

**US 6 Phase 2:** OHM completed conceptual designs for a proposed intersection that would connect Jim Campbell Blvd. directly to US 6 utilizing the “Michigan Left” to provide both eastbound and westbound access onto US 6 from Jim Campbell. The proposed design concept is attached. We have a call with ODOT District 3 on Tuesday to get feedback on the concept. I believe this to be a significant improvement from the initial design of modifying the Center St. intersection.

**ConAgra:**

- *Parcel Swap:* We received notification from ODNR that they have agreed to the terms of the land swap. We already had the dedication plat and plat for the parcel swap completed last year. The Law Department is reviewing those documents to ensure they match the latest version of the agreement. Once finalized, we’ll draft deeds and get the legislation prepared for Council.
- *Conservation Easement:* The parcel swap agreement also includes a 50’ wide conservation easement that runs north from the southern boundary of the City’s property to the northwest corner of the ConAgra parcel. This is to ensure this portion of the site will be maintained in perpetuity for public access to green space. We are finalizing the legal description for this as well so that it’s included in the final land swap legislation.
- *Utilities:* I have calls with both Norfolk Southern and ODNR next week to continue discussions on the required easements. OHM is drafting legal descriptions for the area that is required so that we can have agreements preemptively drafted for both parties’ review.

**CARES Act Funding:** Staff has put together outlines for narratives for both the ConAgra utility project and Sawmill Park repaving project. I have scheduled a call with the grant coordinator for the EDA to garner feedback on the project, our narrative, and funding likelihood. Will have more feedback by next Council meeting.

**Transient Rental Lodging Tax Procedures:** Mr. Swaisgood put together an email to the County laying out the collection of transient rental lodging tax based on the discussion at our Council meeting. That email is attached.

**Republic Services:** The Law Director and I met with our representatives from Republic to discuss recent service delivery issues. It was a productive call and I expect to see improvement. We continued to reiterate the need for proactive communication when service delays or issues are anticipated.

**Wexford Drainage Study:** Councilman Tapp met with the engineering team a few months back to discuss the drainage infrastructure within the Wexford subdivision. OHM provided a proposal to complete a study of the existing infrastructure and to provide a plan for proposed modifications or improvements. The cost of the study is \$5,500. This wasn't budgeted, but I can see the need for the study as it protects us to ensure any modifications made were done so in accordance with calculations completed by storm water engineers. I'm just seeking input from Council on if this is something to do this year or build both this and improvements into budget discussion for 2021.

**LEWCO:** Based on the feedback from Council, I've responded to LEWCO's request for abatement of income tax. I expressed the potential for the City to dedicate the funds towards capital improvements along Sawmill Parkway, but that an actual abatement would not be considered at this time. I'm awaiting their response.

**Fire Engine Delivery:** The City and Township partnered to purchase a new fire engine in 2019. These pieces of equipment have an estimated 400-day lead time – we were expecting delivery in September. We were notified by the manufacturer that the engine will likely be delivered about a month early (first or second week of August). We were unable to do a midpoint inspection due to travel restrictions from COVID-19 (manufacturer in New York). We will be doing a final inspection in-person at the dealership before signing off on delivery.

**Code Enforcement Officer:** Our new code enforcement officer started on Tuesday of this week. She's very well trained and has already been a welcomed addition to the team. She has multiple ICC credentials relative to code compliance and has a significant number of training hours towards residential building inspection.

**COVID-19:** We are finalizing the latest monthly report on the financial impact of COVID-19. As you'll recall, we've been anxiously awaiting the July 31<sup>st</sup> reconciliation from RITA as we believed this would show a strong picture of just how much the filing deadline was driving the reduced income tax receipts. The payment for this period exceeded our expectations. We haven't had the chance to fully digest its impact and the overall picture, but this was certainly an encouraging sign at least for our local economy.