

-- AGENDA --

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WEST BRANCH CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT WEST BRANCH CITY HALL, 121 N. FOURTH ST. ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2019, BEGINNING AT 6:00 P.M.

PLEASE NOTE: All guests and parties in attendance are asked to sign in if they will be making any comments during meetings, so that the City Clerk may properly record your name in the minutes. Public comments are limited to 3 minutes in length while matters from the floor are limited to 10 minutes, unless you have signed in and requested additional speaking time, and that the request is then approved by either the Mayor or a majority vote of Council. All in attendance are asked to please remove hats and/or sunglasses during meetings and to silence all cell phones and other electronic devices. Accommodations are available upon request to those who require alternately formatted materials or auxiliary aids to ensure effective communication and access to City meetings or hearings. All request for accommodations should be made with as much advance notice as possible, typically at least 10 business days in advance by contacting City Clerk John Dantzer at (989) 345-0500. [DISCLAIMER: Views or opinions expressed by City Council Members or employees during meetings are those of the individuals speaking and do not represent the views or opinions of the City Council or the City as a whole.] [NOTICE: Audio and/or video may be recorded at public meetings of the City Council.]

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Public Hearing
- V. Additions to the agenda
- VI. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only (limited to 3 minutes)
- VII. Scheduled Matters from the Floor
- VIII. Bids
- IX. Unfinished Business
 - A. Diebold Insurance –Employee Assistance Program
 - B. Ogemaw County Emergency Dispatch Authority lien invoice approval
- X. New Business
 - A. Bills
 - B. Approval of survey and sole source vendor for M-30 land
- XI. Approval of the minutes and summary from the meeting held September 3, 2019
- XII. Consent Agenda
 - A. Treasurer’s report and investment summary

- B. Minutes from the Summer Music Series meeting held May 22, 2019
 - C. Minutes from the Planning Commission meeting held August 13, 2019
 - D. August Police Report
 - E. Wellhead protection Meeting held June 13, 2019
- XIII. Communications
- A. PTO thank you
 - B. Michigan Trails week
- XIV. Reports and/or comments
- A. Mayor
 - B. Council
 - C. Manager
- XV. Public comment any topic
- XVI. Adjournment

UPCOMING MEETINGS

September 19 – Rain Garden Ribbon Cutting 4:00 pm
September 24 – DDA meeting 12:00 noon
September 30 – Start of Veteran banner program
October 7 – City Council meeting 6:00 pm
October 8 – Mayor exchange in Auburn
October 15 – Mayor exchange in West Branch

Call to Order

Roll Call

**Pledge of
Allegiance**

Public Hearings

Additions to the Agenda

Public Comment -Agenda Items

Scheduled Matters from the Floor

Bids

Unfinished Business

Here are the responses from New Directions.

We provide unidentified reporting to all groups (attached). As a stand-alone managed behavioral health organization, providing EAP services, both MBH and EAP privacy and security management is predicated on the fact that we consider the information PHI and generally apply the HIPAA framework/rules to both areas.

Please let me know if this answers your questions.

Thanks.

Julie Hock

Employee Assistance Program Usage Report



Usage Report

From: January 01, 2015 To: December 31, 2015

Total Contacts	742
Percentage of Total Usage:	56%
Counseling, Legal, Financial, Work/Life	369
Account Management	2
Critical Incident	0
Health Fair	225
Website Logins	146

Satisfaction Rates: To better understand if employees find the EAP useful, relevant and helpful, the following aggregate satisfaction rates are available. These percentages represent all employees who use the program and are not specific to your company. It is measured by employees who use the EAP self-reporting through an online survey.

EAP Case Outcomes: In addition to satisfaction rates, it is helpful to understand if employees who use the EAP show long-term improvement after engaging with the program. The percentages below measure if an employee was less productive at work because of a life challenge. It also looks at the impact on employees after using the EAP, including: a) Improved productivity and performance b) Increased ability to manage stress levels c) Reduced work absenteeism. This information is gathered by employee self-assessment and is representative of all people who use the EAP, not specific to your company.

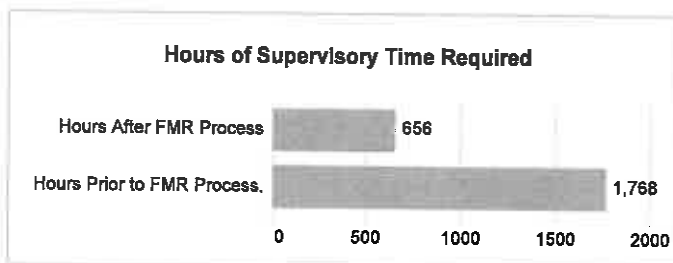
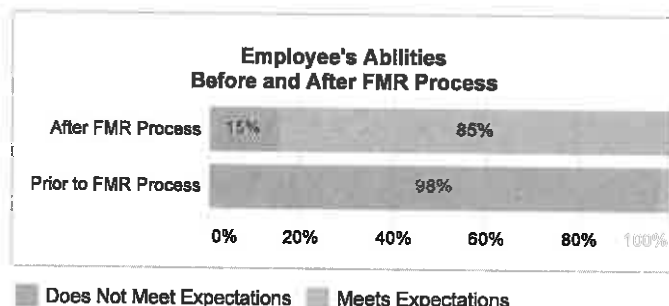
Satisfaction Rates

Overall Satisfaction	90%
Would use EAP Again	91%

EAP Case Outcomes

Present problem distracted employee from work	87%
Reported work duties improved after using the EAP	79%
Reported ability to handle stress improved after using the EAP	80%
Decrease in missed work days after using the EAP	39%

Formal Management Referral (FMR) Outcomes: For managers and supervisors partnering with New Directions on FMRs, data is available to help identify the effectiveness of the process. The percentages below help leaders measure the amount of time saved by using a FMR and whether or not the employee with performance challenges stays with the organization. These percentages represent all companies who use the FMR process and are not specific to your organization.

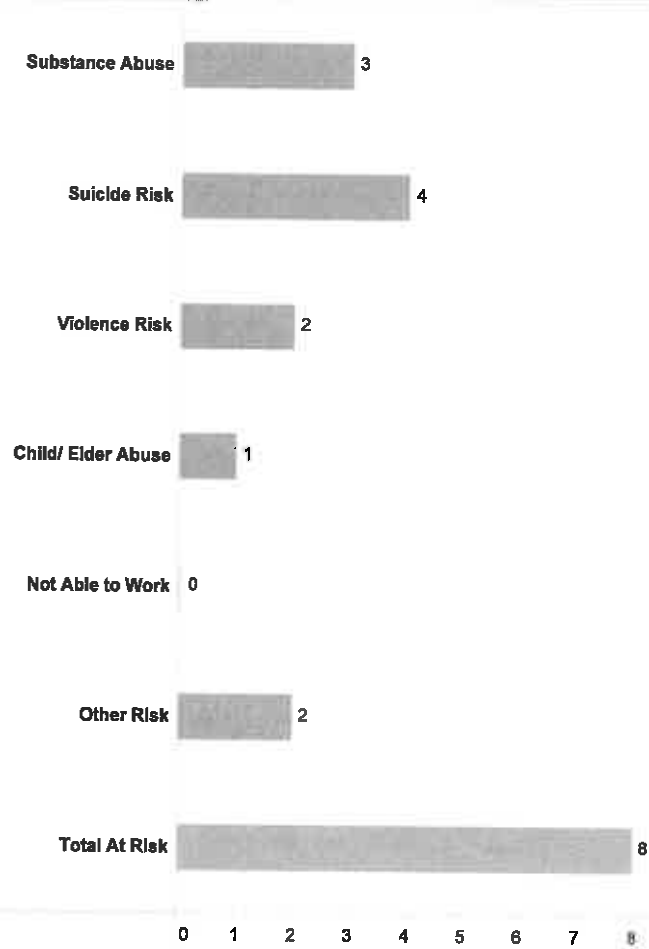


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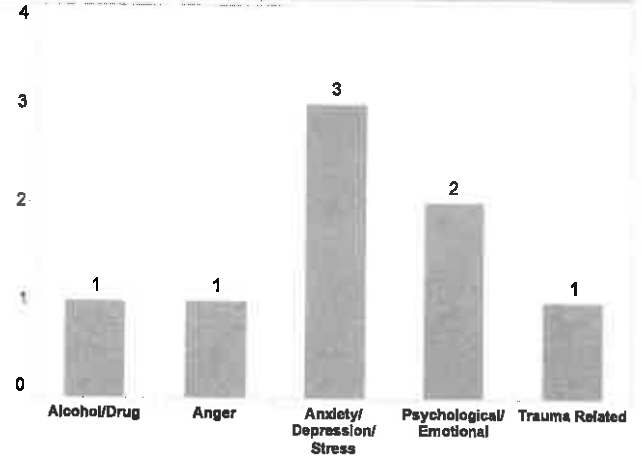
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At Risk Cases

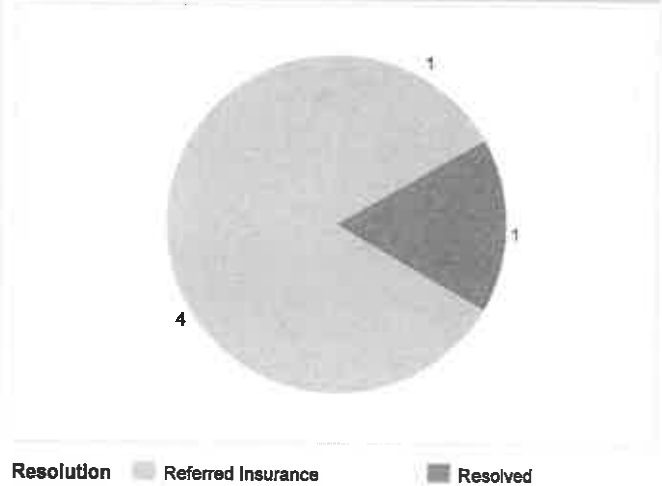
Total At Risk Cases by Type



Total At Risk Cases by Presenting Problem



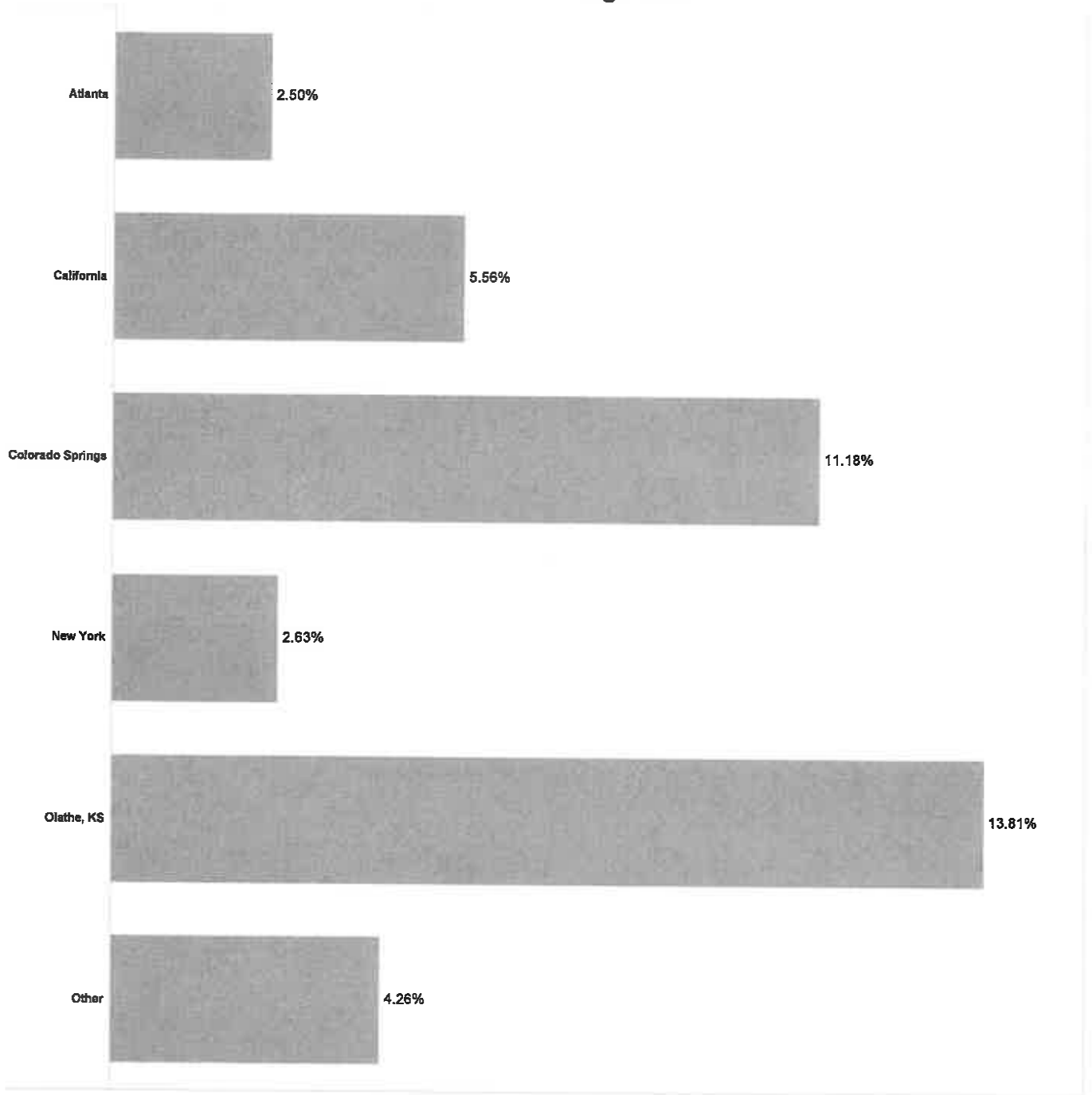
Total At Risk Cases by Resolution



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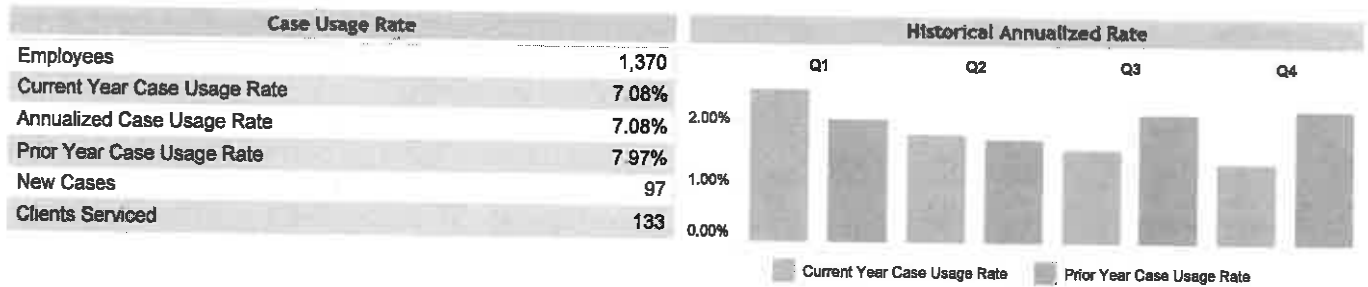
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EAP Utilization by Location Dispersion
Annualized Usage Rate

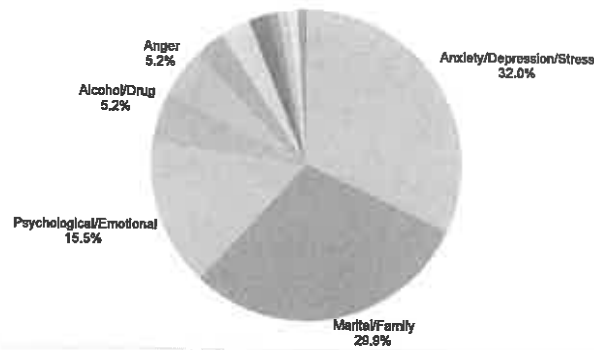


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Primary Presenting Problem

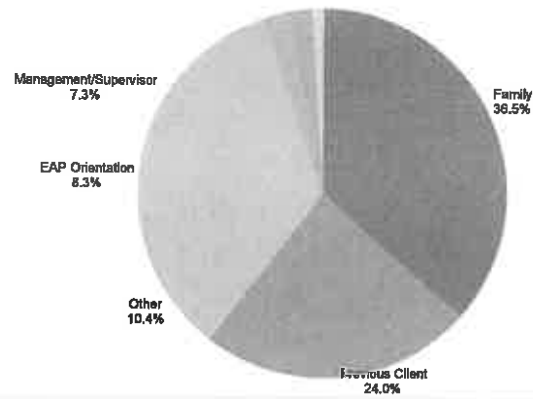


Result	Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4		YTD Total	
Anxiety/Depression/Stress	13	38.2%	9	37.5%	4	19.0%	5	27.8%	31	32.0%
Marital/Family	10	29.4%	5	20.8%	9	42.9%	5	27.8%	29	29.9%
Psychological/Emotional	3	8.8%	4	16.7%	3	14.3%	5	27.8%	15	15.5%
Alcohol/Drug	2	5.9%	1	4.2%	1	4.8%	1	5.6%	5	5.2%
Anger	2	5.9%	0	0.0%	1	4.8%	2	11.1%	5	5.2%
Relationship	1	2.9%	1	4.2%	1	4.8%	0	0.0%	3	3.1%
Trauma Related	2	5.9%	0	0.0%	1	4.8%	0	0.0%	3	3.1%
Legal	1	2.9%	1	4.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	2.1%
Addiction	0	0.0%	1	4.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	1.0%
Grief/Loss	0	0.0%	1	4.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	1.0%
Unknown	0	0.0%	1	4.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	1.0%
Work Related	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	4.8%	0	0.0%	1	1.0%
Childhood Trauma	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Elder Care	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Financial	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Medical	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Other	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Grand Total	34	100.0%	24	100.0%	21	100.0%	18	100.0%	97	100.0%

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Referral Source Summary

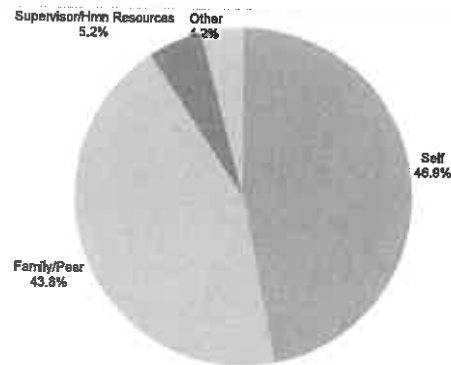


Result	Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4		YTD Total	
Family	14	41.2%	9	39.1%	6	28.6%	6	33.3%	35	36.5%
Previous Client	10	29.4%	4	17.4%	5	23.8%	4	22.2%	23	24.0%
Other	4	11.8%	1	4.3%	3	14.3%	2	11.1%	10	10.4%
EAP Orientation	3	8.8%	3	13.0%	1	4.8%	1	5.6%	8	8.3%
Management/Supervisor	2	5.9%	2	8.7%	1	4.8%	2	11.1%	7	7.3%
Not Indicated	0	0.0%	1	4.3%	2	9.5%	1	5.6%	4	4.2%
Peer	1	2.9%	1	4.3%	1	4.8%	1	5.6%	4	4.2%
EAP Training	0	0.0%	1	4.3%	0	0.0%	1	5.6%	2	2.1%
Promotional Materials	0	0.0%	1	4.3%	1	4.8%	0	0.0%	2	2.1%
Posters	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	4.8%	0	0.0%	1	1.0%
Grand Total	34	100.0%	23	100.0%	21	100.0%	18	100.0%	96	100.0%

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Referred By

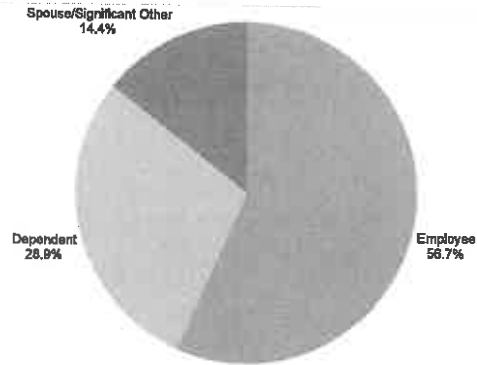


Result	Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4		YTD Total	
Self	19	55.9%	13	56.5%	6	28.6%	7	38.9%	45	46.9%
Family/Peer	14	41.2%	10	43.5%	10	47.6%	8	44.4%	42	43.8%
Supervisor/Hmn Resources	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	14.3%	2	11.1%	5	5.2%
Other	1	2.9%	0	0.0%	2	9.5%	1	5.6%	4	4.2%
Medical	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Substance Abuse Program	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Grand Total	34	100.0%	23	100.0%	21	100.0%	18	100.0%	96	100.0%

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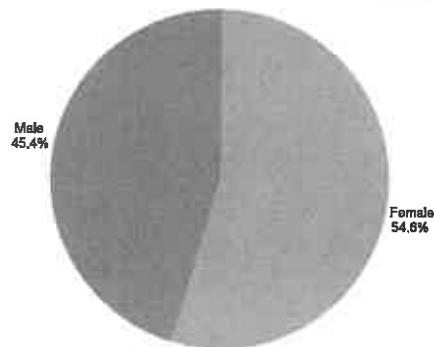
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Client Type Summary



Result	Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4		YTD Total	
Employee	20	58.8%	13	54.2%	12	57.1%	10	55.6%	55	56.7%
Dependent	8	23.5%	9	37.5%	6	28.6%	5	27.8%	28	28.9%
Spouse/Significant Other	6	17.6%	2	8.3%	3	14.3%	3	16.7%	14	14.4%
Grand Total	34	100.0%	24	100.0%	21	100.0%	18	100.0%	97	100.0%

Gender Summary

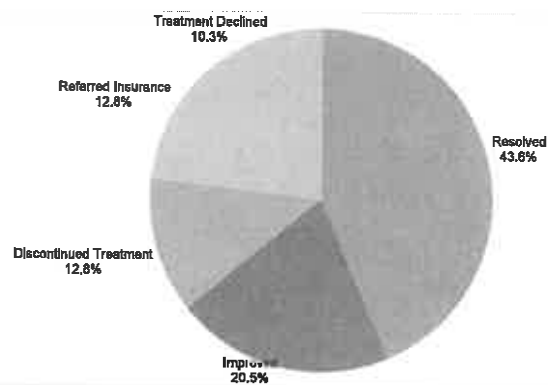


Result	Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4		YTD Total	
Female	19	55.9%	12	50.0%	13	61.9%	9	50.0%	53	54.6%
Male	15	44.1%	12	50.0%	8	38.1%	9	50.0%	44	45.4%
Grand Total	34	100.0%	24	100.0%	21	100.0%	18	100.0%	97	100.0%

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Resolution



Result	Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4		YTD Total	
Improved / Resolved	9	81.8%	4	66.7%	8	57.1%	4	50.0%	25	64.1%
Discontinued Treatment	0	0.0%	1	16.7%	3	21.4%	1	12.5%	5	12.8%
Referred Insurance	1	9.1%	0	0.0%	2	14.3%	2	25.0%	5	12.8%
Treatment Declined	1	9.1%	1	16.7%	1	7.1%	1	12.5%	4	10.3%
Employment Ceased	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Grand Total	11	100.0%	6	100.0%	14	100.0%	8	100.0%	39	100.0%

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Event Summary

Date	Event Type	DUR (hh:mm)	Location	ATT	Details
04/07/2015	Account Management	01:30		2	
09/22/2015	Health Fair	07:00	Colorado Springs	85	
09/24/2015	Health Fair	07:00		60	
09/30/2015	Health Fair	07:00	Atlanta	80	

Usage Report

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Critical Incident Summary

Date	Event Type	DUR (hh:mm)	Location	ATT	Details
08/28/2015	Trauma	03:30	Olathe	0	

Ogemaw County Emergency Dispatch Autho
205 S 8th St
West Branch, MI 48661

Phone: 989-345-2911
Fax: 989-345-5942

Reference: 1007
Page Number: 1
Date: 09/09/19
Customer ID: 0002

Bill to:

West Branch Police Department
130 Page Street
West Branch, MI 48661

Ship to:

West Branch Police Department

Shipped Via	Terms	Due Date	P.O. Number
		09/30/19	

Quantity	Description	Unit Price	Amount
1.00	West Branch Police warrant entries	25.00	25.00

Total Sales Amount:	25.00
Shipping Amount:	0.00
Sales Tax Amount:	0.00
Invoice Total:	25.00
Less Discount Honored:	0.00
Less Payments Received:	0.00
Total Due:	\$ 25.00

New Business

Bills

Because of Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Frechette being out of the office due to an illness this week, the bills are not entered at this time. A list of bills to approve will be submitted for approval at the meeting.

September 6, 2019

City of West Branch
John Dantzer – City Clerk/Treasurer
121 N. Fourth Street
West Branch, MI 48661

SUBJECT: Proposal for professional surveying services related to property located in Section 25, T22N-R1E, Ogemaw Township, Ogemaw County, Michigan. See the attached property description per Exhibit "A".

Lapham Associates is pleased to submit the following proposal for professional surveying services related to above described property:

SCOPE OF WORK

Type of Survey:	Boundary Survey in accord with Section 3 of Act 132, P.A. 1970, as amended.
Corner Monumentation:	The property corners will be marked with ½" x 18" capped iron bars with adjacent 4' wooden stakes.
Line Marking:	None.
On-Site Client Direction:	None.
Location of Physical Features:	Locate any existing structures.
Map Preparation:	One Certificate of Survey will be prepared in accord with Section 3 of Act 132, P.A. 1970, as amended. The original Certificate of Survey will be recorded with the County Register of Deeds Office.
Permit Application:	None.
Other Requirements/Notes:	None.
Project Schedule:	Project scheduled to be completed approximately 2-3 weeks after reception of the signed contract and deposit.

COOPERATION BY OWNER

- Owner will provide deed description prior to survey.
- Owner will make record information available to Consultant.

COST OF SERVICES

The *estimated* cost of services defined in the Scope of Work is \$900.00. The project will commence upon acceptance of this proposal and a \$450.00 retainer. The total project cost is due upon receipt of an Invoice. Any Invoice balance over 60 calendar days will have a Lien Claim filed against the property.

TO MAKE PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD PLEASE CALL 989-386-7774.
There will be a 3% convenience fee for all credit card transactions.

DELIVERABLES

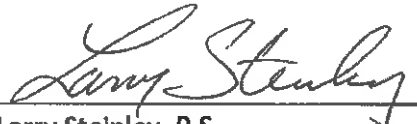
Client will receive an un-official draft copy of the Certificate of Survey with the Invoice. The original Certificate of Survey will be recorded with the County Register of Deeds. Upon receipt of final payment and return of the recorded survey from the County Register of Deeds Office, a recorded survey copy will be delivered to Client.

ACCEPTANCE AND NOTICE TO PROCEED

This proposal is void if not signed within 30 days. The prices quoted assume *Lapham Associates* will complete the entire project; no credit will be given for work completed by others.

Please carefully read the attached "**GENERAL AGREEMENT CONDITIONS**" for the Provision of Limited Professional Services by *Lapham Associates*. We request that you acknowledge acceptance of this Proposal, including the attached General Conditions and authorize us to proceed, by signing and returning to us this Proposal.

Proposal by: *Lapham Associates*


Larry Steinley, P.S.

9-6-19
Date

Accepted By:

John Dantzer

Date

PLEASE RETURN THIS SIGNED PROPOSAL TO 116 SOUTH THIRD STREET, WEST BRANCH, MI
48661
OR VIA EMAIL TO LARRY.STEINLEY@LAPHAMASSOC.COM -- THANK YOU!!

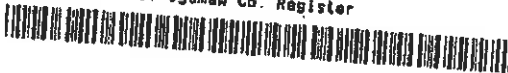
EXHIBIT "A"
LEGAL DESCRIPTION

File No.: 460610

Situated in the Township of Ogemaw, County of Ogemaw, State of Michigan, more particularly described as:

Parcel B: Part of the North 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 25, Town 22 North, Range 1 East, described as: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of said Section 25; thence North 86°40'32" West along the East-West 1/4 line, 1156.50 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continuing North 86°40'32" West along said East-West 1/4 line 1525.60 feet to the North-South 1/4 line; thence South 00°13'44" West, along said North-South 1/4 line, 1307.91 feet to the South 1/8 line; thence South 86°33'06" East, along said South 1/8 line, 558.35 feet; thence North 00°12'14" East, parallel with said East section line, 450.00 feet; thence South 86°33'06" East, parallel with said South 1/8 line, 968.00 feet; thence North 00°12'14" East, parallel with said East section line, 861.25 feet back to the Point of Beginning. TOGETHER WITH AND SUBJECT TO a 66.00 foot wide easement for ingress/egress and the installation and maintenance of public utilities with the South and East line described as: Beginning South 00°12'14" West, along the East section line 521.55 feet from the East 1/4 corner of Section 25, Town 22 North, Range 1 East; thence North 86°33'06" West, parallel with the South 1/8 line, 1156.64 feet; thence South 00°12'14" West, parallel with said East section line, 342.21 feet to the Point of Ending.

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LCM Fee: \$ 30.00
Denise Simons, Ogemaw Co. Register



File No.: 460610
Exhibit A Legal Description

§ 33.02 PURCHASES OR CONTRACTS UNDER \$2,500.

Purchases of supplies, materials, equipment or services, the cost of which is less than \$2,500 may be made in the open market, but such purchases shall, where practical, be based on at least three competitive bids and shall be awarded to the lowest qualified bidder. An award to a bidder other than the lowest must be explained to City Council in writing before payment is issued. Such bids may be solicited over the telephone, by mail or in person, but in all cases such competitive bids shall be recorded and included in the request for payment to the City Council and kept on file.

(Ord. 231 passes 2-6-95)

§ 33.09 SOLE SOURCE VENDORS.

Supplies, materials, equipment and services may be purchased without formal bidding when the City Manager demonstrates in writing to the City Council that there is only one practical source for the supply, material, equipment or service.

(Ord. 231, passed 2-6-95)

Sole Source Vendor Exception Request for Survey services

Pursuant to City Ordinance **§ 33.09 SOLE SOURCE VENDORS**, “Supplies, materials, equipment and services may be purchased without formal bidding when the City Manager demonstrates in writing to the City Council that there is only one practical source for the supply, material, equipment or service.”

As such, City Manager Frank Goodroe is requesting that the City Council forego formal bidding and approve the awarding of the contract for professional survey services due to the fact that this parcel of land is currently in the bidding process with the request for qualifications from developers. A delay in getting this parcel of land surveyed could potentially cause issues with developer bids. In addition, Lapham has worked with the City before and is the only vendor in the City of West Branch.

Thank you.

City Manager Frank Goodroe

Approval of Council Minutes & Summary

REGULAR RESCHEDULED MEETING OF THE WEST BRANCH CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL, 121 NORTH FOURTH STREET ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2019.

Mayor Paul Frechette called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Paul Frechette and Council Members Joanne Bennett, Mike Jackson, Chris Powley, Ellen Pugh, Dan Weiler, and Cathy Zimmerman.

Absent: None

Other officers present: City Manager Frank Goodroe, Clerk/Treasurer John Dantzer, Police Chief Ken Walters, Public Works Superintendent Mike Killackey, and County Commissioner Bruce Reetz

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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As an addition to the agenda, Bruce Reetz gave a County update which included the purchase of pass cards for employees to enter the building, building and zoning moving to the Annex building, a grant for a transit bus, the fixing of some cracked windows, noted that the new EMS building was open, and are working on their budget.

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Julie Hock of Diebold Insurance gave an overview and discussed pricing for an employee assistance program (EAP) that would be available to the City for their employees.

Manager Goodroe noted that it was his recommendation to approve the program and that it was his intention to have it made available for all City employees and City Council.

Member Zimmerman noted her concern for the confidentiality of the program and that she was not in favor of including the program for Council Members.

It was the consensus of Council to exclude Council Members from the program.

MOTION BY FRECHETTE, SECOND BY PUGH, TO POSTPONE THE DECISION ON THE EAP PROGRAM TO GATHER MORE CLARIFICATION ON THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF THE PROGRAM AND USAGE NUMBERS OF THE PROGRAM.

Yes — Bennett, Frechette, Jackson, Powley, Pugh, Weiler, Zimmerman

No – None

Absent – None

Motion carried

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Bids were submitted for the cleaning of the Smiley water tower with only one being received from H2O Towers in the amount of \$4,950.00

MOTION BY BENNETT, SECOND BY JACKSON, TO AWARD THE WATER TOWER CLEANING TO H2O TOWERS NOT TO EXCEED \$4,950.00

Yes — Bennett, Frechette, Jackson, Powley, Pugh, Weiler, Zimmerman

No – None

Absent – None

Motion carried

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Bids were submitted for the sale of DPW equipment with two bids being received on the Holder brand tractor. One bid was received from Mike Garmo in the amount of \$13,700 and another was received from Stephen Hubbs in the amount of \$2,501

MOTION BY FRECHETTE, SECOND BY BENNETT, TO AWARD THE HOLDER TRACTOR BID TO MIKE GARMO IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,700

Yes — Bennett, Frechette, Jackson, Powley, Pugh, Weiler, Zimmerman

No – None

Absent – None

Motion carried

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MOTION BY BENNETT, SECOND BY JACKSON, TO PAY BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$228,776.11.

Yes — Bennett, Frechette, Jackson, Powley, Pugh, Weiler, Zimmerman

No – None

Absent – None

Motion carried

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MOTION BY BENNETT, SECOND BY JACKSON, TO APPROVE THE NORTH CENTRAL MICHIGAN COMMUNITY ENDOWMENT FUND GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,000 FOR THE MUSIC IN THE PARK PROGRAM AND TO AUTHORIZE MANAGER GOODROE TO SIGN THE GRANT.

Yes — Bennett, Frechette, Jackson, Powley, Pugh, Weiler, Zimmerman

No – None

Absent – None

Motion carried

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MOTION BY JACKSON, SECOND BY BENNETT, TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS WITH CORRECTIONS.

Yes — Bennett, Frechette, Jackson, Powley, Pugh, Weiler, Zimmerman

No – None

Absent – None

Motion carried

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MOTION BY JACKSON, SECOND BY PUGH, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 19-18.

RESOLUTION #19-18

WHEREAS, the Industrial Park #1 does not have any vacant lots available, and

WHEREAS, lots adjacent to the Industrial Park became available by auction, and

WHEREAS, the Industrial Park Board has been looking for land for the addition to the park and for future development, and

WHEREAS, the City Council is in agreement for the need for additional lots and authorized the City Manager to engage in the auction for the sale of land; and

WHEREAS, the City of West Branch was awarded the bid for the vacant lots; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the West Branch City Council hereby adopts the following budget amendments:

FUND 251 – Industrial Park fund

	BUDGET	AMENDED
ANTICIPATED CARRY OVER	226,660	144,660
REVENUE		
Dept. 000.000		
642.400 Sale of Lots	0	0
664.400 Interest Income	2,500	2,500
TOTAL REVENUES	2,500	2,500
EXPENDITURES		
Dept. 000.000		
703.700 Salaries and wages	1,066	1,066
714.700 Mandatory Medicare	15	15
715.700 Social Security (employer)	70	70
718.700 MERS retirement	15	15
720.700 Workers Compensation Premium	45	45
724.700 Unemployment insurance benefit	3	3
782.700 Administration	1,000	1,000
801.700 Contractual services	1,350	1,350
941.700 Equipment expense	1,900	1,900
956.700 Expenses	100	100
977.700 Capital acquisitions	0	82,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	5,464	85,464

Yes — Bennett, Jackson, Powley, Pugh, Weiler, Zimmerman

No – Frechette

Absent – None

Motion carried

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MOTION BY BENNETT, SECOND BY POWLEY, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 19-19

RESOLUTION #19-19

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is authorized by 1925 PA 17 section 2, MCL 250.62 to contract with the Municipality for the construction, improvement, or maintenance of state trunkline highways subject to the approval of the State Administrative Board, and

WHEREAS, MDOT has affirmatively found that consulting with the Municipality for the maintenance of state trunkline highways and bridges within its contract area, is in the best public interest, and

WHEREAS, it is a requirement of MDOT for the Municipality to name an authorized signer for the contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the West Branch City Council hereby authorizes City Manager Frank Goodroe, to sign all documents pertaining to the MDOT state trunkline maintenance contract.

Yes — Bennett, Frechette, Jackson, Powley, Pugh, Weiler, Zimmerman

No – None

Absent – None

Motion carried

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MOTION BY PUGH, SECOND BY BENNETT, TO APPROVE THE 2020 NEMCOG MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$958

Yes — Bennett, Frechette, Jackson, Powley, Pugh, Weiler, Zimmerman

No – None

Absent – None

Motion carried

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MOTION BY FRECHETTE, SECOND BY BENNETT, TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AND TIFF PLAN FOR THE REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 7, 2019

Yes — Bennett, Frechette, Jackson, Powley, Pugh, Weiler, Zimmerman

No – None Absent – None Motion carried

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MOTION BY FRECHETTE, SECOND BY JACKSON, TO APPROVE THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE USDA GRANT FOR A POLICE VEHICLE AND TO AUHTORIZE MAYOR FRECHETTE TO SIGN ANY PAPERWORK.

Yes — Bennett, Frechette, Jackson, Powley, Pugh, Weiler, Zimmerman

No – None Absent – None Motion carried

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MOTION BY JACKSON, SECOND BY BENNETT, TO APPROVE OPTION 1 AND 2 OF THE PROPOSAL FROM NEMCOG FOR A GIS UPDATE NOT TO EXCEED \$4,600

Yes — Bennett, Frechette, Jackson, Powley, Pugh, Weiler, Zimmerman

No – None Absent – None Motion carried

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MOTION BY JACKSON, SECOND BY WEILER, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AND SUMMARY FROM THE REGULAR MEETING HELD AUGUST 19, 2019 AS WELL AS THE MINUTES FROM THE CLOSED SESSION PORTION OF THE MEETING HELD AUGUST 19, 2019

Yes — Bennett, Frechette, Jackson, Powley, Pugh, Weiler, Zimmerman

No – None Absent – None Motion carried

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MOTION BY BENNETT, SECOND BY JACKSON, TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE TREASURER’S REPORT AND INVESTMENT SUMMARY; THE MINUTES FROM THE DD MEETING HELD JULY 23, 2019; AND THE AUGUST CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT.

Yes — Bennett, Frechette, Jackson, Powley, Pugh, Weiler, Zimmerman

No – None Absent – None Motion carried

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Mayor Frechette noted on how nice the employee appreciation picnic was.

Member Jackson noted the upcoming public hearing for the Iron Belle Trail

Member Zimmerman noted how nice the employee picnic was.

Member Bennet also noted how nice the employee picnic was and asked about the new Surline Elementary School drop-off procedure. Chief Walters provided an update on how the first few days went.

Member Pugh also noted how nice the employee picnic was.

Manager Goodroe gave a Managers update which included a note on upcoming website photos, an update on the Mayor exchange program, the recent land auction, generators, security cameras, duress alarms, windows and door replacement at City Hall, updated Council that office assistant Bridget Charles has accepted a new job and that they will be looking at replacing her, and an update on a video conferencing equipment grant.

DPW Superintendent Mike Killackey gave a road update and noted the water tower cleaning would take place right away.

Mayor Frechette noted the upcoming City meetings and that he would like to see a budget report submitted to Council.

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Mayor Frechette adjourned the meeting at 7:33 pm.

**SUMMARY OF THE REGULAR RESCHEDULED MEETING OF THE WEST BRANCH CITY COUNCIL
HELD MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2019.**

Mayor Frechette called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Present: Mayor Frechette, Council Members Bennett, Jackson, Powley, Pugh, Weiler and Zimmerman.

Absent: None

Other officers present: City Manager Goodroe, Clerk/Treasurer Dantzer, Chief Walters, DPW Superintendent Killackey, Commissioner Reetz

As an addition to the agenda, Commissioner Reetz gave a County update.

Julie Hock of Diebold Insurance gave an overview of an EAP program.

Council postponed a decision on the EAP program.

A bid was awarded for the cleaning of the Smiley water tower to H2O Towers not to exceed \$4,950

A bid was awarded for the sale of a tractor to Mike Garmo for the amount of \$13,700.

Council approved bills in the amount of \$228,776.11.

Council approved acceptance of a \$2,000 grant for the Summer Music Series program.

Council approved a request for qualifications.

Council approved Resolution 19-18, a budget amendment

Council approved Resolution 19-19, an MDOT maintenance agreement.

Council approved the 2020 NEMCOG membership renewal in the amount of \$958.

Council scheduled a public hearing for the downtown development plan for October 7.

Council approved the acceptance of a USDA grant for a police vehicle.

Council approved a GIS update proposal not to exceed \$4,600

Council approved the minutes and summary of minutes and closed session minutes from the meeting held August 19, 2019

Council received and filed the treasurer's report and investment summary, the minutes from the DDA meeting held July 23, 2019; and the August Code Enforcement Report.

Mayor Frechette; Council Members Jackson, Zimmerman, Bennett, and Pugh; Manager Goodroe; and DPW Superintendent Killackey gave reports.

Mayor Frechette adjourned the meeting at 7:33 pm

Consent Agenda

User: JOHN

FROM 09/13/2019 TO 09/13/2019

West Branch City

Bank Code	Description	Beginning Balance 09/13/2019	Total Debits	Total Credits	Ending Balance 09/13/2019
GEN1	GEN1 - GENERAL CHECKING				
101		537,515.70	0.00	0.00	537,515.70
150	CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE	25,760.63	0.00	0.00	25,760.63
209	CEMETERY FUND	10,737.18	0.00	0.00	10,737.18
248	DDA OPERATING FUND	83,199.63	0.00	0.00	83,199.63
251	INDUSTRIAL PARK FUND	4,330.30	0.00	0.00	4,330.30
276	HOUSING RESOURCE FUND	217,246.61	0.00	0.00	217,246.61
318	SEWER DEBT FUND	170,662.93	0.00	0.00	170,662.93
319	WATER DEBT FUND	37,313.03	0.00	0.00	37,313.03
371	COLLECTION REPLACEMENT FUND	31,056.46	0.00	0.00	31,056.46
372	PLANT REPLACEMENT FUND (R&I)	9,220.20	0.00	0.00	9,220.20
390	SEWER FUND	218,641.20	0.00	0.00	218,641.20
391	WATER FUND	417,261.96	0.00	0.00	417,261.96
392	WATER REPLACEMENT FUND	283,608.61	0.00	0.00	283,608.61
393	SEWER COLLECTION	77,933.37	0.00	0.00	77,933.37
361	EQUIPMENT FUND	148,794.24	0.00	0.00	148,794.24
704	PAYROLL CLEARING	970.78	0.00	0.00	970.78
705	IRONS PARK ENTERTAINMENT FUND	2,076.48	0.00	0.00	2,076.48
707	YOUTH SAFETY PROGRAM	5,686.30	0.00	0.00	5,686.30
714	RECYCLING CENTER	9,750.17	0.00	0.00	9,750.17
	GEN1 - GENERAL CHECKING	2,291,765.78	0.00	0.00	2,291,765.78
M/LST	MAJOR/ LOCAL STREETS				
202	MAJOR STREET FUND	423,772.81	0.00	0.00	423,772.81
203	LOCAL STREET FUND	278,497.51	0.00	0.00	278,497.51
	MAJOR/ LOCAL STREETS	702,270.32	0.00	0.00	702,270.32
PAY	PAYROLL				
704	PAYROLL CLEARING	11,043.35	0.00	0.00	11,043.35
	PAYROLL	11,043.35	0.00	0.00	11,043.35
CHEM	SAVINGS				
101		436,543.25	0.00	0.00	436,543.25
150	CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE	1,681.66	0.00	0.00	1,681.66
251	INDUSTRIAL PARK FUND	20,903.87	0.00	0.00	20,903.87
371	COLLECTION REPLACEMENT FUND	2,383.09	0.00	0.00	2,383.09
391	WATER FUND	26,280.17	0.00	0.00	26,280.17
392	WATER REPLACEMENT FUND	19,665.97	0.00	0.00	19,665.97
393	SEWER COLLECTION	785.97	0.00	0.00	785.97
361	EQUIPMENT FUND	103,394.27	0.00	0.00	103,394.27
714	RECYCLING CENTER	1,048.45	0.00	0.00	1,048.45
	SAVINGS	612,686.70	0.00	0.00	612,686.70
TAX	TAXES				
701	TAX AGENCY	1,394,080.88	0.00	0.00	1,394,080.88
	TAXES	1,394,080.88	0.00	0.00	1,394,080.88
	TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	5,011,847.03	0.00	0.00	5,011,847.03

CASH SUMMARY BY ACCOUNT FOR WEST BRANCH
FROM 09/13/2019 TO 09/13/2019
FUND: ALL FUNDS
INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Fund Account	Description	Beginning Balance 09/13/2019	Total Debits	Total Credits	Ending Balance 09/13/2019
Fund 101					
004.300	CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT A	100,000.00	0.00	0.00	100,000.00
004.400	CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT B	150,000.00	0.00	0.00	150,000.00
		250,000.00	0.00	0.00	250,000.00
Fund 150 CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE					
004.300	CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT C	114,701.74	0.00	0.00	114,701.74
004.400	CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT D	115,271.06	0.00	0.00	115,271.06
	CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE	229,972.80	0.00	0.00	229,972.80
Fund 251 INDUSTRIAL PARK FUND					
004.300	CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT A	100,000.00	0.00	0.00	100,000.00
004.400	CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT B	100,000.00	0.00	0.00	100,000.00
	INDUSTRIAL PARK FUND	200,000.00	0.00	0.00	200,000.00
Fund 661 EQUIPMENT FUND					
004.300	CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT A	150,000.00	0.00	0.00	150,000.00
004.400	CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT B	100,000.00	0.00	0.00	100,000.00
	EQUIPMENT FUND	250,000.00	0.00	0.00	250,000.00
	TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	929,972.80	0.00	0.00	929,972.80

Music in the Park. Minutes, May 22, 2019

Present: Phil, Jack, Dawn, Jeff, Bridget, Jim, Dottie, Trish, and Shelly

Approval of minutes: Jack 1, Dawn 2. accepted

Treasures report: \$4500 plus \$200 grant approved by Humanities Council

There is a community Impact Grant up to \$2500 available

Jim 1, Jack 2. accepted

Advertising: Phil motioned to put in a small ad in the Adliner for \$175. No support

Shelly has the yard signs donated by Griffin Bev.

Set up and Take down for the summer 2019 concerts

June 27-Dawn, Jeff & Shelly

July 11-Dawn, Jeff & Shelly

July 18-Jack and Trish

July 25-Dottie and Jim

August 1-Trish and Shelly

Bridget will reach out to Patti DeMatio about the help from the challenged people

There will be a board with donator's names

No 50/50 raffles

Fliers to go out:

Jack goes east on M-55

Jeff and Dawn go downtown on the south side of street to the I75 exit

Trish goes to Gildners and goes downtown on north side of street to I75 exit

Jim goes to Rose City, Clear Lake, and St. Helen

Phil goes to Skidway

All of this two weeks before our first concert

Other: Concessions: Bridget will take care of this.

Facebook: Jack will update the website

Bridget will get pop/water from Pepsi and put it in the shed. People who work are responsible for ice.

Adjourn: Next meeting Tuesday, September 10, 2019

City of West Branch Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes for August 13, 2019

Meeting called to order at 6:04pm by Chairman Lucynski

Roll Call – Present – Kara Fachting, Rusty Showalter, Chris Powley, Bob David, Mike Jackson and Cori Lucynski (Ken Kish – resigned)

Frank Goodroe, City Manager and John Dantzer, City Clerk was also present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Hearings – None

Additions to Agenda – Code Enforcement report, 13 Ways to Kill Your Community, Flags and their content, Marijuana opt-out and Annexations and 425's

Public Comment – None

Approval of Minutes –

Motion by Mike Jackson, second by Bob David to approve the minutes.

Ayes – All.

Site Plans – None

Sign Permits – None

Motion

Unfinished Business – Final Zoning Ordinance Draft

Mike Jackson stated he still has concerns about the future land use regarding the 7 acres of GB on Valley St/Griffin St. After a brief discussion the Commission decided to change the zoning to Industrial to match the tax bill.

Motion by Mike Jackson, second by Rusty Showalter to send the final draft of the Zoning map to Denise Cline. Ayes - All

New Business – None

Communications –

- 1.) Ken Kish sent a letter of resignation that was accepted by the City Council.
- 2.) Blight and vacant land for smaller cities. Educational reading from the city Manager.
- 3.) Code Enforcement report. Commission will receive monthly.

- 4.) Book, 13 Ways to Kill Your Community. Please read as an educational forum per city Manager.
- 5.) Flags and Content. Limiting flags used in parades to the content the participants can present during the parades. Size needs to be limited also.
- 6.) Marijuana Opt-Out. Discussed locations where zoning would work best for this type of business.

Reports and/or Comments

City Manager, Frank Goodroe, discussed annexations, available through petition with the State and could become confrontational and 425 Plan, two units of government together serving one piece of land. He also welcomed Rusty Showalter and Chris Powley to the Planning Commission and thanked them for being ready to work and learn.

Chairman Report – None

Member Reports –

Jackson – None

David – Thanks to Rusty and Chris for joining the Commission.

Fachting – None

Showalter – Thank you for allowing me to be on the Commission.

Powley – Discussed a grant Calumet received called a SRTS grant which stands for Safe Route To Schools. The city Manager stated he has a meeting coming up with the school Superintendent to discuss this topic.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:06pm per Chairman Lucynski

Meeting minutes taken and typed by Kara Fachting



West Branch Police Department

Chief Kenneth W. Walters

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E-mail: police@westbranch.com

9/9/2019

Honorable Mayor and Council,

This is the August 2019 month end report. The department handled 127 complaints this month. The current complaints handled number for the year, is at 934. Compared to the past two years of data, we are currently at about a 20% increase in complaints for the year so far. Officers further made eight arrests for the month, which is down, but obviously not a bad thing.

To highlight some events for the month of August, I would start with the rodeo. Although the event is labor intensive and essentially requires "all hands on deck" in regards to our resources, the event went off with no major problems, while being beneficial for the community. The department further aided with the Art Fair, providing officers during the day, and nightshift aiding security personnel at night. Lastly, during the month of August, the department was presented a check for \$3,000 from the Walmart Foundation. These funds will be applied to various youth programs throughout the year to include: Halloween Safety, "Shop with a Cop", and our Bicycle Safety program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'K' followed by a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke.

Chief Kenneth W. Walters

Offense Count Report

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Report Criteria:

Start Offense	End Offense		
01000	99009		
AUGUST 2019	2019 TOTAL	2018 TOTAL	2017 TOTAL
08/01/2019-08/31/2019	01/01/2019-08/31/2019	01/01/2018-12/31/2018	01/01/2017-12/31/2017

Offense	Description	AUGUST 2019	2019 TOTAL	2018 TOTAL	2017 TOTAL
11001	SEXUAL PENETR'N PENIS/VAGINA CSC1	0	0	1	1
11004	SEXUAL PENETRATION ORAL/ANAL CSC3	0	0	0	2
11007	SEXUAL CONTACT FORCIBLE CSC2	0	0	1	1
11008	SEXUAL CONTACT FORCIBLE CSC4	0	1	5	4
12000	ROBBERY	0	0	0	1
13001	NONAGGRAVATED ASSAULT	1	11	15	18
13002	AGGRAVATED/FELONIOUS ASSAULT	0	0	1	2
13003	INTIMIDATION/STALKING	0	3	2	2
22001	BURGLARY - FORCED ENTRY	0	1	4	3
22002	BURGLARY - ENTRY W/OUT FORCE/INTENT	0	0	1	0
22003	BURGLARY - UNLAWFUL ENTRY(NO INTENT	0	1	1	2
23003	LARCENY - THEFT FROM BUILDING	0	0	7	3
23005	LARCENY - THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	0	7	2	1
23007	LARCENY - OTHER	1	8	10	9
24001	MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	0	0	1	0
25000	FORGERY/COUNTERFEITING	1	1	0	1
26001	FRAUD - FALSE PRETENSE/SWINDLE/CONF	0	0	0	1
26002	FRAUD - CREDIT CARD/ATM	0	2	2	0
26006	FRAUD - BAD CHECKS	0	0	2	1
27000	EMBEZZLEMENT	0	0	1	1
29000	DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	1	6	10	8
30002	RETAIL FRAUD - THEFT	0	0	8	12
35001	VIOLATION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE	0	1	3	7
36004	SEX OFFENSE - OTHER	0	1	4	0
37000	OBSCENITY	0	0	0	1
38001	FAMILY - ABUSE/NEGLECT NONVIOLENT	0	0	1	1
38002	FAMILY - NONSUPPORT	0	0	1	0
38003	FAMILY - OTHER	0	0	1	0
41002	LIQUOR VIOLATIONS - OTHER	0	1	0	1
42000	DRUNKENNESS	0	1	2	2
48000	OBSTRUCTING POLICE	0	0	1	0
50000	OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE	4	28	65	69
53001	DISORDERLY CONDUCT	0	4	1	3
53002	PUBLIC PEACE - OTHER	0	0	0	1
54001	HIT & RUN MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT	0	9	9	10
54002	OWI OR OUI	0	4	7	7
54003	DRIVING LAW VIOLATIONS	1	20	37	51
55000	HEALTH AND SAFETY	0	14	38	40
57001	TRESPASS	1	4	6	3
58000	SMUGGLING	0	1	0	0
70000	JUVENILE RUNAWAY	0	2	1	2
70004	Juvenile Issues	0	0	1	1
73000	MISCELLANEOUS CRIMINAL OFFENSE	1	4	2	8
90001	Vehicle Lockouts	14	82	112	133
90002	Motorist Assists	4	25	29	21
90003	Assist E.M.S.	20	133	146	167

Offense Count Report

Report Criteria:

Start Offense	End Offense		
01000	99009		
AUGUST 2019	2019 TOTAL	2018 TOTAL	2017 TOTAL
08/01/2019-08/31/2019	01/01/2019-08/31/2019	01/01/2018-12/31/2018	01/01/2017-12/31/2017

Offense	Description	AUGUST 2019	2019 TOTAL	2018 TOTAL	2017 TOTAL
90005	City Ordinance Violations	3	28	37	16
90006	Prisoner Transports	0	0	0	1
90007	Parking Complaints	0	1	1	7
90008	ANIMAL COMPLAINTS	1	7	13	17
90009	Maplewood Manor Alarm / Criminal History Checks	2	4	1	0
91001	Delinquent Minors	0	1	9	15
91002	Runaway	1	1	0	2
91004	Abandoned Vehicle	0	2	0	5
92003	Walk Away (Ment. & Host.)	0	1	3	2
92004	Insanity	2	16	11	15
93001	PROPERTY DAMAGE ACCIDENT/PI	2	32	45	43
93002	Accident, Non-Traffic	4	14	17	14
93004	Parking Violations	0	0	1	0
93006	Traffic Policing	1	7	11	6
93007	Traffic Safety Public Relations	0	6	8	0
93008	Inspections/Investigations -Breathalyzer	0	1	4	2
94001	Valid Alarm Activations	0	0	3	2
94002	False Alarm Activations	10	64	59	74
95001	Accident, Fire	0	3	3	3
95003	Inspection, Fire	0	3	0	0
95004	Hazardous Condition	1	5	9	0
97001	Accident, Traffic	0	0	0	1
97003	Accident, Other Shooting	0	0	0	1
97006	Accident, All Other	0	1	0	0
98000	Other Types Not Listed	0	1	0	0
98003	Inspections/Investigations -Property	0	9	5	9
98004	Inspections/Investigations -Other	0	1	2	1
98006	Civil Matters/Family Disputes	3	35	47	58
98007	Suspicious Situations/Subjects	16	96	168	182
98008	Lost/Found Property	0	10	16	17
98009	Inspections/Investigations -Drug Overdose	1	3	1	0
99001	Suicide	0	2	1	1
99002	Natural Death	0	5	1	4
99003	Missing Persons	1	1	1	2
99007	PR Activities	0	4	17	14
99008	General Assistance	29	174	287	234
99009	General Non-Criminal	1	21	23	28
Totals:		127	934	1345	1377

City of West Branch

Wellhead Protection Program

Third Quarter Team Meeting—June 13, 2019—Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Phil Mikulski, Kelly Hon, John Dantzer, Dan Robb, Denis Stephens, Frank Goodroe and Mike Killackey

2018-2019 WHPP Plan Update

The City received grant funding for source water protection for the 2018-2019 fiscal years. The Committee would like to focus educational efforts with students. In the spring, Kelly Hon (MRWA) worked with Wendy Tuttle (West Branch Schools Principal and Mrs. Bragg (5th Grade Science Teacher) to organize presentations. Presentations were scheduled in May and Kelly demonstrated the groundwater model and students built edible aquifer-flurries. It was a success. Kelly will send John Dantzer (City of West Branch) a sample press release.

Recently, the City did a tour at the wastewater plant. Approximately ninety students from a vacation bible school visited the facility. In addition, the City purchased a groundwater model that they would like to donate to the schools. The City would like to present the model to the schools at a City Council meeting. Council meetings are the first and third Mondays of each month at 6 PM. Phil Mikulski (West Branch Schools) thought it would be neat to have students at the meeting also. Tentatively, Phil thought that September 23rd would be a good date. John Dantzer will look at the dates and confirm with Phil.

At a previous meeting, the committee also discussed doing presentations with one grade and field trips with the other. They would also like to host a placemat design contest. Phil Mikulski (West Branch Schools) also mentioned that there is a media group at the high school that could put presentations or videos together. The City is also working on a You Tube channel and they could look at linking the two. Mike Anschuetz (Ogemaw County Health Department) indicated that if interested, the health department has graphics and information that can be shared. Michigan Environmental Mapper also has information that could be beneficial. In future years, the City might look at a placemat design contest, You Tube video contest or classroom presentations. This year, if funding is still available, the City may look at purchasing reusable water bottles or an Enviroscape model. Phil indicated that there are approximately 2000 students. He did not recommend providing bottles to kindergarten or first graders. Once John has compiled a list of costs, the City will have a better idea if they can purchase more items.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will need to be scheduled in July, August or September 2019. The City currently has the next meeting scheduled for August 13th at 1:30 PM. Kelly Hon will email the group final confirmation as it gets closer.

Submitted by Kelly Hon

Communications

*Some people make a child's laugh
a little louder, their smile a little brighter,
and their life a little better.*

-Unknown

SURLINE PTO
COLOR RUN

Dear City of West Branch,

On behalf of SES PTO I
would like to express our
appreciation for your support and
efforts to make the 2019 SES
Color Run a huge success for our
school and community.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
SES PTO

September 22 - 29, 2019: Michigan Trails Week

WHEREAS, Michigan's vast network of trails provide an abundance of opportunities for residents and visitors to enjoy our state's spectacular natural resources; and,

WHEREAS, Michigan is known as "The Trails State" due to the more than 12,500 miles of diverse and designated state-managed trails; and,

WHEREAS, the state's trail system is the result of a successful partnership between state agencies, local trails groups, local units of government, non-profit organizations, and businesses coming together to connect communities and people; and,

WHEREAS, our state's trail system plays a significant role in strengthening Michigan's economy and supporting thousands of jobs and the appeal of communities by boosting quality-of-life amenities that increase property values; and,

WHEREAS, the trail system is designed to accommodate both motorized and nonmotorized users through a carefully designed master plan that reflects emerging trail needs in the state while encouraging a sustainable system for future generations; and,

WHEREAS, increasingly popular and healthy lifestyle activities include trail and water-related activities such as hiking, biking, walking, running, horseback riding, off-road vehicle use, snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, and paddling; and,

WHEREAS, trails provide transportation routes that help decrease road congestion and provide safe, enjoyable routes; and,

WHEREAS, Michigan's rich network of trails throughout the upper and lower peninsulas provide residents and visitors with scenic spaces in which to explore nature, appreciate wildlife, experience solitude, enjoy time with family and friends, and explore the rich history and heritage of the trails;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim September 22-29, 2019, as Michigan Trails Week.

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Adjournment