



Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners

MISSION STATEMENT

Cheboygan County officials and staff will strive to provide public services in an open and courteous manner and will responsibly manage county resources.

Committee of the Whole Meeting

June 27, 2017

9:30 a.m.

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approve Agenda
5. Clerk/Register Requests Nominations for Board Chairperson
6. Chairperson Requests Nominations for Vice-Chairperson
7. Board Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson are Sworn In
8. **CITIZENS COMMENTS** (3 minutes)
9. **SCHEDULED VISITORS/DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
 - A. 2016 Veteran Services Annual Report
 - B. 2016 Cheboygan County Sheriff's Department Annual Report
10. **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**
11. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. MSHDA Blight Elimination Grant Ratification – Gold Front Building
12. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. Letter Opposing Canadian Geologic Repository
13. **BOARD MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION**
14. **CITIZENS COMMENTS**
15. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**
16. **ADJOURN TO THE CALL OF THE CHAIR**



Cheboygan County Department of Veterans Services



ANNUAL REPORT 2016

VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER: RICK WILES

ASSISTANT VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER: SARA CUNNINGHAM

Cheboygan County Department of Veterans Services

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Mission Statement

VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES- FOREMOST;
EDUCATE THE COMMUNITY;
TRUSTING PARTNERSHIPS;
SERVE THE COMMUNITY

Vision Statement

EVERY VETERAN HAS A STORY; OUR JOB IS TO LISTEN

Introduction

During the First Quarter of 2016 the County Veterans Office underwent a personnel change with the previous Veteran Service Officer (VSO) resigning and the new assistant VSO, Sara Cunningham, having only been there about a month. A new VSO, Richard Wiles, was hired and started in the position at the end of March.

2016 VA Summary- Cheboygan County: VA Benefits have been granted to over 2,400 veterans in Cheboygan County. VA Benefits not only improve the veteran's life, but also the local economy. Over \$19.4 million dollars in federal benefits in FY 2016 was awarded to Cheboygan County Veterans per Geographic Distribution of VA Expenditures (GDX) FY 2016.

Services Provided

- Service Connected Disability Compensation
- Veteran Pension
- Survivor Pension
- Burial Benefits
- Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC)
- VA Health Care Enrollment
- DAV Van ride coordination and other travel options
- Military Records Request
- Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment
- Emergency Financial Assistance
- Automotive and Special Adaptive Equipment
- Dependent and Survivor Benefits
- VA Ancillary Benefits
- Veteran Advocacy

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2016

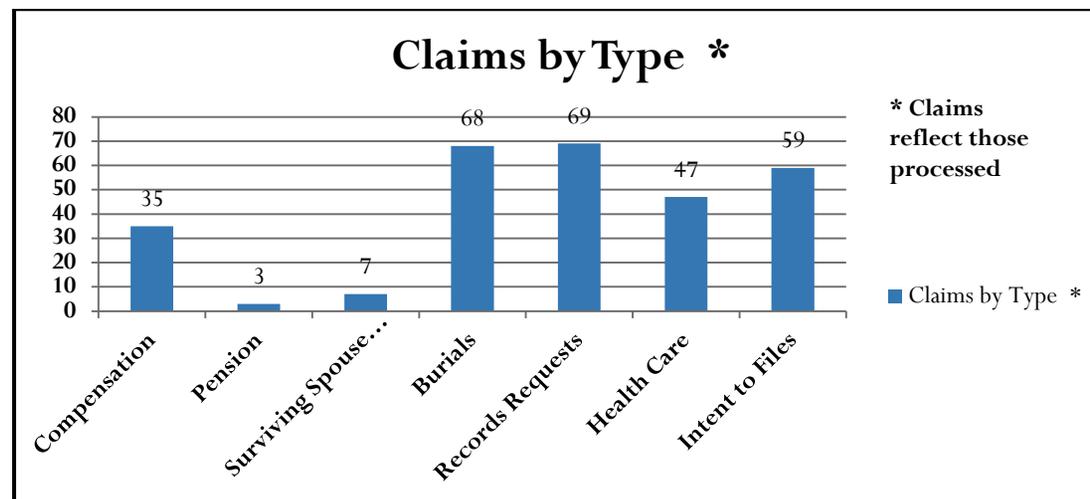
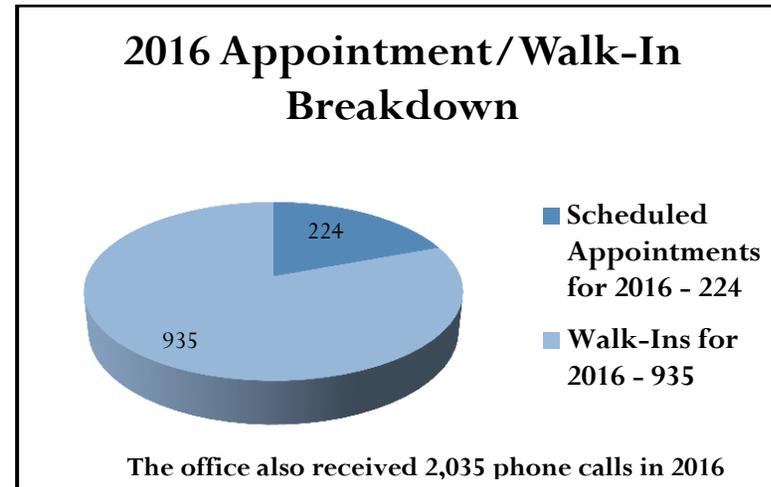
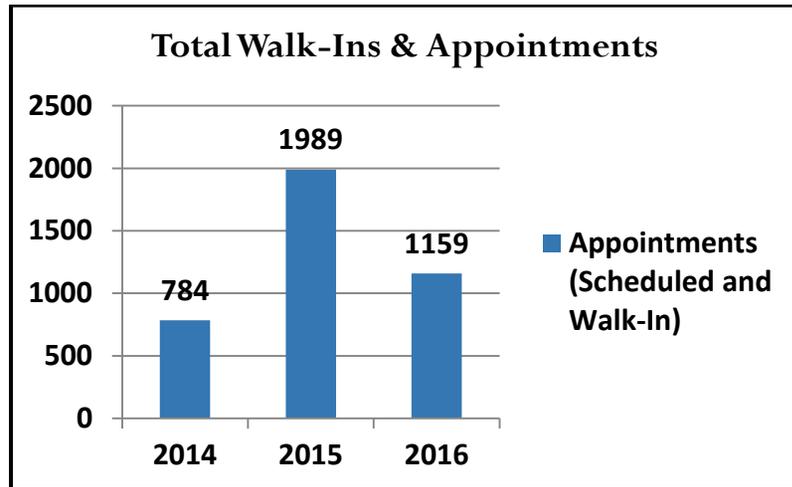
The new staff hit the ground running:

- Staff attended both State and National training for accreditation with the National Association of County Veteran Service Officers (NACVSO); with the VSO becoming accredited in September and the assistant VSO getting her accreditation in early January 2017
- VSO attended American Legion State training for cross accreditation
- Restructured office availability to offer more walk-in service and same day appointments
- Streamlined claim processing by creating check sheets for the most common claims processed
- Uploaded paper file system to electronic files and increased VETRASPEC usage to file claims more efficiently
- Restored operation of the DAV Van from the County Building with services throughout the state
- Organized a successful Memorial Day Remembrance ceremony at Cheboygan Middle School after the unexpected closure of the Cheboygan Armory in May of 2016
- The VSO was the key note speaker for both the Memorial Day Ceremony and the annual Veterans Day Dinner
- Revised Soldiers Relief Fund and Veteran Assistant Fund processing to speed up Emergency Assistant approving and awarding; also incorporating the new Michigan “Veterans” definition per PA 190
- Reestablished working relationships with the county veteran service organizations, Northern MI Veteran Coalition, and visited Kiwanis, Rotary, Knights of Columbus, Moose Lodge and other local organizations

2017/2018 GOALS

- All office staff to maintain currency in VA benefits and programs, plus increase accreditations with other service organizations
- Seek to actively educate the community about the veteran services
- Increase community outreach throughout the *entire* county
- Provide support for county veteran events

CHEBOYGAN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS SERVICES OFFICE STATISTICS



COUNTY VETERAN DEMOGRAPHICS

VETERAN EXPENDITURES IN CHEBOYGAN COUNTY (MONEY COMING INTO THE COUNTY THROUGH VA BENEFITS)	
2014	\$17,724,000.00
2015	\$18,176,000.00
2016	\$19,485,000.00

VETERAN POPULATION BY COUNTY % OF TOTAL POPULATION¹	
CHEBOYGAN COUNTY	10.8%
CHARLEVOIX COUNTY	11.9%
EMMET COUNTY	12.2%
MACKINAC COUNTY	11.5%
MONTMORENCY COUNTY	9.2%
OTSEGO COUNTY	11.6%
PRESQUE ISLE COUNTY	9.3%

¹ <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/table/PST045215/26031>

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

VETERANS ASSISTANCE FUND

- **Funded Solely by Donations**
- Must Have DD-214: under other than Dishonorable conditions
- Must Provide Proof of Cheboygan County Residency
- Must Provide Financial Disclosures
- Plus other documents pertaining to type of assistance
- **Maximum Payout \$250**

SOLDIERS RELIEF FUND

PA 214 OF 1899 (MCL 35.21-35.27)

- **Funded by Cheboygan County**
- Must Have DD-214: under **Honorable** conditions
- Must Have Served at least 90 Days Active Duty with 1 Day **Wartime**
- Must Provide Proof of Cheboygan County Residency
- Must Provide Financial Disclosures
- Plus other documents pertaining to type of assistance
- **Maximum Payout \$500/ \$750**

MICHIGAN VETERANS TRUST FUND

PA 9 OF 1946 (MCL 35.601-35.610)

- **Funded by MVTF (State)**
- Must Have DD-214 : under **Honorable** conditions
- Must Have Served at least 180 Days Active Duty with 1 Day of **Wartime**
- Must Provide Proof of Cheboygan County Residency
- Must Provide Financial Disclosures
- Plus other documents pertaining to type of assistance
- **No Maximum**

The Cheboygan County Department of Veterans Services provides financial assistance for emergent needs to qualified veterans and their families for temporary assistance covering emergencies or hardships concerning shelter, food, utilities, automobiles, and other circumstances. Assistance **MUST** be for an emergency and not for the relief of an inconvenience, want, or desire, and cannot be used for long term or reoccurring problems. Our office works closely with multiple State, County, and local nonprofit partners to ensure the veterans have the opportunity to receive the help they need. There are three assistance funds available through our office and each has specific eligibility requirements for the veteran or family member to qualify. If approved, assistance is always paid directly to a vendor, not the applicant.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE ACCOUNTS

VETERANS ASSISTANCE FUND

2014

Total Applications: 3
Approved Applications: 3
Total Donations: \$4,520.00
Total Grants Paid: \$249.08

2015

Total Applications: 1
Approved Applications: 1
Total Donations: \$4030.43
Total Grants Paid: \$210.00

2016

Total Applications: 15
Approved Applications: 12
Total Donations: \$1,800.00
Total Grants Paid: \$2441.41

VAF Balance 6/6/2017: \$22,776.50

SOLDIERS RELIEF FUND

2014

Total Applications: 2
Approved Applications: 2
Total Per Diem: \$180.00
Total Grants Paid: \$909.33

2015

Total Applications: 2
Approved Applications: 2
Total Per Diem: \$160.00
Total Grants Paid: \$610.53

2016

Total Applications: 11
Approved Applications: 7
Total Per Diem: \$760.00
Total Grants Paid: \$3,237.03

MICHIGAN VETERANS TRUST FUND*

2014

Total Applications: 0
Approved Applications: 0
Total Per Diem: \$0
Admin Fee X-fer to VAF: \$500
Total Grants Paid: \$0

2015

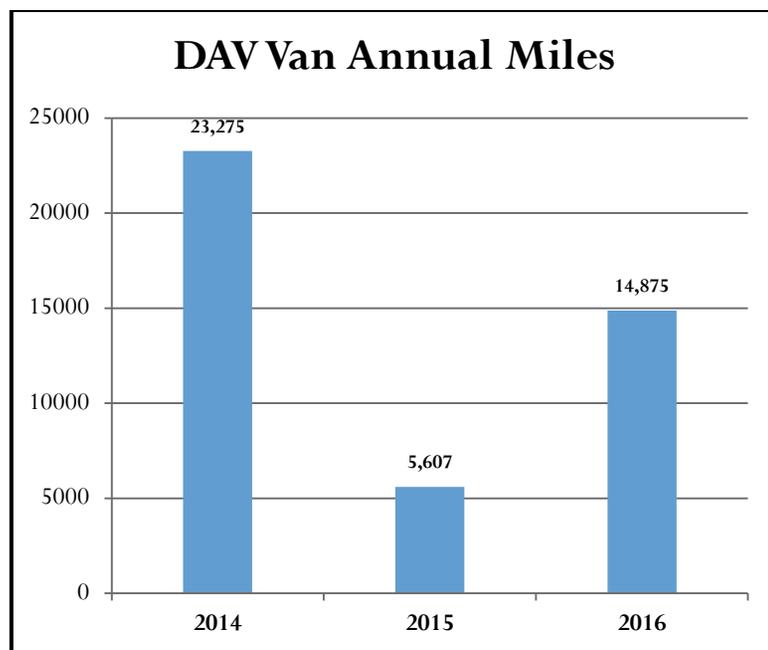
Total Applications: 3
Approved Applications: 2
Total Per Diem: \$453.93
Admin Fee X-fer to VAF: \$1000
Total Grants Paid: \$3,690.48

2016

Total Applications: 13
Approved Applications: 11
Total Per Diem: \$282.65
Admin Fee X-fer to VAF: \$500
Total Grants Paid: \$13,423.54

*** Starting FY17 we process applications at the county level and MVTF controls finances and issues grant payments.**

DAV VAN



2014

Veterans Driven: 74

Volunteer Drivers: 5

2015

Veterans Driven: 35

Volunteer Drivers: 5

2016

Veterans Driven: 62

Volunteer Drivers: 8

The county office regained control of the DAV Van operations in March 2016.

At that time, veterans were only being transported to Mackinaw City or Gaylord. We worked with the VA in Saginaw to get permission to expand our travel limits and are now able to transport veterans not only to regular VA medical appointments, but also to any VA referred private medical appointment within the state. We are also able to use any prearranged high visibility, public location as a pick up and drop off spot to make it more convenient for our county veterans. Presently, these include Veteran Service buildings, Mackinaw CBOC, and Assisted Living facilities.

Van rides are dependent on volunteer driver availability and weather. Average time for a volunteer driver to go through the approval process has been 1-2 months.



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Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners' Meeting June 27, 2017

Title: 2016 Cheboygan County Sheriff Department Annual Report	
Summary: The annual report of the Cheboygan County Sheriff Department for the Board of Commissioners and County Administrator's review.	
Financial Impact: None, Informational Only.	
Recommendation: N/A	
Prepared by: Sheriff Dale V. Clarmont	Department: Cheboygan County Sheriff Department



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Date: June 27, 2017

To: Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners
Administrator Jeff Lawson

2016 Annual Sheriff Department Report

Through cooperation and mutual respect, I believe we have moved and continue to move our Sheriff Department forward with utmost professionalism and fiscal responsibility.

Cheboygan County Sheriff Department 2016 Budget

Approved Expenditures	\$	3,772,259
Actual Expenditures	\$	<u>3,620,390</u>
Unexpended Balance (4% of approved expenditures)	\$	151,869

Cheboygan County Sheriff Department Jail Division Revenues

• Out-county boarding fees	\$	1,185
• Diverted Felon fees	\$	20,460
• Inmate telephone	\$	15,355
• In-county boarding fees	\$	44,824
• Social Security Finders Fee	\$	8,000
• Work Release	\$	42,247
• Prisoner Medical	\$	4,204
• DOC / Transport Reimbursement	\$	1,786
• Commissary Fund	\$	143,497
• Corrections Officer Training Fund	\$	8,440
• Drunk Driver Assessment	\$	4,686
• Work Site Fee	\$	5,682



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• Worker Participant Fee	\$	13,196
• All others (PBT, Reports, Fingerprints, Transports)	\$	3,249
Total Jail Division Revenues	\$	316,811

Cheboygan County Sheriff Department Grants

• Received 416 Secondary Rd Grant	\$	55,584
• Received Stonegarden DHS Grant	\$	13,862
• Received Enforcement Zone	\$	15,724
• Received Officer Training Grants	\$	4,061
• Received DNR Marine Safety Grant	\$	48,900
• Received Snowmobile Safety Grant	\$	8,007
• Received DNR ORV Grant	\$	17,700
• Received Burt/MAPS Local Grant	\$	7,359
• Received K9 Donations	\$	22,000
• Received Lifesaver, VSU and Child ID Donations	\$	2,500
• All Other Grants	\$	20,201
Total Grant Monies Received	\$	215,898

Cheboygan County Sheriff Department Other Revenues

• Sheriff Wage Reimbursement	\$	1,285
• Livery Inspections & ORV Ordinance	\$	52
Total Other Revenues	\$	1,337
Total Revenues Generated	\$	534,046



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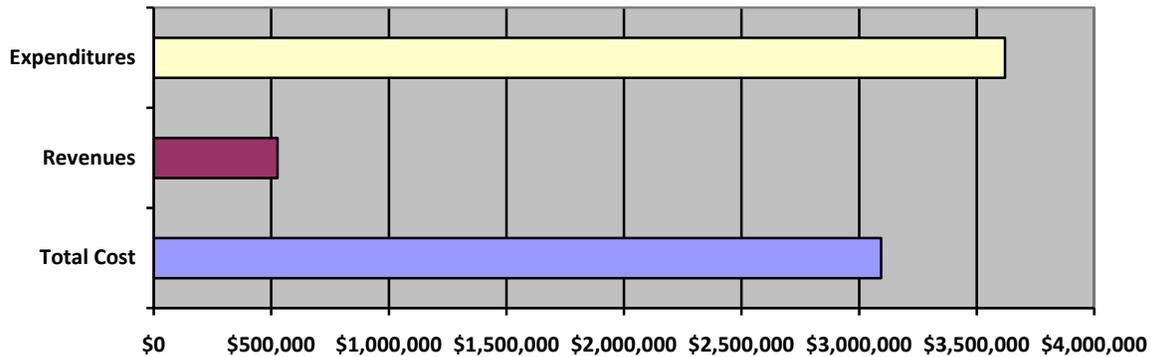
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Cheboygan County Sheriff Department 2016 Total Cost

Actual Expenditures	\$	3,620,390
Revenues Generated	\$	<u>534,046</u>

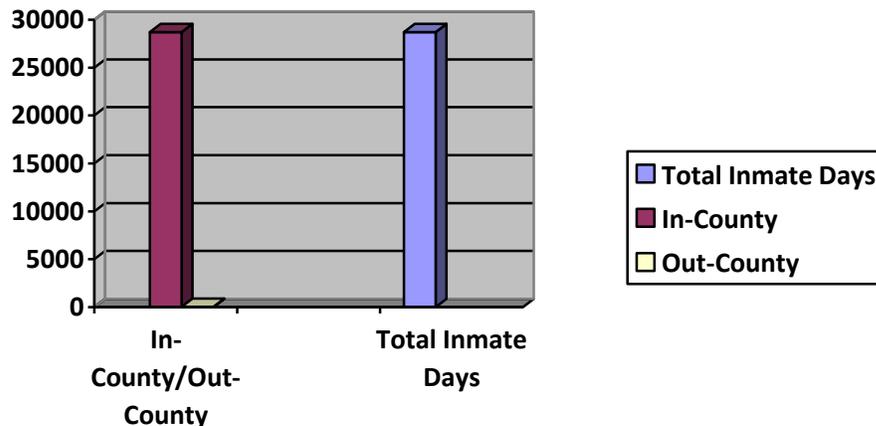
2016 Actual Cost \$ 3,086,344



Cheboygan County Sheriff Department Jail Statistics

Average Inmate totals from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016

- Out-County Inmate Days: 33
Average: .09 inmates per day
- In-County Inmate Days: 28,703
Average: 78.6 inmates per day
- Total Inmate Days: 28,736
Average: 78.7 inmates per day





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Cheboygan County Work Crew Program

Total Labor Hours: 6,000

Income:

- Participation Fee = \$ 13,196
 - Work Site Fee = \$ 5,682
- \$ 18,878

Cost of Operation:

- Total Cost: \$ 23,535

Program Net Loss: \$ (4,657)

Savings:

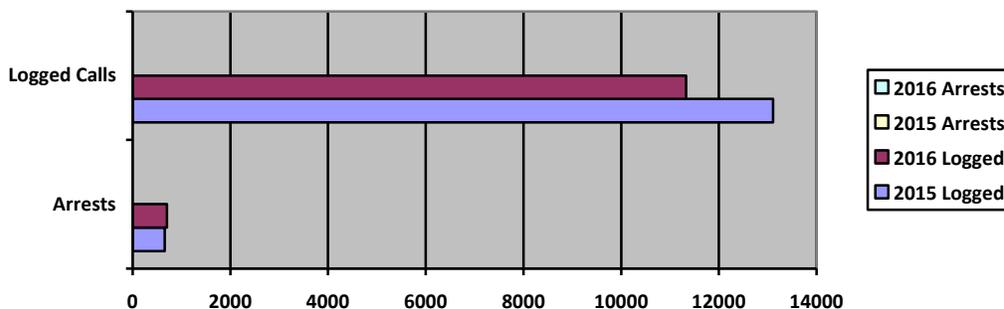
- Approximately 1,159 bed spaces
 - Meals saved: 3,477 @ \$3.40 ea. \$ 11,822
 - Maintenance Labor: 788 hrs. x (\$13.95 wage + \$1.59 fringe) \$ 12,246
- Total Savings: \$ 24,068

Total Net Savings to Taxpayer: \$ 19,411

Cheboygan County Sheriff Department Community Policing Policies

- Road Patrol Statistics from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016

- 2015 Logged calls: 13,110
- 2016 Logged calls: 11,328
- 2015 Arrests: 654
- 2016 Arrests: 513





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- Continuing Cheboygan County Sheriff Department Search and Rescue Team with local Fire Departments:
 - 5 Emergency Response Calls with 100% success
 - Project Lifesaver Program
 - A Child is Missing Program
- Continued effective School Liaison Officer Program for all Cheboygan County Schools:
 - National Child Identification Program to offer free fingerprinting to all Cheboygan County School children in grades K through 1st grades
 - High School Freshman Drug Awareness
 - DARE (5th Grade)
 - TEAM (7th Grade)
 - Truancy / Incurrigible / Social Media Bullying
- Continued Effective Marine / ORV / Snowmobile Patrols:
 - Offered Water Safety Courses throughout County Schools
 - ORV Safety Course throughout County Schools
 - Offered Snowmobile Safety Course throughout County Schools
- Continued Department K-9 Unit:
 - Total Calls responded 70
 - Narcotics 37
 - Tracking 8
 - Building search 8
 - Other 17
- Community Education/Committee appointments:
 - Community drug awareness to MTA
 - Presentations at McLaren Hospital for medical staff
 - Drug awareness presentations at Cheboygan County Schools
 - Appointed to 53rd Circuit Court Drug Court Panel
 - Bi-monthly Rx drug abuse task force meetings at NMSAS
 - Appointed 89th Dist Court OWI Court Panel Member
- Continuing Collaborative effort with the Cheboygan County Council on Aging:
 - Senior Safe / Community Awake Program
 - Cellular 911 Telephones
- Continued Wolverine Substation:
 - Thursdays Hours: 11:00am - 1:00pm



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Cheboygan County Sheriff Department Highlights

- Jail medical program continued success with reducing costs and prescriptions:
 - Continued contract with District Health Department #4
 - Narcotic Free Jail

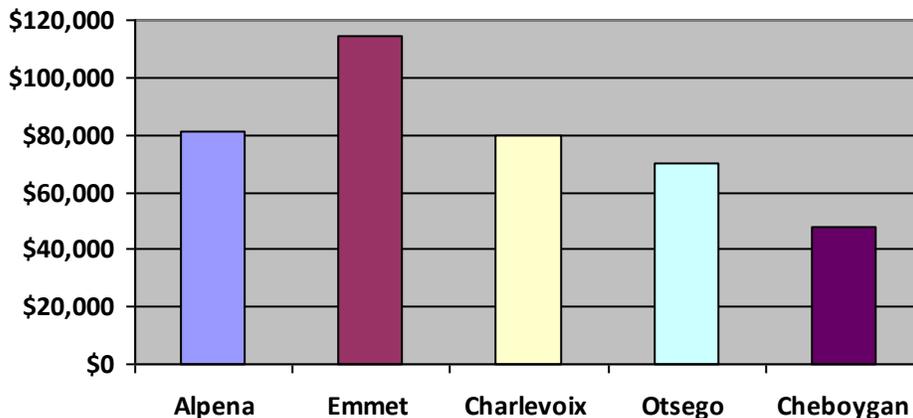
➤ Fiscal Year 2016 County Jail Medical Expenditures:

- 2016 Original Request: \$ 50,000
- 2016 Amended Request: \$ 49,000
- 2016 Expended: \$ 41,793

- 2015 Original Request: \$ 40,000
- 2015 Amended Request: \$ 47,378
- 2015 Expended: \$ 47,816

➤ Fiscal Year 2016 Surrounding County Jail Medical Expenditures:

○ Emmet County Jail	104	\$ 114,165
○ Otsego County Jail	34	\$ 70,234
○ Alpena County Jail	69	\$ 81,000
○ Charlevoix County Jail	89	\$ 79,478
○ Cheboygan County Jail	83	\$ 41,793



- 100% compliance with MSTC Corrections Officers Training Certification
- 100% compliance with MDOC Administrative Rules
- 100% compliance with MCOLES training standards
- Offering Alcoholics Anonymous, Community Mental Health, Substance Abuse Counseling and Prevention and Bible Study within the jail.

Cheboygan County Sheriff is an equal opportunity provider and employer. TDD# 1-800-649-3777



Cheboygan County

Board of Commissioners' Meeting

June 27, 2017

Title: MSHDA Blight Elimination Grant Application Ratification - Gold Front Building Removal

Summary:

The Gold Front properties located in Downtown Cheboygan were sold on land contract by the County as part of a tax sale in 2011. The person that purchased the property under the land contract could no longer make the payments and deeded the property back to the County. Treasurer Weldon and I meet with representatives of the City which have indicated that they are supportive of the buildings being removed which fits into the City's plans associated with Festival Square and the Opera House. The City has provided preliminary confirmation identifying the possible redevelopment of the parcel after building demolition as landscape and parking area as part of the redevelopment of the area.

The State of Michigan accepted applications for grant funding for demolition projects within communities through the MSHDA Blight Elimination Program up until June 21, 2017. Attached is a copy of the grant application submitted by Northern Homes Inc. on behalf of the County for the project to remove the structures and negotiate a sale of the parcel for redevelopment as identified.

The estimated cost of the project is \$242,000 with \$200,000 (79%) State funds and \$42,000 (21%) of project cost Cheboygan County match (5% of project cost to be returned to the County for administration fees). The County is not committed to the match payment until a grant agreement is offered by the State, approved and signed by the County. Authorization to sign a grant agreement would be completed after an offer of grant award was received from the State.

The County's objective is to recover any match requirements from the sale of property.

Financial Impact: NA

Recommendation: Motion to ratify grant application for MSHDA Blight Elimination Funds from the State of Michigan in the amount of \$200,000 as submitted on behalf of the Board Chairperson.

Prepared by: Jeffery B. Lawson,
County Administrator
Buffy Jo Weldon,
County Treasurer

Department: Administration and Treasurer

Cheboygan County Application for MSHDA Blight Elimination Program Funding 2017

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Project Summary:

The proposed project is for demolition of two (2) blighted commercial buildings located at 417 N. Main Street and 418 N Huron Street, Cheboygan, MI 49721. The buildings are located in downtown Cheboygan and previously functioned as restaurant with apartments above, and a banquet hall/bowling alley. The two buildings are adjacent to each other and have a combined total of approximately 27,000 square feet. The buildings are currently owned by Cheboygan County. Cheboygan County is requesting grant funds of \$200,000 to demolish the two commercial buildings.

Detailed Project Description:

1. Project Area: The proposed project is located on Main and Huron Streets in the heart of downtown Cheboygan. Commercial buildings are located along both sides of the project site with a furniture store to the north and screen printing and a parking lot to the south. One building fronts on Main Street and backs up to the second building that fronts on Huron Street as shown on the aerial photo, **Exhibit 1**. A residential area is located within 200' of the project site. Residential space is also occupied above neighboring commercial spaces on Main Street **Exhibit 2**. Festival Square, a public park used as an entertainment venue and farmers market, is located within the same city block. A map of the area is found as **Exhibit 3**.

2. Rationale for selection of this project:

- a. Trigger for private investment; After demolition a portion of the site will be paved for additional parking for Festival Square and the Cheboygan Opera House and for food trucks to use during special events. The City is also exploring using the property for pop-up shops.

Several current businesses owners are nearing retirement and are looking to sell their businesses. Emerging business owners are apprehensive due to the high costs of rent or the expense of owning building. A pop up retail space allows for new businesses to begin without having the large expense of owning a building. Pop up businesses would be able to test the waters with their retail products and services with minimal risk involved. This would open the doors to encourage more people to explore creative business concepts. A photo of an example of pop up shops is attached as **Exhibit 4**.

Once a business performs well as a pop up space then the owner would have some funding available along with sales history to obtain financing for permanent building space. Relationships will be developed with retiring business owners to mentor new entrepreneurs. In the past year a new pearl jewelry store opened as a three-month pop up store in an empty building space. After seeing the need and support from the community the business was able to purchase a building and become a full-time store.

The pop-up shops also help to close the gap between storefronts along Main Street. This helps keep the foot traffic moving along the whole block, instead of stopping and turning around when they reach an empty space.

The use of the space for parking, food trucks and pop-up shops will help further the City of Cheboygan's placemaking efforts and support the local farmers market and events at Festival Square and the Cheboygan Opera House.

- b. Supports current private investment and development; Linde Furniture, a downtown retail furniture store, is currently negatively impacted by the vacant buildings. The vacant buildings provide a habitat for rodents which create issues for the adjacent occupied buildings. The deteriorating buildings have created problems due to exterior portions of the building blowing off and creating flooding issues for adjacent property owners. A letter from Linde Furniture listing costs they have incurred due to the vacant deteriorated structures is attached as **Exhibit 5**. The demolition of 417 N Main Street and 418 N. Huron Street will encourage Linde Furniture to stay in their downtown location and make further investments in their building.

From the center of the downtown district customers must pass by the deteriorating buildings to enter Linde Furniture. Having to pass by the blighted building deters customers from traveling to the furniture store. Safety is an issue for those traveling by the deteriorating structure. The privately-owned furniture business will see an increase in customers visiting the store after the obstacle of passing by the blighted structure is eliminated. Plans to develop the vacant space into pop up retail and to provide parking for food trucks will draw consumers to the block and positively impact the existing businesses downtown.

Investment from Cheboygan County will also contribute to the positive impact the project will have on the community. The County has demonstrated a written commitment to invest in the demolition of the buildings and making the land available for a parking lot on the site after demolition. Festival Square is a current investment project near the proposed demolition site. Demolition of the blighted building will trigger continued improvements to the Festival Square area. The development of this lot coordinates with the Blueprint and Land Use plans of the City.

Currently two private investment projects are taking place across Main St from the proposed demolition site. A boutique, Urban Bird and Company, has recently opened as a pop up store for the summer in the empty space of Purple Tree Book store. The boutique would like to remain open year round and find permanent space if the resident and tourist traffic to downtown continues. Removing the blighted building will help promote a

safe area with additional parking to continue bringing consumers to the downtown district year round.

A transition is taking place at a once vacant restaurant building located across from the blighted project. New owners have purchased the restaurant and are in the process of rehabilitating the structure to open a unique bistro called Nauti Bistro. The new business will be opening in the next month. The demolition project will support the current development of the bistro by creating a more visual appealing area for patrons. Demolition also eliminates safety concerns of residents and tourists walking the downtown area to enter the bistro.

- c. Promotes public safety; The blighted buildings currently pose a public safety hazard to residents and visitors of the community. Previous owners of the subject property received numerous citations for the condition of the building. A memo from Kurt R. Jones, City of Cheboygan Director of Public Safety, is attached as **Exhibit 6**. The deteriorating condition of the building exterior is a high concern. Falling debris is a risk to residents and tourists passing by the building. The cost to fix the cited issues and bring the building to a safe condition is beyond the means of any investor. Recent visits to the building have indicated excessive mold, growing fungus and rodent infestation. The condition of the building continues to depreciate with time with conditions rapidly worsening.

Demolition of the buildings eliminates the unsafe structures in the middle of the downtown business district. Consumers are apprehensive to walk past the unsafe structure to enter neighboring businesses. Festival Square is a neighboring event space that hosts the community farmers market, music events, and downtown activities. Traveling from Festival Square to the beautiful waterway of Lake Huron requires residents and tourists to pass the unsafe structure.

- d. Will stabilize or increase property values; Commercial property values in downtown Cheboygan are lower than other communities. The Cheboygan property values are lower, in part, due to the vacant deteriorated buildings at 417 N Main Street and 418 N Huron Street. The commercial buildings continue to age with signs of deferred maintenance. The City of

Cheboygan's Land Use Plan includes developing downtown Cheboygan as a business center. Removing blighted property will contribute to property values stabilizing and increasing. The condition of the blighted structures has negatively impacted the values of neighboring buildings. Businesses for sale nearby have had potential investors concerned over the rodents and condition of the blighted structure.

The City of Cheboygan's Land Use Plan includes developing downtown Cheboygan into a thriving business center. The Land Use Plan includes removal of unsightly structures. Removing blighted property will contribute to property values increasing. Cheboygan has implemented efforts to create a vibrant downtown community to attract residents and tourists. Continuing efforts relating to the Festival Square project remains as a priority of the City. Utilizing the vacant lot after demolition for parking and to create space for food trucks and pop-up retail space aligns with the overall Land Use Plan. The additional parking and unique retail space developed on the vacant lot will enhance and compliment Festival Square.

The Downtown Blueprint Plan identified three improvements that were rated as very important by residents and business owners; recruit additional retail business, increase the variety of retail goods, and physically improve downtown's buildings. The demolition project addresses all three areas identified in the Blueprint Plan. The appearance of buildings downtown will improve with the removal of the blighted structure. Additional retail business and a variety of goods will increase with the formation of the pop up retail space on the vacant lot. Initiating projects that align with the Downtown Blueprint Plan is vital to progress in the community.

3. Field Contamination Checklists:

A Field Contamination Checklist for each building is found as **Exhibits 7 and 8.**

4. Documentation supporting the property meets eligibility criteria:

Eligibility of Project:

- Must be vacant at time of acquisition– The buildings were tax foreclosed by the Cheboygan County in 2009. The County entered into a land

contract sale for the two buildings in 2011. The buyer made minor attempts to renovate the buildings but soon realized the buildings were too deteriorated. The buyer quit claimed the three properties back to the County in 2017. The properties have not been occupied since around 2007. The attached letter from the City of Cheboygan water billing department shows the buildings at 417 N Main Street and 418 N Huron Street has been vacant since 2010 **Exhibit 9**.

- Must be blighted – The buildings at 417 N Main Street and 418 N Huron Street have been deemed a blighted, nuisance and safety hazard by the City of Cheboygan because of physical condition. **Exhibit 10**.
- For commercial demolition, property must be adjacent to a residential area. Commercial demolition must be part of a development project with funding commitments and must include a local match of at least 10%. A aerial photo is attached, **Exhibit 2**, that shows the demolition site is within 200 feet of a residential neighborhood and other downtown apartments. After demolition the property will be used as an extension of the City of Cheboygan’s Festival Square. Private investment is occurring across the street from the demolition site with the opening of a retail women’s clothing store, Urban Bird and Company and the re-opening of a vacant restaurant site, Nauti Bistro. The local government will invest in the property after demolition to create a parking lot and space for pop-up shops and food trucks. **Exhibit 11**. In addition the County will match up to \$42,000 the cost for demolition. **Exhibit 12**
- Must be publicly-owned. The property is owned by Cheboygan County. A copy of the Quit Claim Deed ending the Land Contract sale is attached as **Exhibit 13**. The Land Contract was for both buildings. Both buildings are on one tax parcel.
- There is no known contamination on the property to be demolished.
- The property is not listed in the National Register of Historic Places and is not in a local historic district.

5. Land Reuse: Once the building is demolished the property will be developed as a parking lot for the neighboring Festival Square, an existing outdoor pavilion, and the Cheboygan Opera House. Festival Square draws residents and tourists year round to the downtown area by hosting events including farmers markets, festivals, concerts and even an ice rink in the winter. Additional parking is needed to combat the congestion from parallel parking on Main Street. The proposed parking lot will also serve as additional parking for events at the Cheboygan Opera House. The Cheboygan Opera House holds concerts, plays and musicals from national touring groups and local performers. The developed parking area will also be used as an area to host food truck vendors and pop up retail shops along. Having a designated downtown area for unique retail and food vendors will attract more consumers to the downtown area to help support the downtown businesses and further Cheboygan's placemaking strategies. Creating the vendor parking lot promotes commerce in a safe environment away from busy traffic. The unique retail space will foster entrepreneurship leading to business growth in the community.

6. Consistent with local plans: The proposed demolition is consistent with the master plan of the City and the Downtown Development Authority. The City of Cheboygan completed the "Downtown Blueprint" plan in 2004 with many of projects including a footbridge and Festival Square completed to date. Demolishing the building would help the City move towards eliminating the blight in the area. Creating a unique space for retail vendors will help attract more residents and tourists to the downtown area due to the increase in activities.

7. Procurement Process Description: Contractors will be selected through a competitive process to carry out the demolition activity. Cheboygan County will follow their sealed bid procurement procedures to advertise to potential contractors, receive bids and make a final selection. Prior to awarding the bid the following steps will be taken in addition to the standard procurement procedures:
 - a. The contractor's current financial statements and two years tax returns from the selected contractor will be reviewed by Cheboygan County to ensure financial stability.

- b. The selected contractor will be required to be certified as a residential builder by the State of Michigan with a designation in house wrecking and asbestos removal. A subcontractor may be used for asbestos removal.
 - c. Evidence of commercial general liability insurance of no less than \$2,000,000 workers compensation and employer's liability coverage of no less than \$500,000 will be provided.
 - d. Automobile liability with limits not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and professional liability with coverage no less than \$1,000,000 will be required.
 - e. Current insurance certificates will be contained in the grant file with Cheboygan County at all times.
 - f. The contractor will be verified as operating under good standing with the State of Michigan. A copy of the Articles of Incorporation and Good Standing Certificate will be provided.
 - g. Contractors will complete a list of all board members and officers.
 - h. Contractors will be required to demonstrate at least 5 years of experience providing demolition services for comparable projects. Experience will be verified with documentation from completed projects.
 - i. A surety bond equal to 100% of the total contract amount will be obtained by the contractor.
 - j. A review will be completed to ensure the contractor does not have a State or Federal debarment/suspension, conflict of interest or program violations.
 - k. The selected contractor will be required to provide state and local licenses and permits for all workers on the job site. Evidence and ongoing certification for sub-contractors will also be provided to Cheboygan County.
8. The proposed demolition site is within the limits of Cheboygan County. The blighted buildings are located in the City of Cheboygan at the center of the Downtown Development Authority District. A letter of support from the City of Cheboygan is attached as **Exhibit #15**.

Project Timeframes:

The buildings proposed to be demolished are currently owned by the County and vacant. Following the announcement of grant funds being awarded the steps to prepare for demolition would begin as early as August 2017. A structural engineer will be retained to assess the property and create a demolition plan.

The demolition plan will be a part of the bid package for the procurement of the contractor, along with the requirements of this grant as listed in #7 above. The demolition will be put out for bid over the winter so we can get a most contractors interested and willing to bid on the project for a spring 2018 start. Demolition is projected to take place April through June 2018. The demolition project will be completed by June 30, 2018

Asbestos Testing	August 2017
Structural Engineer Assessment for Demolition	August - October 2017
Procurement of Contractor	November 2017 to February 2018
County Commission Approval	March 15, 2018
Permits and Asbestos removal	March and April 2018
Demolition, Fill and Seeding	April to June 2018

Project Budget:

Cheboygan County will provide matching funds for the demolition of 417 N Main Street and 418 N Huron Street. The overall cost is estimated at \$242,000 which includes a \$200,000 Blight Elimination Grant and \$42,000 match (21%) from Cheboygan County. The estimated budget is attached in **Exhibit 14**.

Evidence of Local Support:

Attached are letters of local support from the City of Cheboygan and Cheboygan Jaycees. **Exhibit 15 and 16**.

Evidence of Capacity:

Jeffery Lawson, Cheboygan County Administrator, has extensive experience managing development projects. A resume of some of the projects he has managed is attached as **Exhibit 17**. The two projects under way are:

- Completed two Phases Animal Shelter Renovations totaling \$550,000. Currently Phase III renovations estimated at \$300,000 under construction.
- Currently completing renovation of Phase I of the Reid Building (Health Department, Community Mental Health, Women Resource Center, and MSU Extension). Phase I improvements estimated at \$600,000.

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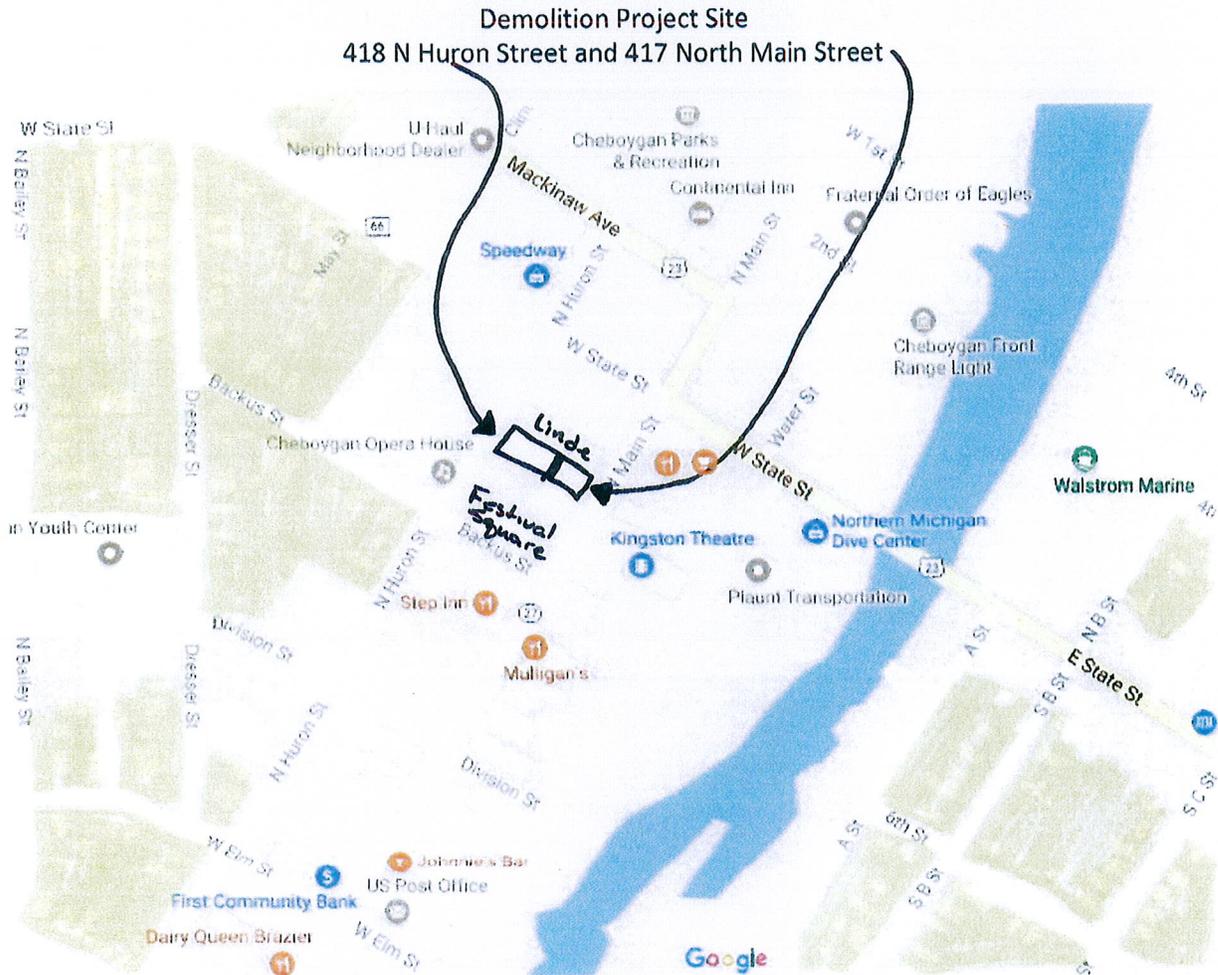
Festival Square Pavilion

Movie Theater



Scale

Map of Downtown Cheboygan



Highlighted areas are residential



Example of Pop Up Retail Shops in Northern Michigan

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June 19, 2017

Buffy Jo Weldon
Cheboygan County Treasurer
PO Box 70
Cheboygan, MI 49721

RE: GOLD FRONT PROPERTY

Dear Buffy Jo,

Over the last ten years, we have experienced several events as the Gold Front building has deteriorated. Some of these events were very costly to us, as well as our insurance company. We are the Gold Front's immediate neighbor to the north with a common wall to the Gold Front and Linde Furniture.

In the past, we did not have water come through our south adjoining wall, but now when it rains, it seeps through the wall and into our basement.

About 25 feet of their clay tile cap blew off their roof when we had a major windstorm. It crashed and cut through our rubber roof and broke many deck boards. We didn't know that this had happened until we had a major flood in our mattress room. During our next rain, multiple sets of mattresses were ruined.

Just recently, a vent cap off the upper roof blew off onto our lower roof and cut our rubber roof. With the next rain, we had a leak and it ruined several pictures.

During most windstorms, we would have to pick up sheets of siding that kept peeling off their wall. After most of the siding was gone, then the 4x8 sheets of chipboard started coming off. One sheet flew far enough that it almost hit my employee's car.

We are currently picking up chunks of felt insulation board that must be coming off the deck roof.

Sincerely,



Dennis A. Lindeman
Linde Furniture Inc.



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TO: THOMAS E. EUSTICE, CITY MANAGER

FROM: KURT R. JONES, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY *K.R.J.*

RE: GOLD FRONT

DATE: JUNE 19, 2017

We have been investigating ordinance violations regarding blight and health and safety issues at 417 N. Main Street, known as the former Gold Front Bar and Bowling Alley.

In 2012 we opened case investigation 2012-000368 and had continued that investigation through 2013 and 2014. A second ordinance investigation was opened up in 2015. (2015-00386). With each of these investigations citations were issued.

The Gold Front had been cited for nuisance violations under the City Nuisance Ordinance for the following reasons:

- Deteriorating Roof.
- Unpainted Exterior Walls.
- Loose Bricks and Mortar.
- Window Trim falling off Building
- Broken Windows.

The owner of the building, Brenda Cronan had been cited six times from 2012 through May of 2017 and had paid fines in various amounts for all six violations. Some work on the building was also completed by painting three of the exterior walls, and some minor patching of holes in the cement blocks and removal of broken vinyl siding, patch repairs were attempted on the roof. After the payment of the last citation on 05/31/2017 Brenda Cronan stopped paying on her land contact to the County of Cheboygan and let the property go back to the County Treasurer.

Solutions to the blight and ordinance violations of the building are now proceeding with the County Treasurers office. Should you need any further information regarding this case, please feel free to contact me.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the City of Cheboygan is to promote economic growth and development of the town through efficient use of human and natural resources with commitment to environmental protection and public safety through responsible and ethical local government operations.

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Date of Visit: 6/15/2017 Time: 9am Weather Conditions: sunny

Program Name: Cheboygan Blighted Property Redevelopment

Project Location/Address: 418 N. Huron St., Cheboygan

Property Owner: Cheboygan County

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Environmental Mapper

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September 19, 2017

- ★ **Active Tanks**
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- ★ **Underground Storage Tanks (Part 211 Closed)**
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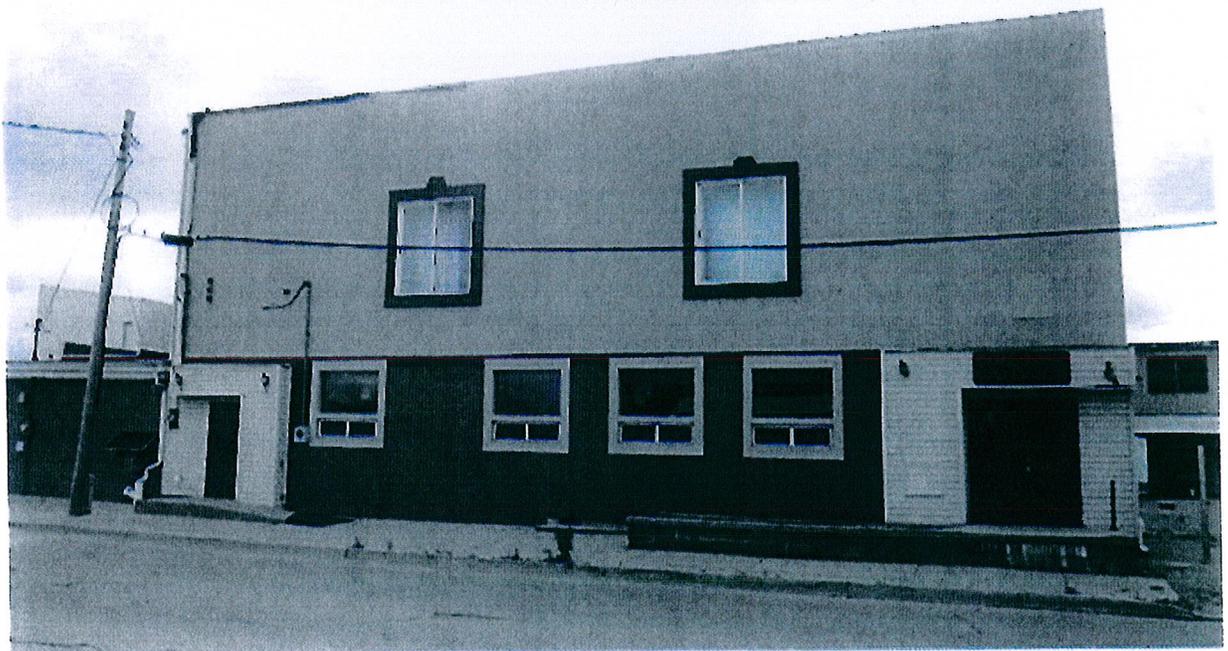
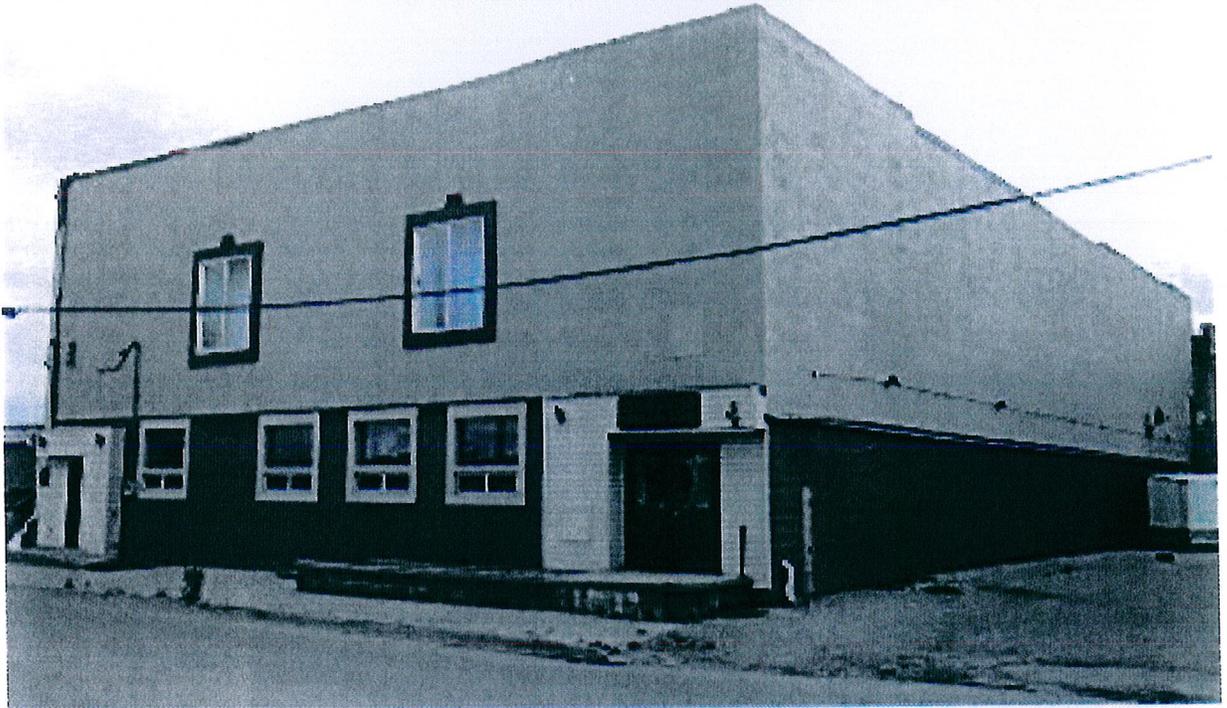


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418 North Huron Street
Former Gold Dust Ballroom and Bowling Alley



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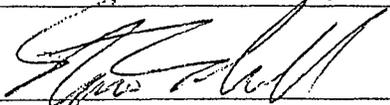
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Closed

King Underground Storage Tanks (Part 213 Open)

Open

Sites of Environmental Contamination (Part 201)

Underground Storage Tanks (Part 211 Active)

Active Tanks

Underground Storage Tanks (Part 211 Closed)

Closed Tanks

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417 North Main Street
Gold Front Building (Both 2 story buildings)

Linde Furniture is on the right



Interior photo showing the results of a large hole in the roof

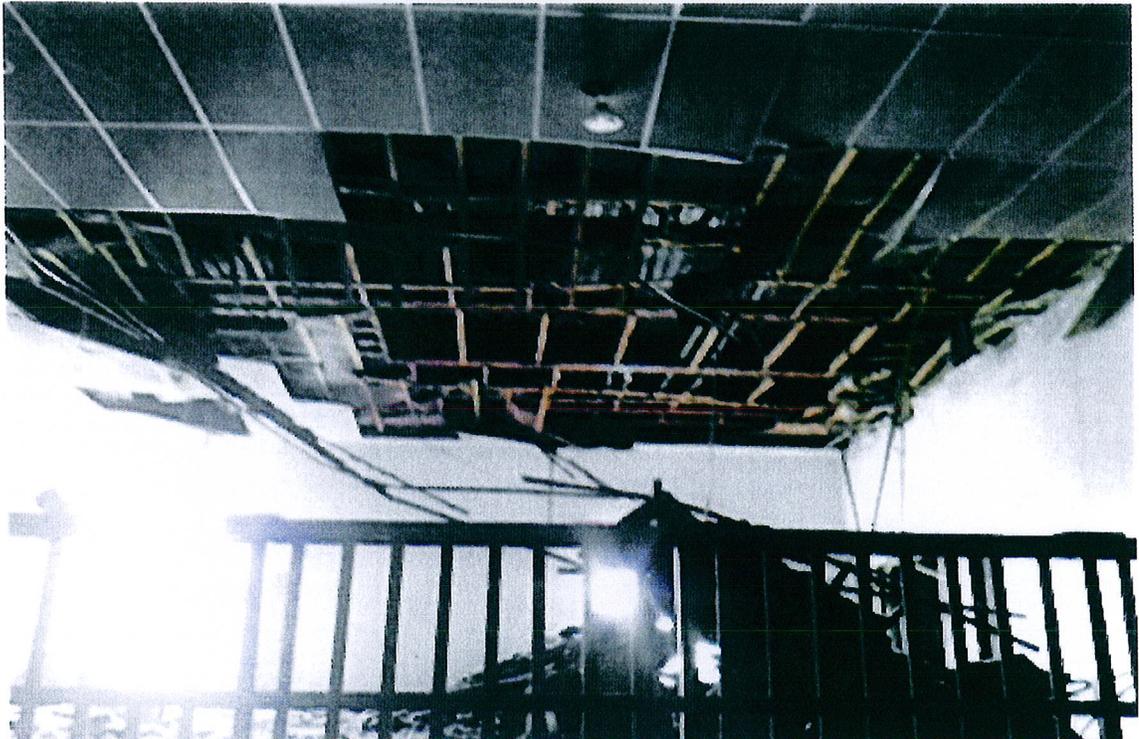


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June 19, 2017

MSHDA – Jess Sobel
Blight Elimination Grant Program
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Lansing, MI 48909

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is regarding the County of Cheboygan’s MSHDA application for the Blight Elimination Project. The proposed businesses for demolition are located at 417 N. Main St. and 418 N. Huron St. The utility history of the businesses demonstrate the vacant occupancy status. The utility records indicate that water service was shut off in 2010. When the businesses were sold on land contract the utilities were turned back on in 2012. Since 2012 the meter reads indicate very limited if any activity. The last recorded usage was in 2015 and the billing status has been set to indicate that the businesses are vacant.

Should you have any questions concerning this issue, please contact me at (231) 627-2582.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Deborah Herring
Deputy Treasurer
City of Cheboygan

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the City of Cheboygan is to promote economic opportunity and enhance quality of life through innovative commitment of human and natural resources with continued planning, financial allocation, and implementation of goals by responsive staff, and elected and appointed officials.

The City of Cheboygan is an Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer.

History Detail Report

Tuesday, June 20, 2017

EXHIBIT #9
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Location ID: MAIN-000417-0000-01
 Account #: 002-01479-00
 Service Address: 417 N. MAIN
 Customer Name: GOLD FRONT (VACANT)

Posted	Created	Action Read	Item - or - User Usage	Amount Other Info	Balance
07/17/13	07/17/13	11:40	Penalty Adjustment 2013 TAX LIEN	-\$0.99	\$0.00
07/17/13	07/17/13	11:40	Bill Adjustment 2013 TAX LIEN	-\$49.91	\$0.99
08/22/12	08/22/12	10:27	Penalty KAREN	\$0.99	\$50.90
07/19/12	07/19/12	11:03	Bill Calculated 04/01/12-06/30/12	\$49.91	\$49.91
07/19/12	07/19/12	10:26	Bill Adjustment TURN ON FEE	-\$40.00	\$0.00
07/19/12	07/19/12	10:21	Bill Adjustment TURN ON FEE	\$40.00	\$40.00
07/17/12	07/17/12	12:11	Meter Read Water 3558 1	Act	\$0.00
07/06/09	07/06/09	15:44	Penalty Adjustment TAX LIEN 2009	-\$55.83	\$0.00
07/06/09	07/06/09	15:44	Bill Adjustment TAX LIEN 2009	-\$558.21	\$55.83
02/10/09	02/10/09	12:15	Penalty KAREN	\$8.09	\$614.04
01/07/09	02/18/10	9:58	Meter Read Adj Water 3557 5	Prev	\$605.95
01/07/09	01/07/09	15:56	Bill Calculated 10/01/08-12/31/08	\$80.90	\$605.95
01/07/09	01/07/09	9:54	Meter Read Water 3552 10	Est	\$525.05
11/24/08	11/24/08	14:14	Penalty KAREN	\$8.09	\$525.05
10/17/08	10/17/08	15:15	Bill Calculated 07/01/08-09/30/08	\$80.90	\$516.96
10/17/08	10/17/08	10:47	Meter Read Water 3542 10	Act	\$436.06
08/20/08	08/20/08	13:06	Penalty KAREN	\$4.05	\$436.06
07/18/08	07/18/08	11:11	Bill Calculated 04/01/08-06/30/08	\$40.45	\$432.01
07/17/08	07/17/08	14:36	Meter Read Water 3532 5	Act	\$391.56
06/30/08	06/30/08	11:38	Bill Adjustment Delinquent UB	-\$744.28	\$391.56
				EQTX	

Total Usage: 31.00

History Detail Report

Tuesday, June 20, 2017

EXHIBIT #9
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Location ID: M2IN-000417-0000-01
 Account #: 002-14790-01
 Service Address: 417 N. MAIN (2ND METER)
 Customer Name: GOLD FRONT (VACANT)

Posted	Created	Action Read	Item " or - User Usage	Amount Other Info	Balance
07/06/09	07/06/09 15:45	Penalty Adjustment	TAX LIEN 2009	-\$5.67	\$0.00
07/06/09	07/06/09 15:45	Bill Adjustment	TAX LIEN 2009	-\$56.63	\$5.67
10/17/08	10/17/08 15:15	Bill Calculated	07/01/08-09/30/08		\$62.30
10/17/08	10/17/08 10:47	Meter Read	Water	92	\$62.30
		523		Act	
08/20/08	08/20/08 13:06	Penalty	KAREN	\$1.62	\$62.30
07/18/08	07/18/08 11:11	Bill Calculated	04/01/08-06/30/08	\$16.18	\$60.68
07/17/08	07/17/08 14:36	Meter Read	Water	91	\$44.50
		523	2	Act	
06/30/08	06/30/08 11:38	Penalty Adjustment	Delinquent UB	-\$8.09	\$44.50
06/30/08	06/30/08 11:38	Bill Adjustment	Delinquent UB	-\$245.93	\$52.59
				EQTX	
04/11/08	04/11/08 12:17	Bill Calculated	01/01/08-03/31/08		\$298.52
04/11/08	04/11/08 10:06	Meter Read	Water	90	\$298.52
		521		Est	
01/15/08	01/15/08 12:57	Bill Calculated	10/01/07-12/31/07		\$298.52
01/14/08	01/14/08 13:45	Meter Read	Water	92	\$298.52
		521		Act	
11/21/07	11/21/07 11:05	Penalty	KAREN	\$4.05	\$298.52
10/17/07	10/17/07 9:14	Bill Calculated	07/01/07-09/30/07	\$40.45	\$294.47
10/16/07	10/16/07 13:53	Meter Read	Water	92	\$254.02
		521	5	Act	
08/27/07	08/27/07 10:17	Penalty	KAREN	\$0.81	\$254.02
07/17/07	07/17/07 12:39	Bill Calculated	04/01/07-06/30/07	\$8.09	\$253.21
07/16/07	07/16/07 11:19	Meter Read	Water	91	\$245.12
		516	1	Act	

Total Usage: 8.00



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To: State of Michigan

From: Thomas E. Eustice, City Manager/City Assessor

Subject: 417 North Main Street and 418 North Huron Street, Public Nuisance

Date: June 16, 2017

To Whom It May Concern:

The properties at 417 North Main Street and 418 North Huron Street in the City of Cheboygan, Michigan are severely blighted properties, a public nuisance, and safety hazard to this community.

The properties have been unoccupied since 2009. The City of Cheboygan has cited the previous property owner several times for blight and safety conditions (civil infractions are attached). There is a 3'x3' hole in the roof that takes in snow and rain. The interior of the buildings are wet throughout and moldy. Bricks are falling off the face of the building onto the City sidewalk and the City has had to secure the area with safety tape multiple times to prevent injury and death.

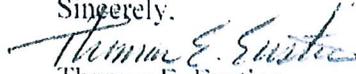
Multiple contractor estimates have put the figure of a minimum of \$600,000 to bring both buildings back to a usable condition.

The buildings can be accessible to the general public and are a hazard to curious children.

This property is adjacent to two of the most used public venues in Cheboygan County. The Cheboygan Opera House (opened in 1888) and the open air park/pavilion Festival Square (opened in 2012). It is an aesthetic eyesore for both venues.

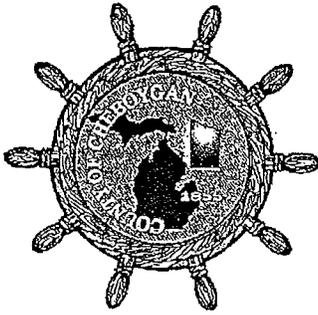
Legal Description:

SUPERVISOR J M PENNELL'S FIRST ADDITION TO THE CITY OF CHEBOYGAN, LOTS 1, 2, 11 & 12, BLK 3, (SEC 31, T38N, R1W) **AND** A STRIP OFF S OF LOT 42, ORIGINAL PLAT OF CHEBOYGAN, 2FT WIDE FRONT & 12FT WIDE REAR, (SEC 32, T38N, R1W).

Sincerely,

 Thomas E. Eustice
 City Manager

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the City of Cheboygan is to maximize economic opportunity and the overall quality of life through innovative commitment to a vibrant and motivated business community and providing a premier level of service to our citizens through a professional, responsive staff and elected and appointed officials.



CHEBOYGAN COUNTY TREASURER
Buffy Jo Weldon, Treasurer
COUNTY BUILDING 870 S. MAIN ST. PO BOX 70
CHEBOYGAN, MICHIGAN 49721

Telephone: (231) 627-8821
Fax: (231) 627-8415

June 15, 2017

MSHDA NOFA and Grant Programs

RE: 417 N Main St. and 418 N. Huron St., Cheboygan, MI 49721 MSHDA A Blight Elimination Program-Commitment of Funds-Pending Full Board of Commissioners approval.

I am pleased to confirm that the Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners made a motion to submit this grant application for MSHDA Blight Elimination Funds from the State of Michigan at the June 13, 2017 meeting.

After demolition is complete, Cheboygan County will offer the property to the City of Cheboygan for developing the site as a parking area, open space for food trucks and possible pop-up shops. This use will spur additional private investment by providing entrepreneurs a space to try their ideas and potentially grow the idea into a business in one of our downtown storefronts. The vacant land will be offered to the City upon approval of the Board of Commissioners by execution of this grant agreement.

I am very confident that this project will have a positive impact on the community and I look forward to conducting the project consistent with the proposal requirements and the grant agreement.

Sincerely,

Buffy Jo Weldon
Cheboygan County Treasurer



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I am prepared to make a match of 21% from the use of foreclosure funds based upon the maximum grant award of \$200,000 and the approval of the Board of Commissioners by execution of the grant agreement. My pledge of \$42,000.00 reflects the amount of funds that can be budgeted towards the building demolition.

I am confident that this project will have a positive impact on the community and I look forward to conducting the project consistent with the proposal requirements and the grant agreement.

Sincerely,

Buffy Jo Weldon
Cheboygan County Treasurer

Exhibit #1:



RECEIVED FOR RECORD
KAREN L BREWSTER, CLERK/REGISTER
CHEBOYGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN
06/08/2017 9:05:59 AM

RECEIPT#5242, STATION 2
QUIT CLAIM DEED
\$30.00



LEER 1334 PAGE 368

QUIT CLAIM DEED

Drafted by:
Buffy Jo Weldon
Cheboygan County Treasurer
PO Box 70
Cheboygan, MI 49721

Return to:
Buffy Jo Weldon
Cheboygan County Treasurer
PO Box 70
Cheboygan, MI 49721

Tax Parcel No:
054-P39-003-001-10

The Grantor, Brenda Cronan of BAC Rentals LLC, whose address is 6278 Thorp Rd, Manistee, MI 49660, Conveys and Quit Claim(s) to Buffy Jo Weldon, acting in official capacity as the Cheboygan County Treasurer, whose address is PO Box 70, Cheboygan, MI 49721.

Witnesseth:

The Buyer and Seller had entered into a Land Contract of November 4, 2011 Recorded Liber 1189 Page 470 herewith and they desire to terminate said Memorandum of Land Contract. In consideration of the premises and other good and valuable consideration, the Seller acknowledges and agrees that the property described below was relinquished by Brenda Cronan of BAC Rentals LLC on Land Contract of even date:

Land in the City of Cheboygan, County of Cheboygan, State of Michigan, described as follows:

Supervisor JM Pennell's First Add to City of Cheboygan, Lots 1, 2, 11 & 12, Blk 3 and a strip off S of Lot 42, Original Plat of Cheboygan, 2 ft wide front & 12 ft wide rear.

More commonly known as: 417 N. Main Street, Cheboygan, MI 49721

The purpose of this Quit Claim Deed is to give recorded notice of the termination of the aforesaid Land Contract.

In Witness Whereof, the parties have executed this Quit Claim Deed and have caused their hands and seals to be affixed hereto the day and year first written.

Exempt per MCLA 207.526(a) and MCLA 207.505(a)

Signed By:

Brenda Cronan
Brenda Cronan - Sole Proprietor
BAC Rentals LLC

State of Michigan
County of Cheboygan

The foregoing Instrument was acknowledged before me this 19th day of May, 2017 by Brenda Cronan.

JOANNE HANSEN, Notary Public
State of Michigan
County of Manistee
My Commission Expires 11/17/2021
Acting in the County of Manistee

Joanne Hansen
Notary Public, Cheboygan County, Michigan
My commission expires 11-17-2021

Project Budget

Demolition of 417 N Main Street and 418 N Huron Street

Uses of Funds

Engineering and Testing	\$	25,000
Demolition	\$	177,000
Contingency	\$	30,000
Grant Administration 5%	\$	10,000
Total	\$	<u>242,000</u>

Sources of Funds

MSHDA Blight Elimination Program	\$	200,000
Cheboygan County Match	\$	42,000
Total	\$	<u>242,000</u>



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To: Jess Sobel, MSHDA
 From: Thomas E. Eustice, City Manager
 Subject: Letter of Support, Future Development Plans
 Date: June 16, 2017

Jess:

The properties at 417 North Main Street and 418 North Huron Street in the City of Cheboygan, Michigan are severely blighted properties, a public nuisance, and safety hazard to this community.

It is my understanding that Cheboygan County is applying for a grant for demolition of the buildings. The former Gold Front building at 417 North Main Street and ballroom at 418 North Huron Street have been vacant since 2009. The cost to rehabilitate the buildings for use is estimated at over \$600,000.

I cannot foresee an investor rehabilitating these facilities and getting a reasonable return on their investment. I think the best possible scenario is to remove the buildings and use the lot for public purpose. From the City of Cheboygan's perspective it could be used for additional parking for Festival Square, which is an open air pavilion that can accommodate 800 people. It would also be additional parking for the Cheboygan Opera House which is an indoor historical venue that seats 582 people. We would add green space and pic-nick tables and utilize this space for mobile food carts and food trucks. It will also provide parking for upper level residential condominiums and apartment rentals.

The City of Cheboygan is in full support of Cheboygan County's efforts to obtain funding for demolition of the building at 417 North Main St. and 418 N. Huron St. in the City of Cheboygan.

Sincerely,

Thomas E. Eustice
 Thomas E. Eustice
 City Manager

MISSION STATEMENT

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Exhibit #16



June 16, 2017

MSHDA-Jess Sobel
Blight Elimination Grant Program
735 E. Michigan Avenue
Lansing, MI 48909

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is regarding the local support for the County of Cheboygan's MSHDA application for the "417 N Main St. and 418 N Main St. buildings for the Blight Elimination Project". The Cheboygan Junior Chamber of Commerce is in support of the demolition project to remove the vacant and blighted building. The decaying building creates an eyesore at the center of the downtown district. The condition of the building is a concern and potential danger to residents and tourists passing by.

Utilizing the vacant lot after demolition to create additional parking and to support business development would be in the best interest of the community. Removing the blighted building enhances downtown Cheboygan making the area desirable to attract new businesses and tourists to support the local economy. Property values in the downtown area will increase with the elimination of blighted buildings. The demolition project aligns with the mission of the Chamber of Commerce to create a vibrant downtown business district attracting residents and tourists.

Should you have any questions concerning this issue, please contact me at (517) 388-0801.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lindsey Miller". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lindsey Miller
Treasurer
Cheboygan Junior Chamber

PARTIAL RESUME OF
JEFFERY B. LAWSON ICMA-CM
Jeff-Lawson@sbcglobal.net

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

ICMA Credentialed Manager with 28 years of combined government experience in City, Village and County government with 25 years as Chief Administrative Officer. Extensive knowledge of Municipal laws and programs related to municipal operations, as well as agencies and associations serving local government.

Infrastructure Projects

- Work with Commission, Elected Officials and staff to implement the County's Capital Improvement Plan.
- Completed County Building boiler replacement, re-roof, parking lot repaving, sidewalk replacement and expansion, energy improvements, security camera installation and electronic card reading system for employee building access totaling 1 million dollars.
- Completed two Phases Animal Shelter Renovations totaling \$550,000. Currently Phase III renovations estimated at \$300,000 under construction.
- Currently completing renovation of Phase I of the Reid Building (Health Department, Community Mental Health, Women Resource Center, and MSU Extension). Phase I improvements estimated at \$600,000.
- Currently completing final engineering for Jail expansion project and storage facilities estimated at 2 million dollars.
- Currently completing final engineering for fuel tank and dock replacement at the Cheboygan County Marina utilizing \$400,000 of State of Michigan Waterways grant Funds and \$400,000 of County matching funds.
- Renovation of County Fairground Midway Restrooms.

Village Manager, Mackinaw City MI

- Worked with Council and Staff to complete ten Major Street Projects consisting of road reconstruction, streetscapes and overhead wire relocation. Projects totaled over 5.6 million in improvements. Secured and administered \$960,000 of CDBG funds, \$550,000 of Category "A" MDOT Economic Development Funds, \$520,000 Category "D" Economic Development Funds, \$370,000 of MDOT Transportation Enhancement Funds and \$300,000 of ARRA funds. Completed Local Street Projects totaling \$450,000.
- Worked with Council and Staff to complete water main, and sanitary sewer main replacement and extensions totaling over 1 million dollars. Completed new well installation in the amount of \$300,000. Completed \$500,000 main lift station replacement.
- Worked with Council and Staff to complete recreation complex improvements totaling \$280,000 with grant funds secured through the Recreational Bond Program. Completed waterfront walk

way and historical marker project with Coastal Zone Management Grant Fund assistance. Completed the development of Conkling Heritage Park from the reclaimed Marathon Oil Terminal by securing and administering \$60,000 of grant funds from the Michigan Council of Arts and Cultural Affairs Program coupled with private donations to help complete a \$170,000 performance shell. Continued improvements to the park by obtaining \$25,000 of Coastal Zone Management Funds to complete sidewalk development and \$75,000 in DNR Trust Fund monies to construct public restrooms at Conkling Heritage Park. Helped complete procurement of the "Headlands" property in 1995 with the assistance of Emmet County and the Little Traverse Conservancy. The "Headlands" purchase was one of the top grant awards through the DNR'S Trust Fund Program in the amount of 3.5 million dollars. Secured and administered \$586,000 of grant funds through the DNR'S CMI Program coupled with private donations and Village in-kind labor and funds to construct a 1.6 million dollar Ice Arena and Recreation Center. Secured \$80,000 for trailhead development through a DNR Forestry Division Grant.

EDUCATION

2005- Masters of Public Administration, Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, MI. Course work included emphasis in Budgeting, Finance, Accounting, Administrative Law, Leadership and Personnel Management.

1989- Bachelor of Science in Public Administration, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan. Course work included emphasis in Budgeting, Finance, Accounting, Administrative Law and Personnel Management.

Minor in Geography; course work included emphasis in Land Use Planning, Remote Sensing and Environmental Management.



Cheboygan County

Board of Commissioners' Meeting

June 27, 2017

Title: Authorization for Chair to sign letter opposing Canadian Deep Geologic Repository.

Summary: Cheboygan County Resolution 14-14 Opposed the development of an underground nuclear waste disposal facility near Kincardine, Ontario, Canada. Chairman Brown was requested by -Stop The Great Lakes Nuclear Dump- to sign a letter opposing the facility and asked that this be placed on the agenda for Board consideration.

Financial Impact: NA

Recommendation: Motion to authorize the Chair to sign letter opposing Ontario Power Generation's proposed Deep Geologic Repository in Ontario, Canada.

Prepared by: Jeffery B. Lawson

Department: Administration

Open Letter to Canada's Minister of Environment and Climate Change opposing Ontario Power Generation's proposed Deep Geologic Repository (DGR) - Signed by [] Great Lakes Mayors

<Date>

The Honourable Catherine McKenna, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Environment and Climate Change
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario
Canada K1A 0A6

Dear Minister,

We are writing to you in connection with the interests and concerns of our constituents, millions of people living in cities, towns, municipalities, villages and counties surrounding the Great Lakes.

We are deeply concerned that Ontario Power Generation (OPG) is proposing to bury nuclear waste in close proximity to the Great Lakes. The Great Lakes are critically important resources to both Canada and the United States and supply drinking water to forty million people including to the citizens we represent. The Great Lakes support fishing, boating, recreation, tourism, and agriculture and are the life-blood of a six trillion dollar Great Lakes region economy.

We find it irresponsible and deeply troubling that OPG failed and continues to refuse to investigate any other actual sites for its proposed nuclear waste repository (DGR) despite being required to do so under regulatory guidelines and further as required by you in your February 18, 2016 request.

We are completely mystified by OPG claims that its proposed DGR is "not an area of concern among the general population" in the face of 217 resolutions having been passed by local, county and state governments representing over 23 million people opposing the construction of a DGR anywhere in the Great Lakes Basin. It is plain to see that OPG's claims do not square with the facts.

Signatories to this letter, all duly elected officials of Great Lakes communities that have passed resolutions, remain deeply opposed and united in opposition to the permanent burial of nuclear waste anywhere in the Great Lakes basin and we fully support Stop The Great Lakes Nuclear Dump in their work to protect the fresh water of the Great Lakes from the threat posed by OPG's proposed DGR.

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<Date>

Madame Minister, we the undersigned request that you act to protect North America's most precious resource and the health and safety of the millions of people who rely on your leadership by rejecting OPG's application for its DGR in Kincardine, Ontario.

Sincerely,

Mayor Keith Hobbs
City of Thunder Bay, Ontario

Mayor Mike Bradley
City of Sarnia, Ontario

Warden Bill Weber
Lambton County, Ontario

Mayor Denis Doyle
Township of Frontenac Islands, Ontario

Mayor Gil Brocanier
Town of Cobourg, Ontario

Mayor Al MacNevin
Town of Northeastern Manitoulin
and the Islands, Ontario

Mayor Gordon Schermerhorn
Town of Greater Napanee, Ontario

Mayor John Maloney
City of Port Colborne, Ontario

Reeve Eric Smith
Township of Stone Mills, Ontario

Mayor Maureen Cole
Municipality of South Huron, Ontario

Mayor Randy Hope
City of Chatham-Kent, Ontario

Mayor Jamie McGarvey
Town of Parry Sound, Ontario

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Mayor Heather Jackson
City of St. Thomas, Ontario

Mayor Leslie O'Shaughnessy
City of Cornwall, Ontario

Mayor John McKean
Town of Blue Mountains, Ontario

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Mayor Stephen H. Hagerty
City of Evanston, Illinois

Mayor Sam Cunningham
City of Waukegan, Illinois

Mayor Rick Milne
Town of New Tecumseth, Ontario

Mayor Barb Clumpus
Municipality of Meaford, Ontario

Mayor Kevin Eccles
Municipality of West Grey, Ontario

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City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

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Village of Sebewaing, Michigan

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City of Marysville, Michigan

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Mayor Michael J. Seferian
City of Oregon, Ohio

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RESOLUTION 14-14
OPPOSING THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN
UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR WASTE FACILITY

WHEREAS, a Canadian power company is proposing to develop an underground nuclear waste facility near Kincardine, Ontario; and

WHEREAS, the proposed facility would be situated less than one mile from the Lake Huron shoreline; and

WHEREAS, storing low and intermediate level waste so close to Lake Huron, which constitutes 21% of the world's fresh water supply, jeopardizes the fragile ecosystem and is a risk that cannot be afforded; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners hereby opposes the development of an underground nuclear waste facility near Kincardine, Ontario because of the risk of polluting the Great Lakes and upsetting the ecosystem; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be distributed to all Michigan Counties, President Barack Obama, Governor Rick Snyder, U.S. Senator Carl Levin, U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow, Congressman Dan Benishek, State Senator Howard Walker, State Representative Peter Petallia, State Representative Frank Foster and the Province of Ontario.

I, Mary Ellen Tryban, Clerk of Cheboygan County and of the Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners do hereby certify that the above foregoing was adopted by the Board at their regular meeting on August 12th, 2014.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the County of Cheboygan on the 12th day of August, 2014 at Cheboygan, Michigan.

Mary Ellen Tryban
Cheboygan County Clerk