

BRIAN WERSCHEM

for Township
Their records

Promises made by Brian during his 2008 campaign for supervisor

What did he get done?

- He said he would improve our roads

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- Changed no roads from gravel to asphalt

Within a month of being elected, Brian informed the residents on roads built in the late 1940s and 1950s that had never been accepted by the county that they would have to maintain their own roads. The roads were maintained during both of Ron's terms in office and also during other supervisors' terms. These citizens pay property taxes and gas taxes, but because their homes were built at a time that our government failed to take care of the details of construction and ownership, Brian decided it would be a nice way to save some money.

He may have participated with the county road commission with some chip and seal resurfacing.

- Improve bike lanes and bike paths

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- Added no bike paths or lanes

- He said our core services of water need to be supported

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- Added no water extension to trunk lines

New DPW Building

The DPW has wanted a new building for years. It has been a little tight but they have been getting by. Brian evidently decided that it was time to build them a new building. Its a half million-dollar building - the most expensive building the township has built for itself. And where did Brian decide to build it? On ten acres of property on the corner of Brooks Road and Broadway that was supposedly bought for a location for a water tower which was in our 50-year-old water distribution design. Whether it is still relevant is open for discussion. That location is about as far from the township hall as you can get. There is no water line in either direction about 1/2 mile on Brooks and over a mile on Broadway. Both of those pipes would need to be put in before building a water tower. A well has been put in so that there is water for the building. I always thought that Fruitport Township

government worked really well with the water department and government offices together. They could help each other with phones and customer service, and it was healthy having them within sight. I expect that another person will need to be hired to accommodate the separate offices. Also, the building is about as far from our water and sewer customers as you can get which means extra driving time during the day, every day, just to get to the customers who need services, especially emergency shut-offs in case of accidents or line breakage. It seems to me that that money could have been better spent getting water lines to people who have to deal with bad water and expensive purifying systems. Since the building was built next to the old dump, they may not be able to drink water from their own well.

- Stop wasting money on frivolous lawsuits

- Started a lawsuit with Muskegon Heights over a water rate issue that clearly contradicted the water services agreement and lost.

- Agreed to a settlement of \$10,000 by the race track for not paying close to a million dollars in fees owed to the township. Brian settled it with very little knowledge of the success the township had in court. I rather doubt that he read even 1/4 of the court documents. The settlement was a huge loss to the township.