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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 third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

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

2005 SEWER NEGOTIATIONS

An agreement between the Township Board and Bay City was reached in June 2005.

This agreement has 4 parts which are outlined below:

1. Bay City agreed to take \$500,000 from current billing charges and make this effective for the last two billings of 2005.
2. The new rate will stay in

effect for 1 year. This will save customers \$500,000 from the 2005 rates. Had the agreement not been made, the previous rates would have stayed in effect.

3. Negotiation talks will continue, and we will try to reach a fairer rate for Hampton Sewer Customers. Negotiations should resume early in 2006.

4. A 5 year notice was given to Bay City to leave their waste treatment.

Joining up with Bay County Waste Water is still an option.

We can only hope that negotiations with Bay City will be productive and a contract can be realized.

We have been a good customer to Bay City Waste Water since 1961. and we hope to continue this relationship.



Recently the Township Board of Trustees, DDA, Planning Commission, & Zoning Board of Appeals, met to share information and ideas on ways to help the Township grow. Some of these ideas (i.e., implementing a new accessory building size and setback table) will be implemented in 2006.

These Boards perform many functions, here is an example of the duties of the Board of Appeals :

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) hears appeals to the zoning ordinances. The applicant must demonstrate that there is either unnecessary hardship or practical difficulty in carrying out the strict letter of the appealed Ordinance.

If the ZBA finds there is either unnecessary hardship or practical difficulty, they can reverse the denial of a building permit and grant the variance, usually with conditions to make the request more in compliance with the intent of the ordinance.



2005 ROAD RESURFACING RECAP



Primary Roads

Knight: M25 to Hampton
 Hampton: Knight to Farley
 Farley: M25 to Hampton
 Youngsditch: Knight to Farley
 Mulholland: 22nd to 16th

Secondary Roads

Boutell : Nebobish to Borton
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 Avalon Circle
 Spengler Park Sub
 (Spengler, Rosselli, Fair Oaks)
 Knight: Hampton to Arms

Chip & Seal

Burns: Nebobish to Youngsditch
 Finn: Hampton to Youngsditch
 Wagner: Ridge to Youngsditch
 Jones: Ridge to Youngsditch
 Ridge: Knight to Farley

18 1/2 miles of roads received resurfacing this year. 3 miles of storm drain pipe, swale ditches, a bridge, and a 5' extension of pavement, were installed along Borton Road.

This work was a joint project completed by the Hampton DPW workers, the Bay Co. Road Commission, Pyramid Paving. Thanks to all of those involved for doing such a great job.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR COMMUNITY?



Thank you, Mrs. Norma Stagra of the Plant Farm for donating all of the beautiful Mum

plants and pumpkins, which decorated the Administrative Office and to your workers who planted them. It was a beautiful way to welcome in the Fall Season .



Thank you, Cindy Miller and the volunteers from

the Volunteer Resource Center for brightening up Pondsides Parks playground equipment with a fresh coat of paint.

NEW BUSINESSES:

- Community Bingo relocated
- Brads Carpet by the Bay – relocated
- Marquis Water Conditioning—rebuilt and open
- Sonic Skate
- King Pin Pizza
- Eastland Glow Putt Putt
- Dr. Shahzad Manawar
- Dr. Vasso Godiali

BUSINESS CLOSINGS

As many of you might have noticed, The Forward Gas Station/

Dunkin Donuts/Baskin Robbins Store has closed along with Old Town Furniture (the building was demolished and lot cleared).

We are sorry to see businesses leave the Township, but hope that new businesses will soon move into these vacated sites.

SUBDIVISION UPDATES

Hampton Lake Estates has begun Phase II of their development which includes 10 new condominium unit sites.

Natures Ridge has begun development of Phase II which includes 44 new condominium

unit sites.

Under Wood Estates has begun development and has 22 condominium unit sites available.

NEW HOME REPORT



- 16 Single Family Homes
- 12 Condos

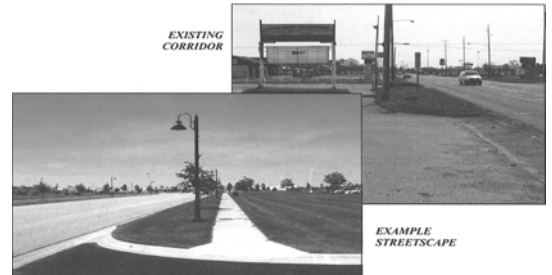
There was a 28% drop in single family homes being built this year.

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 begin in Spring of 2006. The work will be coordinated with MDOT's M-25 repaving project. Business owners will be contacted in February or March, with more details of the resurfacing project, before it begins. 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.



RETIREES & NEW EMPLOYEES

2005 Retirees:

- Dept. of Public Works**
- Randy Van Sumeren 37 years
- Fire Dept.**
- Wayne Schafer, Chief 36 years
- Police Dept.**
- Lt. William Edmonds 27 years

2005 New Hirees:

- DPW**
- Jayson Tacey
- Police Dept.**
- Lyle Esterhai
- Nick Pletzke
- Finn Rd. Park Mgr.**
- Larry Schoof



Treasurer's Corner

Winter Taxes are due and payable to Hampton Twp. without interest Dec. 1, 2005 to Feb. 14, 2006.

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

The Hampton Twp. Fire Dept. announces the retirement of Chief Wayne Schaefer last April 30, 2005.



Thank you Wayne for 36 years of dedicated service.

The current interim Fire Chief is Randy VanDenBoom.

The Fire Dept. has received 2 grants from the federal government which allowed them to purchase this gear:

- 25 sets of turnout gear
- 25 pagers
- 2 portable radios
- Thermal imager camera

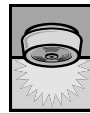
The thermal imager camera will be shared with both departments.

This camera is a tool that allows the fire fighters to see through smoke and darkness to find victims in structure fires and to detect hidden fires in walls.

The Police Dept will be able to use the camera when doing building searches for suspects.

Reminders:

- Remove snow from around the fire hydrants



- Test and replace smoke detector batteries yearly.

Blood Drive

We'd like to thank all of you

who donated blood to our blood drive. We were able to collect 19 pints for the Michigan Community Blood Center.



The Blood Center asked us to host another drive next year. See you again.



Practice fire safety and have a safe holiday season.

DPW UPDATE

Our DPW was kept busy with one of the longest and heaviest snowfall in years.

Maintenance on all equipment (including rebuilding one Police car) and buildings has been more than usual.

Duties included grass cutting along the roadways, and dike, upkeep of the rail trail and parks, brush chipping, and secondary drainage upkeep (just to name a few) make their job a never ending cycle.

Construction of the Nature Trail extension was resched-

uled to begin in Spring of 2006. A walk bridge (that spans the Finn Road Drain) will be the first step of the trail as it winds westward towards Knight Road.

Borton Road widening/resurfacing project was a joint venture between the Bay County Road Commission and the Hampton Township DPW.

The improvements to be made to this road were a huge undertaking and started with the DPW installing an underground storm drain in

place of the open ditch and moving mailboxes. These improvements have added to the safety of all who use this road.

Rail Trail upgrades included wider gate openings to make the trail more handicap accessible. The installation of 1/2 mile marker signs and bike signs to alert walkers of the potential of bicycles on the trails. Also, Porta-johns were installed at the East end of the Trail.



Borton Road widening/resurfacing project included the installation of a walk bridge which was set by the Hampton Township DPW.



SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER



Don't let the winter blues get you down.



The Hampton Senior Center invites all area senior citizens to stop in and join them for fun, fellowship and activities.

The Center is located directly behind Hampton Township Hall



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

week. The best part is, you get a great meal and don't even have to leave a tip.



The Center is open Monday–Friday, 10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m., with activities taking place daily. Meal reservations must be made at least one day in advance. New members are always welcomed warmly, so get up out of



your chair and call the Hampton Senior Center at 989-895-5968 to find out more about all the exciting opportunities taking place.

Call today! 895-5968

We need our younger seniors (60 years) to take advantage of this program—this is a good way to socialize and share information.

Hampton Charter Township

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Monday–Friday
7:30 a.m.–12:00 noon
Closed for lunch
1:00 p.m.–4:00 P.m.

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Holiday Closings

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

December 23, 26, 30

2006

January 2, & 16

February 20

April 14

May 29

July 4



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 ends December 31st and resumes March 1st, 2006 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.

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 ongoing success since they were first implemented. Environmental quality should be on everyone's mind.



Thinking about installing an irrigation system for your lawn?

Please note requirements:

1. Purchase a plumbing permit & water meter.
2. Backflow preventor device must be installed & tested by a plumber certified to test backflow preventors.
3. A copy of this test must be submitted to Hampton Township Office at the time of installation and tested annually.



The Township mandates that all backflow preventor devices on irrigation systems are to be tested yearly by a certified plumber.



POLICE DEPT. UPDATE

Office Todd Becker has been promoted to Lieutenant to replace Lt Wm. Edmonds who retired earlier this year.

Officer Becker has been with the force for almost 9 years.

Two new officers have also joined the Dept. this year. They are: Lyle Esterhai and Nick Pletzke.

PROJECT CHILDSAFE

We are again teaming up with the National Shooting Sports Foundation and participating in Project ChildSafe.

We are giving free gun locks to any resident who come to the Police Station to request them.

The gun locks are provided by a Grant from the U.S. Dept. of Justice.

GRANTS

This year the Police Dept. has received several Grants for these items:

- FC-10 Preliminary Breath Testers
- Automated External Defibrillator
- Taser
- In Station Video Security System
- Training Grant
- Video cam & player/recorder

Mobile Radios

The Police Dept. expresses their appreciation to these agencies for these grants:

- Dept. of State Police
- American Heart Assoc.
- MMRMA (3 grants)
- Meijer
- Dept. of Homeland Security

We also have pending grants from the Dept. of Justice and two from the Dept. of Homeland Security.



In 2005, Hampton Officers averaged over 430 calls, and 370 complaints per month.

This year, officers have traveled over 87,500 miles while contacting 21,684 persons, arresting 219 adults, detaining 66 juveniles, issuing 105 appearance tickets and 358 traffic tickets, giving 709 traffic warnings, and enforcing 162 ordinance violations.



GSA

The General Services Administration workers have been very busy this year with the implementation of the new voting machines, the May School Board election, the November Bay City School millage election, training on the upgraded General Ledger programs and the creation of the Township Website.

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At this time, we would like to thank the City Manager of Essexville, Dale Majerczk for the help he provided us on developing our website.

With the increase of the website and new software program requirements, the Township has purchased a new computer file server which will allow us to handle the current software needs.