

**Date:** May 16, 2007

**To:** Mayor and Council Members

**From:** John Archocosky

**RE:** Monthly Activity Report

Much has been going on in the past month to keep the all the city employees busy. The Mineral Hills sewer project got off to an early start as a result of the good weather and seems to running ahead of schedule. Although our involvement in this project hasn't been too demanding, the DPW is still called on daily to take care of Miss Dig issues and other project related questions that arise. The crew has been working on the annual spring brush pickup which seems to be producing more than in past years. People are putting out a substantial amount of yard debris for the crews to retrieve and mulch.

Deputy Clerk Kathy Anderson has just completed setting up and overseeing her first election without outside help. As you know, Kathy tested out the possibility of trying to consolidate all four precincts onto the same floor so that it would be easier to manage and less confusing for the voters. The election went fine and no problems were encountered by having all the precincts in the same room. We will likely follow this same format for the next General Election but may have to move it to the top floor to accommodate a heavier voter turn out.

Suzanne Johnson, our City Treasurer has completed her third year of training at the Michigan Municipal Treasurers Institute and is now eligible to receive the "Certified Public Financial Administrator" (CPFA) designation. In addition to completing the required curriculum, Suzanne also received a \$550 scholarship from the Michigan Municipal Treasurers Association to help offset the costs associated with her expenses and travel incurred while taking the courses.

The Police Department has been engaged with much activity in preparation for the murder trial that began on May 8<sup>th</sup>. This is the first of two trials surrounding the murder of Mr. Darryl McDonald which occurred here in Iron River last November. Ten days have been set aside for the first trial. This of course has been very time consuming on the part of Chief Goriesky and the other two officers who will have to provide testimony in this case.

Our code enforcement activities have been stepped up now that the brush clean up has been completed. Officer Anderson has begun passing out warnings to violators and will be actively pursuing those who do not correct the problems within the warning period.

***REMINDER: The City of Iron River is sponsoring this year's MML Regional Meeting which will be held on June 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>. Please plan to attend.***