

## Tyre Band Hall Renovation Update by Marjorie Fahrenholz, Chair of the Band Hall Committee

The Tyre Band Hall has been under renovations since 2008 when the Concerned Citizens of Tyre requested a meeting with Senator Michael Nozzolio to look into the possibility of acquiring a grant for the purpose of developing the Band Hall into a community center. Senator Nozzolio presented us with a check for \$50,000. Part of the grant money was used to side the building and new windows were donated. Mark Travis was hired to tear out the old bathrooms and install a uni-sex handicap bathroom. He was also to remove the walls in the entry and meeting room, insulate, wallboard, and the room painted. A small closet was built in the entryway for the water heater.

This was accomplished by 2014 with one stipulation - the kitchen was not covered by the grant but would be the responsibility of the Ad Hoc Band Hall Committee, which was a small committee appointed from CCT members, and two members appointed by the Town Board. This committee listed the needs for a small kitchen with a few appliances, a sink, some cupboards, counter, and storage space. The floor was tiled, and a conduit pipe was encased in the ceiling. Rich Amidon was hired and was given a timeframe as a family had already requested the Band Hall to be used for a wedding shower scheduled for June 2, 2018.

Several members of the Band Hall Committee spent many hours choosing counter-tops, purchasing appliances, and washing the wooden chairs, and just general cleaning. Jim Rogers spent hours sanding and finishing a wooden shelf and the pass-through. Both of these items were in the original kitchen which was added to the meeting room in 1919. There are some items that have to be finished such as the two slate chalkboards have to be framed and hung and the tall cabinet has to be put together.

The first event for the newly renovated Band Hall was on June 2nd for a wedding shower. The second event was the Zoning Board of Appeals on June 5th. We are hoping that other groups will consider using the Band Hall for other showers, family get-togethers, meetings, bridge clubs, book clubs, quilt shows, maybe even a square dance, or a band rehearsal. If you are interested, forms are available in the Municipal Building.

