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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.

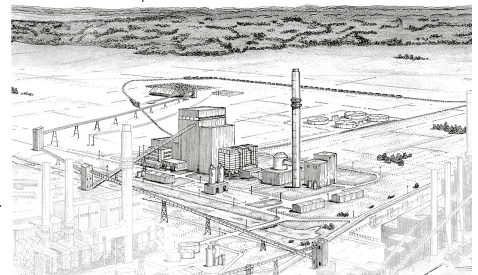
NEW CLEAN COAL PLANT

Consumers Energy's proposed new clean coal project in Hampton Township continues on track. The utility is pursuing changes to Michigan's energy policy laws in the State Legislature as a requirement before it commits to going forward with the \$2 billion plus plant. Our local legislators, Representative Jeff Mayes (D-Bangor Township) and Senator Jim Barcia (D-Bay City) are taking leadership roles in pursuing the needed legislative changes, which we hope to see passed by mid-year. Your Township

Board passed a resolution of support for the legislative changes and for approval of the new plant, which would mean a positive state-wide economic impact of \$1.2 billion over a seven year period in terms of construction jobs, purchases and tax payments.

Consumers issued an economic impact study which also showed a positive economic impact of more than

\$67 million per year once the plant enters operation. Consumers application for an air permit for the new plant is currently being reviewed by the MDEQ.



WATER & SEWER TALKS

Sewer negotiations are at a critical point this year. We have been waiting for a contract draft from Bay City. We have been a customer with Bay City since 1961.

Our option to join with the Bay County waste treatment is still open - we are in the process of updating figures now to compare to the offer from Bay City.

The question now is will Bay City be able to bring to the table a contract that is just and a rate that is fair for Hampton Township customers so that we can continue this business relationship? The answer to that question is drawing near and we will keep you updated as we progress with the talks.

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY CENTER AVENUE BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT UPDATE

The DDA Center Ave Beautification project is near completion. New signal light strain poles will be installed this year at the intersections of Center & Scheurmann & Center & Pine Roads.

What a difference these improvements have made for our business area. Soon, two new businesses will be moving into

the area and hopefully there are more on the way.

Thank you to the business owners and residents of this area for your cooperation and patience while the work on this project was being accomplished.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

Walgreen's - the permit to construct a new 14,490 sq. ft. drug store has been issued and construction has begun on the corner of Center Ave and Scheurmann Roads for the new store.

El Mexicano Restaurant is planning to open its second location inside the former Mr. Hot Dog building at 3595 Center Road.

The Village of Hampton Meadows A Senior Living Community
(A mission of Lutheran Homes of Michigan & Presbyterian Villages of Michigan)

This community is located on

approximately 3.4 acres of land on Pine Rd between Ridge and Young Ditch Roads within minutes of shopping, banking and other services nearby.

It will have 50 spacious, fully modern one-bedroom apartments. Call (989) 892-1912 for more information.

Pine Street

The Pine Street project will start sometime in April and finish by the end of August. We ask the residents to be patient during this construction period.

The corner of Pine and Center Roads will be redesigned for four lanes. New signal poles and

lights will also be added .

North of the corner of Pine and Center the four lanes turn into three lanes as they head north to Nebobish, with the center lane designated as a turning lane. Also curb and gutter will be installed on both sides with a sidewalk on the East side for pedestrians.

This is being done to add to the safety for vehicle and pedestrian traffic.

We feel that this upgrade will blend in nicely to our Center Ave Beautification project.



Veterans

Memorial Day Service

Memorial Day Observance is Monday, May 26th. Please plan to put time aside to join in the gathering at the Hampton Township Memorial to remember those from Hampton Township who gave their all for their country and our freedom. Watch the Bay City Times as Memorial Day approaches for more information about the gathering at the Hampton Memorial.



CLERK'S NEWS

Our 2008 Election cycle is in full swing - with the January Presidential Primary behind us , the annual school election is next.

Anyone wishing for an AV Ballot, for any election, should notify the Township Office at (989) 893-7541 of their desire to receive a ballot for the individual election or to be placed on the permanent Absentee Voter list.

Election Worker training will take place early summer. If interested in becoming an election inspector, please fill out an Election Worker application, which is available in our office or on our website at:

www.hamptontownship.org

Pam Wright,
Hampton Township Clerk



2008 Election Dates

MAY 6, 2008 SCHOOL ELECTION
AUGUST 5, 2008 PRIMARY ELECTION
NOVEMBER 4, 2008 GENERAL ELECTION

From the Treasurer's Office:

2007 has been a good year for investments of the township. Interest payments on those investments to the township have increased from \$101,673.00 in 2006 to \$147,269.00 in 2007.

This is an approximate 45% increase in payments from 2006. The additional money helps in the operation of the township throughout the year. It is the equivalent of 1 1/2 additional payments of state revenues.

William G. Tacey
Hampton Township Treasurer

Tax information is available on our website. From the left hand column, Click on Tax Assessing Information, scroll down and read the Notice and Disclaimer, Click on "I accept and agree to the terms above", on the left hand side under Services, choose "Tax Information Search".

Choose one of the three ways to search for a property; i.e.: address (must have correct spelling, leave off LN, DR, ST for more accurate results), parcel number (begin with "070" and include the "-" between numbers) or last name.

Once parcel is displayed, click on it and scroll down to the bottom of the page for the tax information. Please note that tax information is updated quarterly.

FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

In 2007 Hampton Fire Department responded to a record setting 1005 calls. Here is a breakdown of the type of incidents that the department responded to:

Fires	20
EMS	785
Hazardous Conditions	49
Service Calls	89
Good Intent Calls	33
False Alarms	25
Severe Weather	2

Special Incident Type 2

Just a reminder to residents - with winter here, please help the DPW and Fire Departments by removing the snow from around the fire hydrants near your home.

We'd like to extend a special thanks to Tim D. Boutell of Boutell Enterprises. In late December 2007, members of the Fire Department had a unique opportunity

to do some training in the old Shirts & Mugs building before the building was razed.

Fire Department members trained in techniques of rescuing down or trapped fire fighters. With the use of the building we were able to make the training exercise realistic.

Thank you for the great training experience Tim.

Hampton Fire Department has two new reserve Fire Fighters:

Scott Goss Jr. & Jeremy Wright

Congratulations to Steve Sloan and Joe Beisel. In January, Steve started his 29th year and in June, Joe will start his 27th year as full time fire fighters for the Hampton Fire Department.

DPW UPDATE

The DPW has had a busy winter already - old time winter has returned with a vengeance.

The DPW has been busy trying to keep up with plowing the secondary roads. It has been difficult with the deep, blowing and drifting snow and down right cold weather conditions.

Along with plowing the roads, they have also kept the rail trail plowed, repaired water line breaks and cleared sewer obstructions.

Your patience is requested during this time.

Our DPW workers have a difficult job to do while working in these unpredictable conditions. They run the possibility of getting stuck in the snow themselves or in an accident while trying to keep the roads clean for the residents on a timely schedule.

The DPW purchased a new bucket truck and a small versatile tractor for sub contracting with the DDA on maintenance that is needed in the business district

area.

NATURE TRAIL

The Nature Trail has been completed starting from Finn Road Park meandering through to the West side of Knight Road halfway to Jones Road.

It is our hope to extend the nature trail farther west and eventually connect with the rail trail. In order to make this a reality, we will have to pursue funds from various agencies.

The Trail that we have in place was constructed through a matching funds grant from the DEQ Coastal Management, with our DPW providing all of the work.

The Saginaw Bay Land Conservancy Council also provided help with a land purchase.

We thank those individuals from these two agencies for helping us making the outdoors and nature available to everyone to enjoy.

Wood Memorial Park

As many of you may know The Lee Wood Family has been a large part of Hampton Township. With the sudden death of Melvin Wood in 2007, his friends and neighbors would like to leave a lasting memorial to him and The Wood Family.

Through donations from Lee Wood Contracting, local area businesses and friends of the family, The Wood Memorial project will expand the current rail trail park on Youngs ditch between Pine and Scheurmann.

Additions planned are a paved parking lot, pavilion and a playground.

Phase One started in October. Included in this were the surveying and the preparing of the ground for upcoming asphalt done by McFarland Trucking.

The next meeting will be March 4th at 7:00 p.m. at Hampton Township. All volunteers are welcome.

The next phase will be fundraising and then come spring we will be working on asphalt and landscaping.

Donation questions - please call

Cindy Rivard (989) 450-5684

If you would like a Committee/Contact list for the Wood Memorial, please call the Township Office for a copy at (989) 893-7541.

POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

We are still experiencing a number of Larcenies from Automobiles. Most of those vehicles are left unlocked with valuables sitting in plain view.

We would like to remind all residents to keep your vehicles locked at all times, including when they are sitting in your own driveway.

Do not leave valuables sitting in plain view in your vehicle whether it is locked or not.

We have also experienced a number of larcenies of catalytic converters from autos. They all appear to have been sawn off with hack or reciprocating saws. Either way the thief(s) are able to cut off a catalytic converter within one to four minutes.

In several of the instances, people heard suspicious noises and did not call 911. Depending on the converter the cost of replacement has been \$150 to \$800.

If you hear or see anything you think is suspicious, please call 911 and report it. An officer will be sent to investigate ASAP.

55 Alive is a classroom refresher course designed to meet the specific needs of drivers 50 years of age or older.

It covers age-related physical changes, declining perceptual skills and develops safe, defensive driving techniques.

You do not have to be an AARP

member to attend. Some insurance companies offer a discount for attending this course.

It is recommended that this class be taken every three years.

The class is offered in the spring and in the fall, and held at the Hampton Township Hall. There is a minimal charge for the class.

Senior Citizens that would like to participate in 55 Alive should call the Bay County Division of Aging at 895-4100.



The Hampton Senior Citizen Building is being renovated by the DPW workers. In the fall of 2007, the outside of the building received new paint, new shrubs and a new sign on the front of the building.



Now, in 2008, the DPW is working on the interior of the building. The interior work included: replacing ceiling tile, windows, kitchen counter tops, window shades, floor runners, a stainless steel covering for the vent hood and a fresh coat of interior paint.



The interior building paint was graciously donated by Meijer 's Store Director, Rob Short.

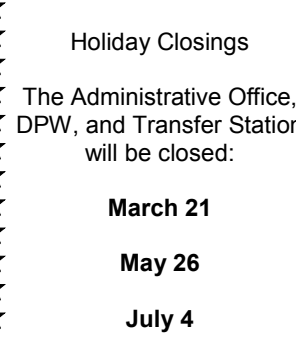


It has been many years since our Senior Center has been renovated, hopefully these improvements will make our seniors a little more comfortable. Perhaps it will encourage other seniors to join in for the luncheons and dinners.

Site Managers, Sue Howell and Sandy Fader make our seniors feel at home, while keeping things at the Center running smoothly.

It is our privilege to be able to make these renovations for our seniors who have helped us through the years.

During this remodeling, meals continue to be served in the Bar Room of the Township Hall.



 Holiday Closings

 The Administrative Office,

 DPW, and Transfer Station

 will be closed:

March 21

May 26

July 4

TRANSFER STATION IMPROVEMENTS

There have been some changes at our Transfer Station and more to come as the year goes on.

We now have a permanent sign at the entrance to the station, that posts the days and hours of operation, and general notices that our residents need to be informed of like this new one:

**"WE CAN NO LONGER ACCEPT BUILD-
ING MATERIALS DUE TO DEQ PROCESS-
ING REQUIREMENTS. "**

The DPW is working on removing all of the cement and rock that had been accumulated. The gate was moved back to the west and a berm was installed on each side with tree plantings

added to make it more aesthetically appealing.

For those who would like to use the nature trails, a parking lot in front of the gate has been added.

The roadway on the inside perimeter will be smoothed out making driving in and up to the compactors and recycling bins cleaner and easier to access.

Please note that keeping our environment clean comes with a price. We are charged for this service, so please use this service properly. Recycle responsibly.

Hampton Township Recycling

The following items are accepted in the recycle containers:

METAL RECYCLE CONTAINER:

CANS - ANY TYPE
GLASS - ANY COLOR
PLASTIC BOTTLES

PAPER RECYCLE CONTAINER:

CARDBOARD-MUST BE BROKEN DOWN &
FLAT

NEWSPAPERS (BUT NO MAGAZINES!!!)

PLEASE NOTE:

NO STYROFOAM OF ANY KIND IS PERMITTED IN EITHER BOX. STYROFOAM IS NOT A RECYCLABLE ITEM.