Lakeview Looks at 2017

By Shirley Pool

The December 12, 2016 Lakeview Village Council meeting only lasted 22 minutes, but it centered around the future of Lakeview in 2017 and beyond. A serious accident had occurred at the corner of Youngman Road and M-46. People have suggested having a light at that corner to add to its safety, however, Police Chief Darin Dood noted that it is not in the jurisdiction of the Village of Lakeview. It is controlled through the Michigan Department of Transportation.

Public Works Supervisor Mike Vellanti did not have any additional items to his written report. However, when I spoke with Shay Gallagher he explained the DPW building project to me. It will need to be completed by June in order to turn the current location over to the fire department. A building located at the airport that is 20 x 65 feet will either be moved to the North Street location or an addition will be built onto the gold building between it and the red building. They will need to get estimates, and much will depend on the movability of the airport building.

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Shay Gallagher explained that he and Chief Dodd had recently met with County Manager Bob Clingenpeel. Manager Gallagher also reported on the possibility of a courtesy car at the airport. Airport Manager Clark Newell, also reported on the research for an airport courtesy car, fuel tanks, as well as an issue with deer at the airport. Newell introduced Tom Russell and recommended he be hired as an airport manager.

The disorder at the Recycling Center was discussed. Village Manager Shay Gallagher will look into options. When we spoke with Shay he said he was interested in how much longer the county was going to continue the recycle plan. If it is only for a short time, they would probably not do anything, but if it is going to continue, they may look into moving it to a fenced area. He feels it is a good program and would like it to be continued.

There will be a meeting on Wednesday, January 11th at 6 p.m. to meet with Prein & Newhof to learn their village planning suggestions for Lakeview. Everyone is invited.