

Dike repairs are eyed ¹⁹⁷⁸

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Blue skies and rising temperatures aren't helping Estral Beach residents forget the flood damage incurred last month, and as in other communities, the dikes are in need of repair and funds are scarce.

Stanley Nietubicz questioned the Village Council Tuesday night on procedures used in investigating the dikes.

At the present time, the Army Corp of Engineers make a routine examination of the dikes once a year, however, reports on dike conditions are slow in returning to the village, according to council members.

A report from last year's inspection, made in July, wasn't received until this February.

The dike commissioner, Dan Knierim, stated. "I inspect the dikes at least once a week, but no formal written reports are submitted to the board." He said he frequently relates his observations of dike conditions to the council at the meetings and this information is documented in the minutes.

The village does have a dike fund available for minor repairs, but major renovation of the dikes is not foreseen. The purchase of clay "that won't wash away," at a reasonable price is needed now to complete and repair many of the

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existing dikes, Knierin said.

"We are working on it," said Village President Frank Borbely. "If you don't have the money, you can't go to a real good restaurant."

The flood cleanup was made a bit easier last weekend for village residents by Monroe County Health Department and Village Councilperson Rita Lilburn.

At home recuperating from sunburn and exhaustion, Lilburn was commended by board members, for her "spring cleanup" project.

"Lilburn was seen lifting and carrying refuse, when she was only supposed to be supervising the collections. She did as much as any of the men," stated one resident.

Borbely publicly thanked all who participated in what he calls the "great cleanup." He also said it was the "high point of his term as president."

"I never saw so much junk leave Estral Beach," he added.