

TOWNSHIP TIMES

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Hampton Township Board of Trustees

meets the second & fourth Monday of each month at 4:00 p.m.

Planning Commission meets the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Board of Appeals meets the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

All meetings are held in the Board room at 801 W. Center Rd.

SEWER/WATER RATE UPDATE

Negotiations with the City of Bay City on the sewer and water rates has been a foremost concern for 2006.

Sewer negotiations are still on going with very little progress being made—we now have 4 years left on our 5 year notice to the City.

Water talks are on going with very little progress being made as to whether we

will become an Authority or a Partner.

There is going to be an increase in the water and sewer rates; it will be especially noticeable on the water portion of the bill.

Negotiations on water and sewer rates have been going on for a long period of time, and we appreciate your patience as we work

to come to terms with the City. Finding common ground for all concerned has been difficult.

It is our hope that some headway will be made within the next few months.

You will be kept informed of any progress that is made during these negotiations.



Finn Road Boat Launch

The channel is being dredged and should be completed by the end of June.

Finally, after all this time, we will be able to get out to the Bay again by boat.



2006 ROAD WORK

Road scheduled to be completed by August:

ASPHALT

- Harding Road with a 5 ft shoulder on east side. From Center to Nebobish Ave.
- Ridge Road— Pine to Scheurmann Road

- Lesperance - Pine to the end
- Seena - Pine to the end
- Elwal — Pine to the end
- Alpine - Scheurmann to the end
- Culver - M-25 to Cul-de-sac

CHIP & SEAL



- Callahan Rd — M25 to Knodt
- Knodt Rd — Callahan East
- Nolet Rd — Borton to M-25
- Cotter Rd — Nebobish to Cass
- Arms Rd — Boutell to Knight
- Borton Rd — Farley to Nolet

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR COMMUNITY?



VETERANS' MEMORIAL

As many of you know, a new memorial was constructed to honor our local veterans who gave their lives to protect our freedom.

The Township Board wishes to thank everyone involved in the planning, construction and dedication of this beautiful tribute to our Hampton Township Veterans, whose supreme sacrifice will never be forgotten.

NEW BUSINESSES

Buds to Blooms Greenhouse
1515 E Center Rd

Munch's Mulch &
Landscape Supply
3015 Center Ave

CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

Presbyterian Village Development (Village of Hampton Meadows) will start sometime in July or August, a two-story 50 unit Senior Complex on Pine Road near Alterra.

NEW HOME REPORT

4 Single
Family Homes



FINN ROAD NATURE TRAIL

Work on this trail, which extends from Finn Road to Knight Road, has started.

A pedestrian walk bridge has been set and completion of the trail is targeted for September 2006, just in time to enjoy a nice relaxing stroll through the woods.

BUILDING PERMITS

Don't forget that Building Permits are required for:

- Pools
- Fences
- Fence replacements
- Decks
- Accessory Buildings
- Not Permitted:
- Tarp structures

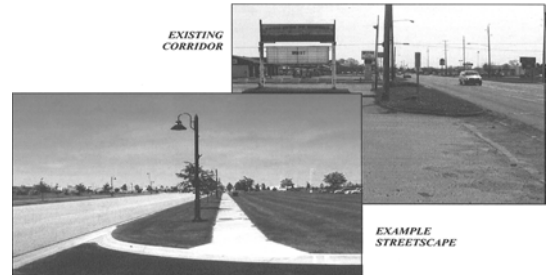
Please call the Township Offices if you have questions. (989) 893-7541. Thanks!

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

The Hampton Township DDA has made strides to help enhance the Center Ave corridor. Phase I (East side of Scheurmann Road to West side of Powell Road) of this project will be the first phase to have work done. There are a few details that need to be worked out before construction work can begin. Phase II (East side of Powell Road to end of business district) and Phase III (City limits to West side of Scheurmann Road) will begin at a later date to be determined by the DDA Board.

The beautification project will include the following features:

- Removal and burying of overhead utilities (electric/telephone/cable)
- Construction using existing DDA tax capture funds—will not increase taxes!!!
- Construction of new 6' wide concrete sidewalks to offer improved pedestrian and non-motorized access
- Placement of decorative street lighting
- Establishment of greenbelts featuring lawn areas and decorative street trees.
- Pocket park areas including benches, trash receptacles, and decorative walks.



Treasurer's Corner

Summer Taxes are due and payable to Hampton Twp. without interest July 1, 2006 to Sept. 14, 2006.

Penalty of 1% will be added Sept. 15, 2006. Delinquent Taxes are payable to the Bay County Treasurer beginning March 1, 2006.

RETIREES & NEW EMPLOYEES

2006 Retirees:

GSA
 • Cathy Geiersbach 17 years
 • Robert Sheesley 7 years
 (Custodian Hampton Hall)
Treasurer
 • James Piorkowski 11 years

2006 New Hires:

GSA Jodie Hebner
Hall Custodian Jeremy Wright

FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

The Fire Dept. has received 2 grants from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

The first grant was from the Assistance to Firefighter grant program for \$114,156 for 21 new Self Contain Breathing Apparatus.

The second grant was from the Homeland Security Commercial Direct Assistance Program for GasAlert Micro 5 Handheld Multi-gas Detector.

The equipment purchased with these grants will help our firefighters perform there jobs while providing them with protection from the hazards of their jobs.

Reminders

Property owners must obtain a recreational fire permit if having a bon fire. A permit can be obtained in person at the fire department.

It is illegal to have any type of outdoor fire



without a valid permit and the property owner may be subject to a citation without a permit.

Fireworks -

that explode or leave the ground are illegal in Michigan.



When shopping at local businesses,

PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE FIRE LANES

Business owners if you have a lock box on the outside of your business and you have changed locks on your building, please call the Fire Department so we can have the correct keys placed in the lock box.

Hampton Fire Department wishes all township residents a safe and happy summer.



BLIGHT ORDINANCE

For those residents who are not aware of it, there is a Blight Ordinance in effect for the Township that is being enforced.

Blight can be uncut grasses and/or weeds over 8 in tall, debris, unlicensed vehicles, building materials, just to name a few.

Residents in violation will be contacted by letter and asked to comply. Non-compliance will result in tickets being issued to the owner, costs placed on the property taxes and legal action. For more information, contact the Administrative Office for copies of the Ordinances (989) 893-7541.

DPW UPDATE

The DPW has completed filling in 300 ft of swail ditch on Hampton Road near the Essexville line on the North side of the road, earlier in the year.



and a joint project with the Drain Com-

The work scheduled for this summer includes installing this pedestrian foot bridge at the Finn Road Nature Trail to allow easy access to the foot paths,



mission installing new tubing at two Township Drains.

Regular summer time work includes maintaining the parks, chipping brush, and road side cutting.

GSA UPDATE

The General Services Administration workers have been very busy gearing up for the upcoming August Primary and November General Elections.

Absentee applications for our permanent absentee voters were mailed out June 6 for the upcoming elections. If you are unavailable to vote at the polls, please request your ballot early.

If you are interested in becoming an election inspector—please stop in to the office and fill out an application.

Election Inspectors have to be certified to work and the certification will be done on July 14 of this year, so your application must be submitted prior to that date.

SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER

Celebrating 33 Years !

The Hampton Senior Center celebrated their 33rd Birthday on June 22, 2006 with guest speakers, entertainment and a delicious dinner to commemorate this grand event.

meal served and you get your choice of the hot entrée, the salad of the week or the sandwich of the week.

Please note: Meal reservations must be made at least one day in advance.

All area senior citizens are invited to stop in and join them for fun, fellowship and activities.

The Center is open Monday—Friday, 10:00 a.m. — 6:00 p.m., with activities taking place daily and exciting trips to be taken throughout the year.

New members are always welcomed warmly, so go to your phone and call the Hampton Senior Center at 989-895-5968 to find out more.

Call today!

The Clerk and staff will also be attending training on the new "Auto MARK". This voting equipment is designed to make casting a ballot an easier process for persons with physical disabilities or who are visually impaired.



The Center, located directly behind Hampton Township Hall, offers both a delicious lunch, served at 12:00 noon, and dinner, served at 5:00 p.m. There is a suggested donation of \$2.00 for each

Hampton Charter Township

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Holiday Closings

The Administrative Office,
Dept. of Public Works and
Transfer Station will be
closed:

3rd & 4th of July
Labor Day
Columbus Day
Veterans' Day
Thanksgiving 23,24

Brush Chipping

is a service that is available to our residents.

The DPW's current schedule for chipping is Tuesdays (for addresses North of Center) & Thursdays (for addresses South of Center).

Residents are requested to put the brush out by the road with the cut ends facing the road and contact the Administrative Office at 893-7541 to be put on the chipping schedule.

Chipping began March 1st and will continue until December 31st, weather permitting.



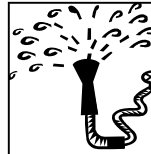
Our landfill (transfer station) is open 5 days a week :

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri
1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Wed
12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Residents must have a dump permit which is checked every time you use the transfer station. Although this may be an inconvenience for you, it helps to keep the cost of operating the station lower.

Recycling dumpsters have been an ongoing success since they were first implemented.

Please do not put Styrofoam in the recycling bins. Due to past problems, we are no longer accepting this material for recycling. Please place this material in the dumpster.



Thinking about installing a sprinkler system for your lawn?

Please note requirements:

- 1. Purchase a plumbing permit & water meter.
- 2. Backflow preventer device must be installed & tested by a plumber certified to test backflow preventers.
- 3. A copy of this initial test must be submitted to Hampton Township Office at the time of installation and again every 5 years.

The Township mandates that all backflow preventer devices on sprinkler systems are to be inspected yearly by the Township & tested every 5 years by a certified plumber.



POLICE DEPT. UPDATE



The Hampton Township Police Dept. has reinstated its awards committee. For the first quarter of 2006, one civilian and four officers were given award citations for their actions.

Robert Rase was awarded a Civilian Citation in Recognition of Outstanding Service. Mr. Rase was shopping in Meijer's on March 22, 2006 when he heard a woman's cry for help. A man had stolen her purse and she was chasing him and crying for help.

Mr. Rase tackled the man and the victim was able to recover her purse before the thief was able to get up and flee. Mr. Rase then waited for police so he could identify the perpetrator. Thank you Mr. Rase for your bravery and assistance.

Five Hampton Township Police Officers have also received award citations for exemplary work on various investigations.

Officers Brian Dansereau (pictured below) and Tom Janczewski were



awarded citations for their work in solving a series of larcenies that took

place in Hampton Township and Bay County.

Officer Dave Smith was awarded a citation. After a chase and a physical confrontation he ended the confrontation and controlled the situation without injury to himself or the perpetrator.



Officers Lyle Esterhai and Nick Pletzke (shown above) were awarded citations for their work in solving and apprehending a subject who was involved in over thirty larcenies of tools and tool trailers over a period of 8 months in a three county area.

HOUSE CHECKS



The Police Department is again performing house checks for people whose home will be vacant for a week or more. An officer will be assigned once a week to check homes on the list for signs of any Burglary. Residents who desire a house check can fill out a request with the appropriate contact information at the Police Department.

The best way to protect your home and belongings is to have a dependable alarm installed. If an alarm is not possible,

have a responsible trusted individual sit/watch/tend your home while you are away. If you are leaving your home vacant for any period of time please have someone pick up your paper and mail daily and tend to your lawn.

COMPUTER IMPROVEMENTS



A new computer server will be installed in the Police Dept. on June 7th. This will update our system and reduce the number of computer problems being experienced. It will become the backbone for in car computers that will be installed later this summer with grant money. The in car computers will allow officers to write most reports while in the field and to access information without returning to, or calling the office.

OBTAINING COPIES OF POLICE REPORTS

Victims of crimes may obtain a free copy of the police report from the Victim's Advocate of the Prosecutor's office once the perpetrator has been arraigned. Accident reports may be obtained at the police dept for an \$8.00 fee after the investigation is complete. The police department does not give out copies of reports that have not been adjudicated in court.