



City Manager Report

February 25, 2025

Oval Beach Recognition

- Great news! TripAdvisor listed Oval Beach as a top beach in the US for 2025! We were the only Michigan beach to make the list and in good company with beaches in Hawaii, Florida and California.
- Here is a link to view the list: <https://www.tripadvisor.com/TravelersChoice-Beaches-cUnitedStates-g191>

Progress, Goals and Priorities

- After a full day strategic planning meeting and further review and discussion at a workshop meeting, City Council has approved goals and priorities for fiscal year 2025/2026, which begins July 1. The goals and priorities can be viewed here: <https://tinyurl.com/3cdyk3s4>
- This is the first step in the budget preparation process. Staff will now prepare a proposed budget to carry out the Council's direction.

Sheriff's Department Annual Report

- At the Council's regular meeting on February 24, Sgt. Haas presented the Sheriff's Department's annual activity report. The report can be viewed here: <https://tinyurl.com/3pnce4w4>
- We are working with the Sheriff's Office to schedule some events to get to know each of the deputies and ask any questions you may have.

Planning/Zoning Report

- Each year, the Director of Planning/Zoning prepares an annual report. Here is a summary of the department's activity in 2024:
 - Zoning Permits Issued – 57
 - Code Enforcement Cases – 87
 - Dangerous Structures - 1
 - Garbage Out Day After - 7
 - Historic District - 3
 - Nuisances - 2
 - Streets and Sidewalk - 31
 - Zoning - 16
 - Short Term Rental - 21

- Other – 6
- Short-Term Rental Activity - 129 renewal or new short-term rental certificates and licenses were issued.

Maple Street Project

- The improvements currently planned include:
 - Road reconstruction and rehabilitation
 - Water main replacement (including replacement of services, some to inside the home/building)
 - Sanitary sewer repairs
 - Drainage and stormwater management improvements
 - Culvert repairs
 - Concrete sidewalk
- Review of a plan to fund the project with current fund balances (savings/reserves) occurred at the Council's February 19 workshop. The details are available in the meeting packet: https://www.saugatuckcity.com/uploads/1/3/3/9/133977444/p_2-19-25.pdf
- The City engineer is now working on preparing a design engineering proposal that will be reviewed at an upcoming workshop.
- Staff will also be working to finalize cost sharing details with the Township.

Mt. Baldhead Bathroom Replacement

- Bids were opened recently, and we received several. The engineer has prepared a recommendation.
- The Mayor and I are working on setting up a meeting with the tribes to discuss the project.

AT&T Cellular

- The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) recently sent AT&T a follow up letter regarding their September 24 submittal. The Federal Communications Commission has engaged in government-to-government coordination with the tribes and is still ongoing.
- AT&T's decision on the City's agreement request remains pending resolution of SHPO approval.

Upcoming Meetings

Full meeting packets are posted on the City website and Facebook prior to each meeting. When available, they can be viewed by selecting the board/commission:
<https://www.saugatuckcity.com/>

- February 27 at 2p – Boat Slip Lottery at City Hall
- March 5 at 4p – City Council Workshop Meeting
- March 6 at 6p – Historic District Commission Meeting

- March 10 at 6:30p – City Council Regular Meeting
- March 11 at 3p-9p – Board of Review Meeting
- March 12 at 9a-4p – Board of Review Meeting