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Dear Neighbor,

Our last few letters to you have largely been about project updates. The activities remain ongoing and we will provide another update about the progress of this work next month. However, I wanted the opportunity to write to you this month about our overall approach to providing a long-term solution for drinking water.

As you know from our previous letters, we believe that connecting Town of Peshtigo residents in the well sampling area to a municipal water supply is the best solution. We looked at a number of different options and landed there because it will be a long-term and reliable answer to the problem.

We've been talking with local elected officials and the DNR about the water line plan for several months now. It does take some time to get the necessary approvals for this work. Last month, we sent a letter to the Township of Peshtigo's Board of Supervisors asking for help with the first step, which is to get a crew out there to survey the land and see where it might make most sense to install the water line. We are pleased and grateful that the Supervisors recently granted us the necessary approvals to survey the town roads.

We will also take every possible action to work with the independent Citizen's Advisory Committee, which was recently formed and consists of 11 teachers, scientists and residents. We will make ourselves available to meet with them and provide the appropriate information to help them meet their goals.

We also recognize the frustration voiced from residents about the relationship with Cedar Corporation. We want to be clear: we will commit the necessary resources to Cedar Corporation to review our approach for the planned municipal water line for the study area and the evaluation of other options for drinking water. We will update them on our progress to date and address any other questions they may have.

For the larger project, it is critical that we have the appropriate data and evidence to guide the overall work being done, which will include remediating the fire training center site. This will take some time in coordination with DNR. Our primary focus has been getting the water treatment systems in place at Ditch B near the Lutheran Retirement Community (we have started construction) and Ditch A on our property (in place since December 2018). We are moving quickly, but thoughtfully, to be sure we can put in place a long-term solution at the site that works.

There are a lot of other activities in the works, as you may know, but we want you to know that we are focused on solving this issue. We are being thoughtful in our approach so we can get this right. Some of the work requires permits from multiple agencies, which also takes time.

We remain committed to ensuring Town of Peshtigo residents have clean and safe drinking water now and in the future.

As always, you can reach us at 800-314-1381 or 715-582-7100.

Very truly yours,



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