



March 27, 2015

Mayor Donald D. Lyons
City Council Members

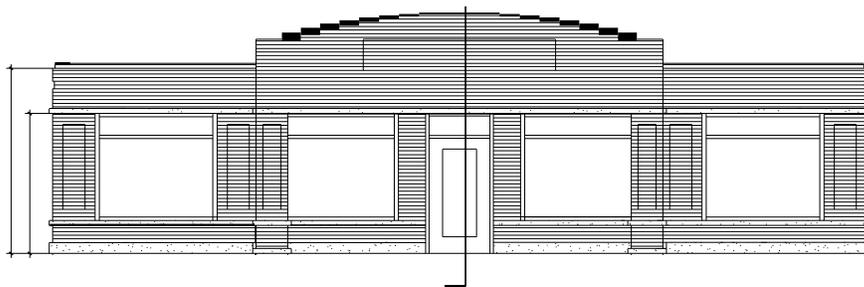
Dear Mayor Lyons and City Council Members:

Upcoming Meetings: xxx

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

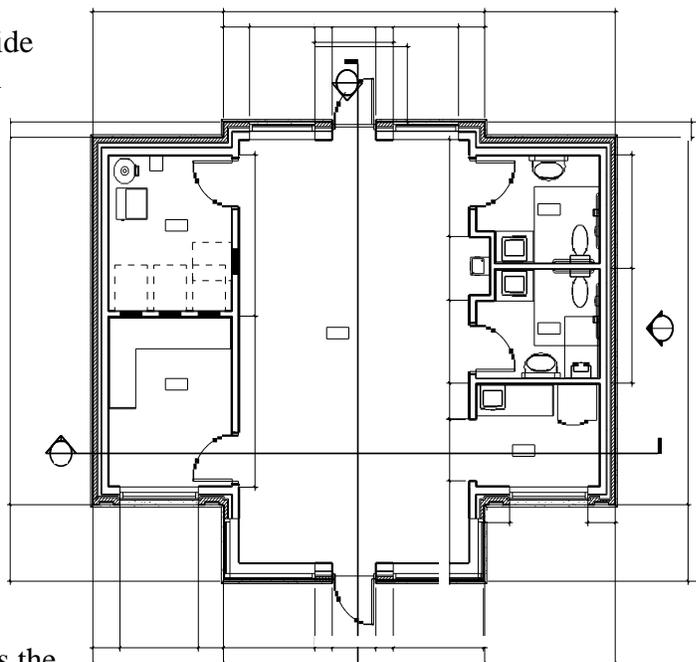
Airport Terminal design update

At the February, 23 city council meeting a resolution was passed to begin the design process of a new terminal building. The Dowagiac Municipal Airport qualifies for state and federal grant funds which are expected to pay for about 95% of the total construction cost.



The primary purpose of the building is to provide a safe shelter for pilots during bad weather and provide a space for preparing flight plans. Here is the first round of drawings from the architect. The proposed building has a footprint of 1,080 square feet and includes appropriate restroom facilities and vending space.

The team hopes to begin construction yet this year.



Tree City USA

The Arbor Day Foundation has, once again, recognized Dowagiac as a "Tree City." Dowagiac is among less than 3500 cities across the country to receive this recognition for its commitment to effective urban forest management and creating a beautiful and healthy place to live.

Park Improvements - 101 Cass Avenue

In 2014 City Council acquired the property at 101 Cass Avenue and added it to the City of Dowagiac's Park and Open Space Master Plan. The property is adjacent to the Dowagiac Creek and is in the process of becoming a great area where all can have access to this wonderful waterfront that meanders through the city. The building that had been on the site has been razed and city crews have been clearing the brush to open up the view of the water and it looks great. As grant money becomes available, improved parking areas and picnic space will be added to this park.



Easter Eggstravaganza – Saturday, March 28

Great fun will be had by young and old at Beckwith Park tomorrow – the fun starts at 10:30 am!

Sincerely,
Kevin P. Anderson
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City Manager