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HISTORIC BOOK: It does take time but the History Book Card, McMicken, 810/221-2957, is compiling will be worth it. Your offer of photos, etc., is welcome.

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VILLAGE CEMETERY: Keep your eyes open and you'll soon see some changes happening in the appearance of the cemetery. Application to the Michigan Historic Site Register is in progress. Seeing vandalism? Call the Brighton City Police 227-2700.

OLD TOWN HALL

It is good to learn completion of the restoration will be undertaken shortly. Missing keystones, deteriorating mortars, etc., all contribute to the appearance of neglect. Whether a building is old or new, regular maintenance is necessary. Buildings like this are built any more. It has a significant past in the community and can continue to have a future.


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