



**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT
OCTOBER 26, 2020**

POKAGON HARTFORD AREA REVENUE SHARING BOARD:

The Pokagon Hartford Area Revenue Sharing Board had their regular meeting on Wednesday, October 7, 2020 for the distribution of the Casino Revenue for the year 2019. The amount of revenue distributed was \$689,646.27, which was \$196,134.99 or about twenty- eight (28%) percent lower than the 2018 fiscal year. The City's share of the distribution is \$72,412.86 which was down from \$93,007.03 from the 2018 distribution. This decrease was due the closure of the Casino because of Covid-19 pandemic. I hope we can look forward to a better future. The funding has been fiscally helpful to the City.

DEMOLITION OF BLIGHTED TAX REVERTED PROPERTIES:

It has been customary for the County to share the cost of demolition of the blighted Tax Reverted properties with the City until very recently. The County has indicated that it will not share the cost of demolition of these buildings with City anymore because of the Supreme Court decision *Rafaeli v Oakland*. I have requested the City's Legal Counsel to look into the possible options we need to pursue. The demolition of these buildings are very expensive undertakings for our budget. In the meantime, I will be exploring potential grants to address issues like this in the future. I have already contacted the County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for some assistance, I hope to have some additional information available very soon.

CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING (CESF):

The City's Grant Application for the Corona Virus Supplemental Funding has been approved by the Michigan State Police in the amount of \$4,488.00. We've just received a Grant Agreement to be signed for accepting the Grant and its conditions. This fund will be used to reimburse the City for the money spent towards the prevention of the Corona virus in all of the City's facilities.

2019/2020 AUDIT:

Hungerford Nichols, the City Auditors are currently here to audit the City's 2019/2020 financial records. They started on Monday, October 19, 2020 and will be here for the next few weeks.

CITY PROPERTY SALE:

The closing on the Shindeldecker Property off Marion Avenue has been tentatively set for Thursday, October 29, 2020, at the Schuitmaker Law Office. The sale gives the opportunity to have the property developed and put on the tax roll.