

Observer Corps Summaries June 2022

Emmet County Commission

Date: 06/06/2022

Notes: Operation Stonegarden Grant provides funding to support enhanced cooperation and coordination among local, tribal, territorial, state and federal law enforcement agencies in a joint mission to secure the US borders along routes of ingress from international borders.

Two letters were read opposing public transit and the establishment of a transit authority.

Issues to watch: None

Date: 06/16/2022

Notes: Little Traverse Wheelway: Schematic Design Study Short-term bypass options for damaged section of the Wheelway/ South Section Connector option would use trail construction along US 31. 10ft clearance from road. About 8550 linear ft of trail. Includes tunnel crossing under US 31 where there isn't adequate clearance on north side of highway. Preliminary construction costs: \$6,491,853.

Issues to watch: None

Petoskey City Council

Date: 06/06/2022

Notes: There was a presentation of an engineering plan for restoring the bike route section to Bay Harbor.

Approved separation of Clerk – Treasurer position due to increase in duties and heightened political awareness.

Issues to watch: None

Date: 06/20/2022

Notes: An ordinance was passed along one detached accessory dwelling unit (ADU) per residential lot. It must have a minimum footprint of 600 sq. ft. The rationale was to

provide more housing in Petoskey. Public comment spoke out against the ordinance citing increase in traffic and noise and decreasing integrity of neighborhoods.

Issues to watch: Affordable housing in Emmet county remains a concern.

Bear Creek Township

Date: 06/01/2022

Notes: Temporary waterless boat cleaning station to be installed at Walloon Lake boat access to help control spread of aquatic invasive species. Unpaved roads are receiving dust abatement. Multifamily housing complex was approved for the Japanese Knotweed on site will occur.

Issues to watch: Continue to watch housing developments.

Harbor Springs City Council

Date: 06/20/2022

Notes: The City Manager is working with the Council to adopt Best Practice Standards. Those in attendance included an art teacher from the school about the spillway mural project. Kristen Balog, Executive Director of the HSAHS spoke about their part in reopening Blackbird Museum.

Issues to watch: None

Charlevoix County Commissioners

Date: 06/08/2022

Notes: Nothing to report

Issues to watch: None

Cheboygan County Commissioners

Date: 06/28/2022

Notes: CEO Christine Gebhard presented the North County Community Mental Health 2021 annual report. NCCHM has launched a new program – Holistic Approach to Coordinated Healthcare or HATCH. It integrates and coordinates behavioral health care, physical and specialty health care, and social support services.

Cheboygan County Road Commission Manager presented the Cheboygan County Road Commission Project Report in advance of the county wide millage (primary roads) on the ballot of the August primary.

Issues to watch: None

Board of Health

Date: 06/07/2022

Notes: Some board members didn't seem to understand the organizational structure and function of the regional health department assessment for improvement planning.

Issues to watch: Do board members appear to not be prepared.