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To: Mayor and Council Members

From: John Archocosky, Manager

RE: Monthly Activity Report

The construction projects have been moving along very quickly, and are well ahead of the schedule we had anticipated. Hebert Construction has been doing an excellent job of keeping the work areas as clear and useable to the public as possible. Last week we did experience some washouts and minor flooding on private property in the area of the Fourth Street Bridge, as a result of the heavy rains. Such issues are impossible to totally eliminate when so much reconstruction is required. The contractor, however, did respond to the problems, and did as much as they possibly could to control the adverse affects from the rain. Also, last week they were required to shut down Genesee Street in the Riverside area to accommodate some major work in that location. Although this caused traffic to be rerouted near McDonalds, most drivers seemed to handle the detour well, and have been understanding of these types of short term inconveniences. The contractor is pushing very hard, and anticipates having things in acceptable condition for the upcoming citywide events that are scheduled to occur within the next few weeks. Once the infrastructure work is completed and road base prepared, we will be somewhat at the mercy of the paving contractor, who already appear to be extremely busy as a result of the great spring weather.

The DPW has hired a third summer student to assist the grass cutting crew so we will be able to keep up with all the areas we must maintain. Consistent with the City's ordinance, on June 1st, this crew began cutting private lots that are not being maintained. As in the past, the property owners will be responsible for the cost associated with this additional work.

The DPW has completed repainting the striping in the various DDA parking lots, as this has not been done for several years. They will also be repainting the curbs and adding in crosswalks on Genesee Street, along with the centerline striping that will be done by a commercial vendor within the next few weeks. The crew has also assisted the Golden "K" membership with their project of replacing the flower planters throughout the business district and along areas of the US2 corridor. The Golden "K" has taken this project on as a fund raiser, at the request of the DDA. With all the beautification activities currently ongoing, the City's main avenues should look great by the end of the June and just in time for the July 4th celebrations.

The City offices have been kept quite busy with requests for Land Use Permits and other such summer related issues. We have also been able to secure some very valuable software, free of charge that will upgrade the City's assessing activities. BS&A is one of the two main software packages that are used to convert the old paper records to digital and electronic documents. Once completed, this will be integrated with the City's developing GIS programs and will be made available to our citizens through the convenience of their home computers when they link to the City's web page.

This past week I also attended the U.P. City Managers' Meeting, which was held in Iron Mountain. The information received at these sessions is always very informative.