



July 22, 2016

Mayor Donald D. Lyons  
City Council Members

Dear Mayor Lyons and City Council Members:

Next meeting: Council, Monday 7/25/16

The following report has been prepared to provide you with an update on current issues or projects in progress:

### **Commercial Street Construction**

Crews are making progress on the Commercial Street segment of the Corridor Project. Clean up of the 200 block of Commercial Street was completed this week.

Commercial Street will be closed between Pennsylvania and Michigan Avenues beginning Monday, July 25. All businesses will remain open during this improvement phase. We have been in contact with the businesses on Commercial Street and want all to know the plans to access each business:

**Huntington Bank** - Both the lobby and the drive thru lanes are accessible from Pennsylvania Avenue.

**Post Office** is accessible by parking on Pennsylvania Avenue.

**Dowagiac District Library, Dowsett Chiropractic, and the Beckwith Theatre** are all accessible from New York Avenue.



Asbestos removal begins on 305 Commercial St. early next week and both 305 and 307 will be razed by or within the following week.

**Paul Harris Fellow Award**

The Dowagiac Police Department is very proud to announce that one of its long standing members has received the Paul Harris Fellow award from the Dowagiac Rotary Club.

Officer James Kusa has been a member of the Dowagiac Police Department since 1977, an astonishing 39 years of service to the Dowagiac community. Jim has been a fixture of this community and has dedicated his life to ensuring the safety and security of the citizens of Dowagiac. We thank Jim for his service, commitment, and dedication to Dowagiac. No one is more deserving of this honor than Jim.

Several officers and members of Jim’s family attended Thursday’s Rotary Club meeting to celebrate this achievement with him. Jim was recognized by the Dowagiac Rotary Club for his service to the community by being named this year’s Paul Harris Fellow. The men and women of the Dowagiac Police Department are very proud and honored to work side by side with Jim and congratulate him on his award.



Jim and James Kusa

Congratulations Jim and keep up the good work!!!

**Beckwith Concert Series**

Thursday, July 28, will be a special night. Everyone will enjoy the cars arriving from the special fundraising event “Ed’s Open Header Car Cruise” and the free concert by Michigan Rock n Roll Legends band the “Sixth Generation.”

Sincerely,  
*Kevin P. Anderson*  
City Manager