



Hampton Township Newsletter

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Hampton Township Board of Trustees meets the second & fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

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

Your Tax Dollar\$ are used to provide services for our township.

With this newsletter, the Board would like to take this opportunity to inform our residents of the responsibilities of the various departments and committees that perform these services for you.

Department of Public Works

Tom Foret, Department of Public Works (D.P.W.) Director, schedules and prioritizes the work load for the 8 DPW workers, each day and reacts to unforeseen emergencies by utilizing the knowledge, talent and hard work of our DPW workforce as well as working along with them. He also ensures that the safety rules and regulations mandated by Federal, State and local government are adhered to and accounts to the Township Board each month's expenditures for equipment, materials and manpower hours.



The DPW workforce is busy through-out the year performing various duties, which include:

- ◆ Weed/grass cutting along the roadways and ditches.
- ◆ Maintaining the parks, rail trail, dike system, and ditch cleaning
- ◆ Chipping brush (The DPW averages 50 to 60 stops per week)
- ◆ Maintaining and repairing the lift stations, main sewer lines, water line breaks
- ◆ Cleaning debris and sediment from ditches
- ◆ Installing water & storm taps, laying drain pipe, covering ditches
- ◆ Maintenance and repair of their equipment, building, and grounds
- ◆ Performing preventative maintenance on the Police and Fire Department Vehicles
- ◆ Snow plowing and road salting
- ◆ Construction and maintenance of DPW storage buildings



The DPW workforce are called upon in the middle of the night, weekends, or during storms whether it be high winds, driving rains, snow or sleet; we can always count on them.

The DPW has upgraded all sanitary lift stations and installed new pump motors at 3 locations:

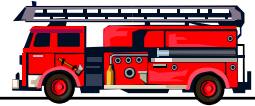
Hampton West of Knight

Center and Scheurmann

Alpine Ct.



Please call the Fire Dept. at 893-7791, for recreational fire permits.



Fire Department



Fire Chief Wayne Schaefer is an asset to our township with 35 years service. He has worked his way through the ranks as a firefighter, training officer, inspector, Fire Marshall, and Assistant Chief.

Chief Schaefer takes care of day to day business, working with the firefighters, and reports to the Board of expenditures for equipment, materials, and manpower utilization.

Our fire department has 31 firefighters, of which, 3 are paramedics, 13 are emergency medical technicians and 7 are medical first responders.

7 Full Time Firefighters

24 Reserves

The Fire Dept. is staffed with a Chief, Assistant Chief, Captain and 3 Lieutenants.

There are 2 full time firefighters on duty around the clock, 7 days a week, spending 24hr shifts being housed at the station on a rotating shift schedule.

Our full time firefighters depend greatly on the reserve firefighters when an emergency call comes in and response is at a moments notice. So far this year firefighters have responded to 838 calls; 75% of these calls have been of a medical nature. The average response time for the department after receiving a call is 4 minutes.

When not responding to calls, the firefighters are maintaining equipment, restocking medical supplies, checking fire hoses, and turn out gear to make sure all equipment is ready and in good condition for the next response.

Our firefighters attend training classes all year long; some of which are mandated, some of which are voluntary. Many hours of training are required in order for the firefighters to advance to different levels of firefighting.



There are 650 fire hydrants in the township at this time and the fire department is responsible for flushing these twice a year.

The department also maintains a confined space support team for the DPW personnel.

Firefighters teach fire safety in the schools during the school year, offering safety programs for senior citizens complexes, apartment complexes, fire extinguisher classes for businesses, no obligation fire safety inspections for homes and businesses (as time permits), EMT classes, medical first responder classes, site plan review for new construction, and pre-incident surveys for commercial buildings and apartment complexes.

Our firefighters are dedicated, well trained and equipped to respond at a moments notice to all emergencies and dangerous situations.

Reflective address signs are available through the Fire Department. These reflective signs help your local Fire, Police and medical services locate your house in an emergency. If you are interested in a reflective sign, the cost is \$15.00, and for an additional \$5.00 the Fire Dept. will install it. Proceeds will go to the Fire Safety Education Fund. Contact the Fire Dept at 893-7791

Hampton Township DDA

Plans are under way for a beautification project for Center Ave, starting at Livingston and extending to the power lines just past the Hampton Towne Centre.

SBC & power lines will be relocated underground and sidewalks will be installed on both sides of Center Road.

More details will be available in the next newsletter.

Holiday Hours

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

December 25 & 26
January 1 & 2

Happy Holidays!

Please don't forget to patronize your Hampton Township Businesses!

Meet our new Police Chief, Gerald J. Runde

Chief Runde's credentials are:

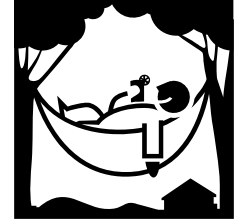
- ◆ 29 years of experience in law enforcement
- ◆ Basic Police Training M.L.E.O.T.C. (certified) 1975 Delta College,
- ◆ Associates Degree in Criminal Justice 1979 Delta College
- ◆ BA degree in Criminal Justice 1981 Saginaw Valley State College
- ◆ FBI Academy (173 NA) in 1993



Chief Runde has worked hard during those years combining educational studies, while working in all facets of law enforcement, from patrolman to administrator as well as being a family man. Chief Runde is responsible for handling the day to day business, ensuring that all Federal, State and local mandates are adhered to and accounting to the Board of expenditures for equipment, materials and manpower utilization.

Retirees:

Since our last news letter, there have been quite a few employees who have retired.



DPW

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| <i>Terry VanSumeren, Director</i> | <i>32 years</i> |
| <i>Ken Bouchard</i> | <i>37 years</i> |
| <i>Bill Collier</i> | <i>33 years</i> |
| <i>Joe Badour</i> | <i>29 years</i> |

Fire

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| <i>Virgil Tacey, Fire Chief</i> | <i>31 years</i> |
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Police

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| <i>Tim Smith, Police Chief</i> | <i>25 years</i> |
| <i>Florence Hale, Clerical</i> | <i>25 years</i> |

We thank our retirees for their years of dedication and hard work, and for passing on the knowledge and experience they gained over the years.

Police Department

Our police department is staffed with ten officers and a clerical person; these ten include the Chief, 3 Lieutenants, and 6 Patrolmen.

All ten officers respond to calls from the public to investigate criminal and civil complaints.

In addition to patrol duties, officers have specialized training and other duties that are divided among them.

- 2 - Trained Crime Scene Technicians
- 1 - Trained Accident Investigator (being one of the best in mid-Michigan)
- 2 - Trained Arson Investigators
- 1 - Training Officer
- 2 - Trained Bicycle Officers
- 2- Trained D.A.R.E. and Smart Moves officers who work with the school systems from time to time.



Each Lieutenant is assigned to and responsible for a shift assisting the Chief with administrative duties.

All officers receive a minimum of 20 hours of yearly training in criminal law and procedure updates, quarterly fire-arms training, tactical training, CPR training, baton, pepper spray, pressure point control tactics, plus training in their specialized field.

The department maintains a special working relationship with the Essexville Public Safety Officers, with a mutual aid agreement, assisting each other on calls in their jurisdiction when needed.

Our officers often work long hours tirelessly, carrying out assignments willingly and cheerfully, keeping our residents and township safe, while often putting themselves in harms way.



Holiday Lighting Contest

The 12th Annual Peg VanSumeren Outdoor Lighting Contest will be held again this year.

Decorators can nominate their own festive looks or report other dazzling displays by calling the Township Offices at 893-7541.

Judging will take place during the week of Dec. 15.

Last year's winners will be prohibited from taking the same prize.

Categories

- Best Overall Display
- Best Theme
- Most Original



Just a Reminder



Your Transfer Station Card expires 12-31-03. New cards will be available starting January 5, 2004. Your old card will be valid through the month of January.

Transfer Station cards are only available to Hampton Township residents who own and live in their home. Cards are not available to rental units, apartment complexes or businesses.



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.

General Service Administration

The GSA department has 4 full time clerical workers who are highly skilled, courteous, efficient and very busy.

Responsibilities that are handled on a regular days business include:

- ◇ Answering Phones (directing calls)
- ◇ Front counter receptionist
- ◇ Handling Permit applications
- ◇ Assisting the Assessor, Supervisor, Clerk & Treasurer
- ◇ Preparing agendas for the Township Board & Committees
- ◇ Posting regular & special meetings
- ◇ Material Duplicating
- ◇ Billings, mailings and filing
- ◇ Payroll for all departments
- ◇ Water bill & tax collections
- ◇ Computer input, receipting & accounting for all funds
- ◇ Computer print outs of monthly financial reports
- ◇ Daily input of all daily revenues & expenditures
- ◇ Election work.



Residents must have a dump permit which is checked every time you use the transfer station.

Checking permits is not an easy task for our landfill attendant; nor has it been popular with the residents utilizing the landfill. But, it has saved thousand of dollars by keeping people from using the landfill that are not residents of the Township.



Recycling dumpsters have been an on going success since they were first implemented. Environmental quality should be on everyone's mind.

Brush Chipping is a service that is available to our residents.

The DPW's current schedule for chipping is Tuesdays & Thursdays.

Residents are requested to put the brush out by the road with the cut ends facing the road and contact the DPW at 892-4841 to be put on the chipping schedule.



This department is instrumental in keeping our township operating at optimum efficiency.