreed upon results.

- Work to ensure the department delivers agreed-upon results with the appropriate balance of quality, cost, and timeliness. Oversee the implementation of key projects or initiatives.
- Establish appropriate vertical and lateral communication flows to ensure effective and efficient workload scheduling, while keeping in mind employee morale and burnout.
- Demonstrate strong fiscal management including overseeing budgets, monitoring and managing fiscal resources, deadlines, and performance measures.
- As delegated by the appropriate immediate supervisor develop financial recommendations, arrange/ negotiate contracts, and develop monitoring programs that carry out the values of the Township.

Participate in senior agency leadership to ensure the development and success of the overall organization.

- As a member of the Senior Leadership Team, help clarify and implement the Township's strategic directions, administrative policies, and decisions as required.
- Operate as an interface between the Senior Leadership Team and department staff to foster effective vertical and lateral communications.
- Perform other leadership duties as assigned by the immediate supervisor or the Township Board.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

- High School Degree
- MCOLES Certified
- Police Executives School
- Supervisory School
- Specialized training including: Use of force, lethal and less than lethal, Self-defense, high speed and defensive driving, LEIN - TAC and LASO, Medical first responder, Evidence collection/ preservation, investigation / interrogation, Hazardous materials, speed measuring devices.
- Ability to use a computer and related systems. Willingness to learn various software programs.
- Ability to endure various work environments including indoor office setting or outdoor during severe weather.
- Physical fitness sufficient to subdue suspects and others as needed.
- Travel may be required.
- Willingness to participate in continuing education, updates and re-certifications.

Reports to: Township Manager and the Township Supervisor

Questions for Interviews:

What skills and/or traits do you believe are most important to the role of Police Chief and Why?

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Please tell us how your professional training has prepared you for this position?

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If staff said they don't want to do something your way because "that's the way we have always done it", how would you respond?

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What are your biggest work-related accomplishments? Why were you able to attain them?

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In your previous work experience, please describe your experience in working with citizens with various cultural backgrounds. What approaches have you used to ensure equal attention is given to each group?

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Please describe an ethical dilemma you faced in the workplace. How was it resolved? Did you play a role in the resolution? Would there be anything different you would do now upon reflection?

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The Police Industry has changed over the past few years from work shortages to burnout. Please give an example of creative problem solving you used to solve an administrative or inter-departmental problem?

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Have you familiarized yourself with the Chocolay Police Department? If so, what are the three main professional goals you would like to see over the next five years?

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What attracted you to apply for this position?

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What can Chocolay Township do for you to make you successful and reach your personal goals?

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Suggested Motion: Donation of Remaining Expired Fire Department SCBA's

Meeting: March Board Meeting

Date: 4/3/2024

Suggested Motion:

_____ Moved; _____ Supported that the Chocolay Township Board approves staff recommendations to donate the remaining Fire Department SCBA's to Build Your Culture Training Company to be used for the training of Fire Fighters.

Vote:



Chocolay Township Fire-Rescue

5010 U.S. 41 S.
Marquette, MI 49855
(906) 249-1448

Email: fire@chocolay.org
<http://www.chocolay.org/fire/fire.php>

Issue Brief: Donation of Expired Fire Department SCBA's

Issue Brief: Fire Department SCBA Donation

Meeting: April 8, 2024

Issue Summary:

Donation of former SCBA to Build Your Culture Training Company

Background:

Self-Contained Breath Apparatus (SCBA) are used when firefighters enter smoke and toxic gas environments to protect their respiratory systems. SCBA's are regulated by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) for all aspects including when they are required to be taken out of service.

In 2023 our SCBA's were required to be taken out of service. We purchased new SCBA's that are currently in operation. Our former SCBA's are no longer allowed to be used in emergency situations due to NFPA regulations. They can however still be used for training purposes to teach new firefighters about SCBA's and continuing education for current members.

Build Your Culture Training Company provides training to new and seasoned firefighters across Michigan. Part-owner of the company Mr. Brandon Corey who is also the County of Marquette Firefighter Training Chair for the State of Michigan and a City of Marquette Firefighter Paramedic requested using our former SCBA's for the annual Fighter I & II Certification Training Class in Marquette County and continuing education for firefighters in Marquette County and across the State of Michigan.

Our inventory for the former SCBA is as follows:

- 11 Air Pack Frames
- 22 Air Bottles
- 20 SCBA Masks

Analysis:

Should the Township donate the fire departments former SCBA inventory to Build Your Culture Training?

Recommendation:

The fire department is requesting Chocolay Township Board of Trustees consider donating the former SCBA inventory to Build Your Culture Training Company to be used to teach new firefighters and for continuing education for current firefighters.

Author: Lee Gould

Date: 04/01/2024



Suggested Motion: Purchase of a Ventilation Fan for the Fire Department

Meeting: March Board Meeting

Date: 4/3/2024

Suggested Motion:

_____ Moved; _____ Supported that the Chocolay Township Board approves the Township Manager and Fire Chief to purchase a Super Vac V18-BL-SP replacement Ventilation Fan for the Fire Department's use during structure fires. The purchase price is \$4,576.92. The purchase will be drawn from the existing Fire Department Capital Budget.

Vote:



Chocolay Township Fire-Rescue

5010 U.S. 41 S.
Marquette, MI 49855
(906) 249-1448

Email: fire@chocolay.org
<http://www.chocolay.org/fire/fire.php>

Issue Brief: Fire Department Ventilation Fan Replacement

Issue Brief: Fire Department Ventilation Fan Replacement

Meeting: April 8, 2024

Issue Summary:

Purchase a new ventilation fan to replace a former ventilation

Background:

The Fire Department carries ventilation fans on each of our frontline apparatus for several purposes. They are used for ventilation on structure fires, removing smoke from residences from small incipient fires, confined space rescue calls and other tasks as necessary. Their purpose is to remove the smoke and toxic gases from hazardous environments reducing life safety and explosion hazards.

We are requesting purchasing a new battery-operated ventilation fan that functions the same as the gas ventilation fans. The advantage to the new battery-operated fans is they are lighter and smaller thus requiring less manpower to use it but still move the same volume of air. The fan we are requesting utilizes our current battery platform so we won't need to purchase batteries for this fan. It also will have less annual maintenance with the elimination of fuel to run it.

Analysis:

Should the fire department purchase a new Super Vac Ventilation Fan V18-BL-SP to replace a former fan.

Recommendation:

The fire department is requesting Chocolay Township Board of Trustees consider the purchase of a new SuperVac Ventilation from Total Tool for the price of \$4576.92. We received quotes from another vendor and the internet.

Author: Lee Gould

Date: 03/27/2024



Suggested Motion: Recognize the Bi-annual Fire Department Officer Elections

Meeting: March Board Meeting

Date: 4/3/2024

Suggested Motion:

_____ Moved; _____ Supported that the Chocolay Township Board recognize Lee Gould as the Chocolay Township Fire Chief in accordance with the Michigan Charter Township Act and the Chocolay Township Volunteer Fire Department's Bi-Annual Elections.

Vote:



Chocolay Township Fire-Rescue

5010 U.S. 41 S.
Marquette, MI 49855
(906) 249-1448

Email: fire@chocolay.org
<http://www.chocolay.org/fire/fire.php>

Issue Brief: Fire Department Recommendation for Fire Chief

Meeting: April 8, 2024

Issue Summary:

Fire Department Recommendation for Fire Chief

Background:

Per the Charter Township Act, the township board shall appoint or approve a fire chief. The Fire Department holds elections for officers and the secretary position every 2 years. Members with a minimum of 3 years of experience on the department can put their name up for election for 7 open positions. The positions include chief, assistant chief, two captains, two lieutenants and a secretary.

Analysis:

Should the Chocolay Township Board of Trustees authorize Lee Gould, current Fire Chief to remain as Fire Chief.

Recommendation:

Chief Gould has been Fire Chief for the past 6 years and been on the department for 21 years. His continued leadership for the next two years will further the townships four values of Strengthening Critical Systems, Integration with other Jurisdictions, Sustainability over time and Catalytic Opportunity. He will also manage the Townships largest department with 23 current members.

Author: Willian De Groot

Date: 03/27/2024



**Suggested Motion: Marquette County Road Commission Bid – Shot Point
Repaving**

Meeting: March Board Meeting

Date: 4/3/2024

Suggested Motion:

_____ Moved; _____ Supported that the Chocolay Township Board formally accept the Marquette County Road Commission Bid recommendation for Bacco Construction to repave Shot Point for the project amount of \$488,117.80.

Vote:



Issue Brief: Marquette County Road Commission Paving Project – Shot Point

Meeting: Discussion April Board Meeting

Date: 3/5/2024

Issue Summary:

Should the Township Board accept the Marquette County Road Commission Bid results for the repaving of Shot Point?

Background:

The Township has collected a voter driven road millage each year for the annual maintenance of our paved roads. The Township has recently contracted the maintenance duties with the Marquette County Road Commission. As part of these duties each fall the Road Commission Staff reviews the Township Roads and supplies a PASER rating. This rating is reviewed internally and against the Board Approved road improvement list.

Once the review is completed and the road receiving improvement is identified, then the Road Commission develops engineering, bid, and construction documents. This year the road to be improved is Shot Point.

Analysis:

Staff spent time last year updating the road improvement program with the Board. Shot Point was identified as the road with the most need of repair. The bid documents were received, and Bacco Construction is the lowest bidder. This company repaved Lakewood Lane and has been responsive to the Road Commission for any construction concerns. The Township has approximately \$650,000 in the total road millage account. Since the Bacco bid is \$488,118 then it does allow the Township room to manage more road repair construction projects in the next few years.

Recommendation:

The Road Commission has worked with Bacco Construction on many jobs over the last few years throughout the county. It is the belief of Staff that the engineering and repaving will benefit the residents of Shot Point and improve the road surface. The amount of the bid allows the Township to continue to improve our roads without exceeding the annual millage amount. This item is ready for Board review and discussion.

Author: Bill De Groot

Date: 4/3/2024

XIII.G.3

Location B1: County Road BAT (Shot Point Drive) M-28 Northwesterly to end of road, 1.40 miles					Bacco Construction		Payne & Dolan, Inc.	
Item Code	Item Description	UofM	Quantity	Unit Price	Extension	Unit Price	Extension	
B1-1	Mobilization, \$50,900 Max	LSUM	1	\$21,500.00	\$21,500.00	\$17,250.00	\$17,250.00	
B1-2	Ditch Cleanout	STA	3	\$1,550.00	\$4,650.00	\$1,200.00	\$3,600.00	
B1-3	Berm Grading	STA	56	\$194.00	\$10,864.00	\$335.00	\$18,760.00	
B1-4	Excavation, Rock	CYD	10	\$97.50	\$975.00	\$500.00	\$5,000.00	
B1-5a	Culv, CI E, Conc, 18 inch	FT	120	\$125.00	\$15,000.00	\$175.00	\$21,000.00	
B1-5b	Erosion Control, Silt Fence	FT	300	\$3.65	\$1,095.00	\$5.00	\$1,500.00	
B1-5c	Riprap, Plain	SYD	60	\$43.60	\$2,616.00	\$57.00	\$3,420.00	
B1-6	Pavt, Rem	SYD	178	\$15.90	\$2,830.20	\$86.00	\$15,308.00	
B1-7	Road Grade Biaxial Geogrid	SYD	13856	\$2.30	\$31,868.80	\$3.75	\$51,960.00	
B1-8	Aggregate Base	TON	4573	\$26.70	\$122,099.10	\$29.00	\$132,617.00	
B1-9	HMA, 5EML	TON	2677	\$74.10	\$198,365.70	\$94.00	\$251,638.00	
B1-10	Shld, CI II	TON	941	\$32.20	\$30,300.20	\$35.50	\$33,405.50	
B1-11	Driveway, Nonreinf Conc, 6 inch	SYD	178	\$105.00	\$18,690.00	\$166.00	\$29,548.00	
B1-12	Approach, CI II	TON	162	\$31.90	\$5,167.80	\$45.50	\$7,371.00	
B1-13	HMA Approach	TON	137	\$154.00	\$21,098.00	\$94.00	\$12,878.00	
B1-14	Post, Mailbox	EA	5	\$99.60	\$498.00	\$230.00	\$1,150.00	
B1-15	Traffic Control	LSUM	1	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$2,600.00	\$2,600.00	
Location B1 Totals					\$488,117.80	\$609,005.50		
CHOCOLAY TOWNSHIP TOTAL					Bacco Construction		Payne & Dolan, Inc.	
					\$488,117.80		\$609,005.50	

**CHOCOLAY TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION**

Monday, March 18, 2024 Minutes

I. Meeting Call to Order

Chair Ryan Soucy called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

Members present at roll call:

- Ryan Soucy (Chair)
- George Meister (Vice Chair)
- Donna Mullen-Campbell (Secretary)
- Rebecca Sloan (Vice Secretary)
- Stephanie Gencheff
- Kendall Milton

Members absent at roll call:

- Don Rhein (Board)

Staff present:

- Dale Throenle (Planning Director / Zoning Administrator)

IV. Additional Agenda Items / Approval of Agenda

Milton moved, Sloan seconded, to approve the agenda as presented.

Vote: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried

V. Minutes

A. February 12, 2024 joint meeting

B. February 12, 2024 regular meeting

Mullen-Campbell moved, Sloan seconded, to approve the minutes for both meetings as presented.

Vote: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried

VI. Public Comment

None

VII. Presentations

None

VIII. Unfinished Business

A. Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments for the Agriculture / Forestry (AF) Zoning District (34-23-02)

Staff Introduction

Throenle stated that the Commissioners were reviewing the final draft document with attorney review included. He added that Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) was listed as permitted in the proposed AG 1, AG 2, and AG 3 zoning districts. Throenle then outlined the reasoning for the attorney comments incorporated into the document.

Commissioner Discussion

Soucy asked about section 125.3206 in the *Zoning Enabling Act* regarding the mandated uses shown in that section. He asked about residential districts; Throenle stated that single family homes were allowed in the AG districts, making those districts residential in nature. Soucy asked about the special use clause in that section; Throenle pointed out that the Township considered special uses as conditional uses.

Soucy asked about the proposed district size minimums. Throenle stated that the numbers were changed to accommodate the attorney recommendation to set the minimum for each district to reduce confusion.

Gencheff asked if setting the minimum would address the issue of reducing non-conformances; Throenle stated that it would.

Gencheff asked about the State-mandated uses; Throenle replied that the uses were a combination of conditional and permitted, depending on the requirements in the *Zoning Enabling Act*.

Meister asked about the treatment programs and if they could be considered conditional. Throenle pointed out that the *Zoning Enabling Act* specifies that the use must be permitted.

Gencheff asked about ADUs. Meister suggested that the Commissioners discuss ADUs to determine whether ADUs should be permitted or conditional in each of the proposed AG districts.

Commissioners moved into the discussion on ADUs.

IX. New Business

A. Proposed Accessory Dwelling Unit Language

Staff Introduction

Throenle pointed out that the document being presented was a document designed to get the conversation about ADUs started. He began with a series of questions that were the end of the ADU document. The questions were:

1. Mixed use overlay – will change to MU (Mixed Use). ADUs for commercial properties?

2. AG 1, AG 2, and AG 3 are permitted use for ADUs. Should ADUs in those new districts be changed to conditional use?
3. What to do with a new / expired ADU? Rent? Vacation rental? Removal?
4. If a minimum size is occupiable according to County standards, will consideration be for living in square footages that accommodate tiny homes.

He also pointed out that the green highlighted language in the document was from the current zoning ordinance. He added that most of the proposed language came from other ordinances that staff had researched.

Commissioner Discussion

Commissioners discussed the proposed purpose statement. Meister recommended that the word “family” be removed from the statement. Gencheff stated that one of the primary reasons for ADUs was to provide a rental income on the property, and it would not provide affordable housing.

Commissioners returned to the top of the document to review the definitions and agreed that the definitions were satisfactory.

Meister questioned the reason for not allowing lot splits with ADUs. Throenle stated that if the ADU is less than 800 square feet, the ADU would be non-conforming after the split. Meister suggested that the language be changed to state that splits would be permitted as long as the requirements of the zoning ordinance (setbacks, etc.) were met. Commissioners discussed the proposed idea, Commissioners decided to add phrasing requiring that regulations must be met prior to the split.

Commissioners discussed the owner-occupied statement, and decided to change it to “the owner must live on the property.”

Commissioners discussed the minimum and maximum square footage of the ADU. After considerable discussion, which included discussion on percentages of the original structure and attached versus detached, the Commissioners decided to move that discussion to a future meeting. They leaned toward a minimum square footage of 400 and a maximum square footage of 1,000, and are potentially looking at a percentage of the existing structure, percentage of the property, and a percentage of the property frontage as part of the future discussion.

Commissioners discussed the driveway and parking requirements for an ADU. The Commissioners decided that separate driveways would be allowed, and that on-site parking would be required.

Commissioners discussed the metering for public utilities requirement and providing a separate mailing address requirement. After discussion, they decided that the separate utilities would be acceptable, and that a separate mailing address would be discussed after staff had a conversation with the Assessor about assigning multiple addresses.

Commissioners moved on to a discussion on height. They decided to keep the height within the constraints of the zoning district height.

The Commissioners addressed the application process to determine if ADUs would require a conditional use permit from the Township. They discussed the relationship between an ADU and the appropriate zoning districts as to where the ADUs could be located. They decided to keep the ADU process as a conditional use process.

Commissioners looked at the three items extracted from the current ordinance. They removed the requirement for a five year renewal and removed the requirement for dismantling the ADU at the end of its use. They decided to bring the discussion on the first item involving reasonable conditions back for review at a future meeting.

The Commissioners requested that a map of the mixed use area be brought to the next discussion so they could discuss the question of ADUs in a commercial or mixed use district.

Commissioners discussed the permitted and conditional use for the proposed agriculture zoning districts. They decided that AG 1 will be conditional; AG 2 and AG 3 will be permitted.

Throenle suggested that the Commissioners return to the previous agenda item regarding the uses for AG 1, AG 2, and AG 3 to finish the discussion. Commissioners decided to change ADUs in the AG 1 district to conditional, and to leave the AG 2 and AG 3 districts as permitted.

Soucy asked about setting a maximum occupancy; Commissioners decided to not include that requirement.

Commissioner Decision

Meister moved, Milton seconded, that after Commissioner review the proposed zoning ordinance language be updated for the public hearing in April as changed.

Vote: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried

B. Proposed Non-Agriculture Zoning Districts Language

Staff Introduction

Throenle asked the Commissioners if they wanted to continue with the agenda item. Soucy asked that the item be moved to the next meeting. Throenle responded that he would move the this item and the ADU discussion to the May meeting so that the two public hearings (AG zoning districts and a home occupation hearing) could be accommodated on the April agenda.

IX. Public Comment

John Smith, 2176 M-28 East

Complemented the Commissioners on the job they were doing with the projects they have been addressing.

He pointed out that farm visits and wedding barns were missing in the examples for "Agriculture - on-site agritourism" use in AG 3.

Commissioners decided to update the language to reflect the required change.

Meister moved, Mullen-Campbell seconded, that the language for the AG 3 examples for Agriculture on site agriculture be updated in the public hearing document.

Vote: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried

X. Commissioner's Comments

Mullen-Campbell

Making progress.

Milton

No comments.

Gencheff

Reflected on the difficulty of making the ADU decisions.

Sloan

Agreed that progress was being made.

Soucy

No comments.

Meister

Liked the volume of work that was completed.

XI. Director's Report

Planning / Zoning Administrator Throenle

He stated there would be two public hearings at the April 15 meeting: one for a conditional use permit and the other for the AF discussion. He added that the meeting will possibly held in the fire hall fire bay if there is a large crowd for the AF discussion.

He added that Commissioner Rhein would not be at the next meeting. Throenle also said he would be sending out approximately 1,800 notices for the public hearings.

He complimented the Commissioners for the work completed on the ADU discussion.

XII. Informational Items and Correspondence

A. Township newsletter – February 2024

B. Marquette County Planning Commission minutes – 01.10.24 draft

C. City of Marquette Planning Commission minutes 02.20.24

XIII. Adjournment

Milton moved, Meister seconded, to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried

Soucy adjourned the meeting at 8:25 PM

Submitted by:

Planning Commission Secretary

Donna Mullen-Campbell

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MARQUETTE COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

Board Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting

March 20, 2024

DATE: Wednesday, March 20, 2024

PLACE: Landfill Administration Complex
600 County Road NP
Marquette, MI 49855

MEMBERS PRESENT: In Person: Randall Yelle, Glenn Adams, Carr Baldwin, Dave Campana, Dennis Honch, Amy Manning and Helen Amiri (Alternate Board Member)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Joe Minelli (excused); also by telephone

EX OFFICIO: Mike Stannard

OTHERS: In Person: William T. Nordeen, Attorney; Beth Bonanni, Recording Secretary; Chris Magnuson, MCSWMA; John Anderson, MCSWMA; Kristin Thornton, Ishpeming Township; and Judy White, Chocolay Township. By Zoom: Lyn Durant, Marquette Township; Karen Kovacs, City of Marquette; Scott Cambensy, City of Marquette; and an unknown person.

1. Call to Order: R. Yelle called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Pledge of allegiance recited.

2. Approval of Agenda: R. Yelle said an additional item was placed on the Agenda as 6 g. Tipping Fee Review. D. Honch made a motion to approve the Agenda with the addition of 6 g Tipping Fee Review. D. Campana supported. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Comment: None.

4. Approval of Minutes
 - a. 2/21/24 – Regular Meeting

C. Balwin said that on page 6, under F, it states that “C. Baldwin approved the motion...” It should say instead “made a motion.” G. Adams made a motion to approve the 2/21/2024 Regular Meeting Minutes with the correction noted above. D. Honch supported. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Consent Agenda

- a. Statistics – February 2024
- b. Accounts Payable

D. Campana made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. A. Manning supported. Motion approved unanimously.

6. Business

- a. Banking – A. Manning made a motion to approve the banking. C. Baldwin supported. Motion approved unanimously. C. Baldwin asked why under Environmental it shows the same amount (\$326,871.28) listed for both CD#1 and CD#2 in the column for February 2023 and further asked if MCSWMA cashed in a CD and liquidated CD#1. C. Magnuson said yes, the CD was liquidated from the Environmental Escrow account and placed in the payables account. D. Campana asked if the CD was changed. C. Magnuson said it was and the rate is 5% for the new CD.
- b. Financials – A. Manning made a motion to approve the Financials. C. Baldwin supported the motion. Motion approved unanimously.
- c. Recycling Financials – A. Manning made a motion to approve the Recycling Financials. D. Honch supported. Motion approved unanimously.
- d. Reimbursements – C. Baldwin made a motion to approve reimbursements. G. Adams supported. Motion was approved unanimously.
- e. Microphones – C. Magnuson said he is doing research on a microphone system the Board can utilize at their meetings and will have an update for the Board at the April meeting.
- f. Cat 966 Loader – R. Yelle said the Authority needs to replace the rollover protective structure on the Cat 966 Loader and received a quote from Fabick Cat. The quote is \$49,784.45 and replaces the internal parts. The Cat 966 Loader is a backup to the 972 Loader. M. Stannard indicated the engine on the 966 was rebuilt in 2019. D. Campana made a motion to approve the quote from Fabick Cat in the amount of \$49,784.45 to replace the rollover protective structure on the Cat 966 Loader. G. Adams supported. Motion approved unanimously. R. Yelle indicated the Fabick Cat quote was the only quote obtained by MCSWMA; and Fabick is the only Cat dealer in the area.

g. Tipping Fee Review - R. Yelle said the staff reviewed the current tipping fee prices in accordance with the markets and compared the tipping fees with the increase in the Landfill's operational costs. The projected tipping fee analysis would raise the tipping fees from July 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024 to \$75.00/ton; January 1, 2025 to June 30, 2025 to \$83.00/ton and July 1, 2025 to June 20, 2026 to \$93.00/ton. This was provided as an informational item, pending responses from constituents.

7. Reports

a. Director Report – M. Stannard reported there have been no grievances filed and no recordable injuries since the last board meeting.

EGLE approved the MCSWMA Scrap Tire Collection Site Registration for this upcoming year.

On March 19, 2024, Tetra Tech submitted to EGLE the 60% completion for the design work on the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Staff at the Landfill continue to have bi-weekly meetings on the Wastewater Treatment Plant project with EGLE and Tetra Tech. There are also bi-weekly meetings without EGLE to touch base on things that do not pertain to regulations.

The demolition projects at KI Sawyer continue to generate a large volume of C&D materials for disposal at the Landfill. They are using these materials to fill in the NW corner of the Landfill.

The markets for OCC and paper are rising; however, plastics remain the same this month.

Two employees completed their probationary period and are now employed full-time at MCSWMA.

D. Honch made a motion to approve the Director's Report. D. Campana supported. Motion approved unanimously.

R. Yelle said that he and Mike Stannard met with CUPPAD last week on multi-county recycling.

R. Yelle also indicated that Michigan Tech is interested in obtaining a bundle of plastics from the Landfill to do testing on the materials. MCSWMA will donate a load of plastics to MI Tech and MI Tech will pick up the load from the facility, and in turn, provide the chemical characteristics to the Authority.

b. Attorney Report – B. Nordeen provided an oral and written report to the Board. The items that attorney Nordeen has worked on was communicating with the Bond attorneys and financial advisors; prepared a summary of bond issues and provided the summary to Miller-Canfield and PFM Advisors, as well as to Chairperson Yelle and County Administrator; had a meeting with MCSWMA staff concerning the County’s participation and financing in relation to the Bond; and worked on the FOIA request that was submitted to the Landfill. The unfinished tasks attorney Nordeen said he needs to complete are finalizing the FOIA response, revising the contracts for non-represented employees, continue working with R. Yelle and Cliffs on an easement to the Authority for parcels in Section 21 and follow-up on the O’Dovero parcel adjacent to the Landfill on the costs being marketed.

Mr. Nordeen said he and the Chairperson have been dealing with the County on the Bond issue. Mr. Nordeen said the County is in a good position financially to help MCSWMA. D. Campana asked if the money the State was providing to the Landfill for the Wastewater Treatment Project would help out on operating costs. C. Magnuson said the money from the state is not for the operating costs of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. B. Nordeen discussed the different financing options the Landfill has for the Wastewater Treatment project, such as the Urban Cooperative Act and/or a second IGA for recycling facility since recycling is uncertain but solid waste is steady. Discussion ensues on the different types of financing.

c. Subcommittee Reports – R. Yelle said the subcommittee for negotiating the Union contract will meet in April.

8. Public Comment: Lyn Durant asked what the Board thought of the Governor’s proposal to increase tipping fees concerning private haulers. No one on the Board was aware of the Governor’s proposal but said they would look into it.
9. Trustee Comments: None.
10. Adjournment: R. Yelle adjourned the meeting at 4:36 p.m.

Randall L. Yelle, Chairperson

Dennis Honch, Secretary

CHOCOLAY TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER**March 2024****DEPARTMENT REPORTS****Assessing****By John Gehres**

A total of 18 petitions were filed with the Board of Review, which met on March 11th and 12th. A copy of the petitions will be sent to the taxpayers and the county. We are now required to file several reports with the county and state. Once those are completed, I will be looking forward to setting up these summer's inspections and getting a technician in place.

Fire Department**By Lee Gould**

We continue to work on our Wildland/Rescue Truck. The truck was ordered in early March with an anticipated build of 5-10 months. We are currently working on the box that will be attached to the rear chassis. These are custom made to fit this type of apparatus. The box compartments will hold our equipment and skid unit. We hope to have the box finalized in April to have it arrive at the same time as the truck.

The fire department holds elections for officers every other year. This April we will hold our elections. These are important positions as they each provide leadership on the fire ground and also are assigned leadership duties each year.

This weather has been challenging with the seasons flip flopping from warm to cold, dry to snow. Our call volume has increased with the weather also. We have responded to a few vehicle accidents and two structure fires. Our call volume is slightly lower than average due mostly to the mild winter.

Public Works**By Brad Johnson**

With the recent snow melt, staff has noticed a significant amount of dog waste on our baseball and soccer fields. We have posted on our website and facebook reminding people to please clean up after their pets.

We have already installed the dock at the River Access Park and put up the tennis/pickle ball nets at Silver Creek Park.

We were contacted by Superior Recover Center about having clients that do community service to help with their recovery process. They asked if we would be able to provide tasks for their group to support local communities. They had 4 clients willing to come here and start raking for us and washing outside windows. As the weather permits, we will be working with this group and finding other projects/tasks for them.

Planning / Zoning**By Dale Throenle****Planning Commission**

The Planning Commissioners participated in a regular meeting on March 18 in the Township Fire Hall.

There were two items on the agenda; one was considered old business, and the other was considered new business.



Old Business

1) Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments for the Agriculture / Forestry (AF) Zoning District (34-23-02)

Commissioners discussed attorney changes to the proposed zoning ordinance language for the new AG 1, AG 2, and AG 3 zoning districts. The Commissioners approved the language and will present the language and the related zoning map at a public hearing at the April meeting.

New Business

1) Proposed Accessory Dwelling Unit Language

Commissioners began a discussion on Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) within the Township. They reviewed possible ordinance language and discussed various aspects of how and where ADUs should be permitted in the Township. The discussion will resume at the meeting scheduled in May.

The Planning Commission will hold two public hearings at the April meeting. One will be regarding the language and zoning map for the proposed AG 1, AG 2, and AG3 zoning districts. The other will be regarding a home day care to that will be in the Harvey area. The regular monthly meeting is on **April 15 at 6 PM** in the Township Fire Hall.

Zoning Board of Appeals

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

Police

By Liz Norris-Harr

This month Chief Jennings put in his retirement date. After serving for over 35 years it is well deserved!

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	19	11	4									
Pounds Year To-Date	19	30	34									

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	First Name	Last Name
24-01	1/5/2024	1/11/2024					1/8/2024	24-01 Carlson 01.05.24	Police Reports	Britta	Carlson
24-02	1/8/2024	1/12/2024			1/9/2024	01/26/2024	1/24/2024	24-02 Mulcahey 01.08.24	Employee Information Salaries/Benefits	Deborah	Mulcahey
24-03	1/5/2024	1/11/2024			1/9/2024	1/26/2024	Cancelled	24-03 Gencheff 01.05.24	Voting Information	Stephanie	Gencheff
24-04	1/8/2024	1/12/2024			01/09/2024	1/26/2024	1/24/2024	24-04 Mulcahey 01.08.24	Employee Information email address	Deborah	Mulcahey
24-05	1/11/2024	1/17/2024					1/15/2024	24-05 Heidtman 01.11.24	Police Reports	Travis	Heidtman
24-06	1/26/2024	2/1/2024					1/30/2024	24-06 Hughes 01.26.24	Police Reports	Brittany	Hughes
24-07	1/30/2024	2/5/2024			01/30/2024	2/19/2024	2/16/2024	24-07 Kanerva 01.30.24	Police Reports	John	Kanerva
24-08	2/15/2024	2/21/2024			02/16/2024	3/8/2024	2/23/2024	24-08 Walters 02.15.24	Police Information	Kevin	Walters
24-09	2/22/2024	2/28/2024					2/23/2024	24-09 Schreiner 02.22.24	Employee Information	Chris	Schreiner
24-10	2/22/2024	2/28/2024					2/29/2024	24-10 Schreiner 02.22.24	Township Financial Information	Chris	Schreiner
24-11	2/26/2024	3/1/2024			02/28/2024	3/15/2024	Cancelled	24-11 Aughney 02.26.24	Bection Information	Scott Aughney - Citizens for Electoral Justice	
24-12	3/28/2024	4/4/2024					4/2/2024	24-12 Gencheff (League of Women Vote)	Bection Information	Stephanie Gencheff - League of Women Voters	
24-13	3/28/2024	4/4/2024					4/1/2024	24-13 Lorens 03.28.24	Police Reports	Steve	Lorens



Web Page Statistics

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

Month	Sessions	Page Views
January	1,889	6,150
February	1,657	4,579
March	1,601	4,091
Totals	1,889	6,150
Averages	1,759	5,243

Zoning Permit Counts

Zoning permit counts through March, 2024:

2024 Reviewed Permits by Month		2024 Reviewed Permits by Type		
Month	Number of Permits		Approved	Denied
		Permit Type	Number	Number
January	3	Addition	0	0
February	2	Alteration	0	0
March	6	Commercial Outbuilding	0	0
		Conditional Use	2	0
		Deck	0	0
		Fence	2	0
		Garage	1	0
		Grading	0	0
		Home	0	0
		Home / Garage	3	0
		Home Occupation	1	0
		New Commercial	0	0
		Outbuilding	0	0
		Pole Building	0	0
		Rezoning Application	0	0
		Sign	1	0
		Site Plan Review	1	0
		Zoning Variance Request	0	0
Total	11	Total	11	0

By Lisa Perry

Chocolay Township				
February 27, 2024 Presidential Primary Election Results				
Partisan Section	Candidate	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Total
Presidential				
Democratic Party	Dean Philips	14	10	24
	Marianne Williamson	6	9	15
	Joseph R. Biden, Jr	322	330	652
	Uncommitted	32	51	83
	Write In	2	1	3
	Total		376	401
Republican Party	Nikki Haley	122	164	286
	Asa Hutchinson	0	0	0
	Vivek Ramaswamy	2	0	2
	Donald J. Trump	236	254	490
	Ryan L. Binkley	1	0	1
	Chris Christie	1	1	2
	Ron DeSantis	3	6	9
	Uncommitted	17	15	32
	Write In	0	2	2
	Total		382	442
Registered Voters		2671	2482	5153
Ballot Count (In Person)		222	205	427
Percent of Registered Voters (In Person)		9%	9%	9%
Absentee Ballots	Issued	573	678	1251
	Returned on Time	518	607	1125
	Percentage (Absentee)	20%	25%	22%
Early Voting	Chocolay Township	20	32	52
	Sands Township	19		19
	Skandia Township	3		3
	West Branch Township	11		11
	Total			85