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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.

WATER & SEWER UPDATE

At the special meeting on May 11th, 2009, the Hampton Township Board of Trustees voted unanimously to join the West Bay County Waste Treatment plant and sever long standing ties with Bay City.

The Hampton Sewer Customers that were invited to attend the special meeting, also unanimously agreed with the Board's decision.

The Township Board's decision was made on the following

points:

- (1) A reduction in rates for our customers
- (2) Ownership in the plant with a voice in rate setting and how monies are being spent.
- (3) 3,815,000.00 dollar grant by U.S. Department of Agriculture that will help with the total cost of this project - projected cost for the total project is 18 million dollars.
- (4) 40 year federal loan
- (5) Environmentally friendly

with much more retention during rain events

We are targeting October or November 2009 to begin this project and hope to be connected to Bay County totally by November 2010.

We are anticipating an increase in water and sewer rates for 2009 - 2010 due to fixed cost to the City for their plant operations.

Consumers Energy Clean Coal Plant

Plans are continuing on track for Consumers Energy's proposed new clean coal plant at Karn/Weadock in Hampton Township. On June 5, Consumers submitted to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) and Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) an analysis showing that a balanced portfolio of diverse energy resources – including the new clean coal plant – is needed to meet future power needs. Consumers conducted the analysis in response to a request from the MDEQ, as part of the environmental permit process for the new plant.

MPSC has launched a 30-day public comment period on Consumers' alternatives analysis that runs through July 5, 2009. Meanwhile the MDEQ is conducting a public comment period from June 12 to August 11, 2009.

You can help support this important \$2.4 billion private investment in Bay County by taking just a few minutes to write to the MDEQ. Simply go to the following web-site:

<http://www.newgenmichigan.com/>

It's easy. Click on "Letter Builder" on the left and you will find step-by-step instructions. You can choose from a variety of paragraphs to put together a letter or write one of your own. There are sample letters and talking points supporting the plant.

Let's support economic growth in our Township by urging MDEQ to approve this important investment by Consumers.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE

Our Department of Public Works has had a busy year beginning in December - January, with the heavy snows followed by heavy rains and high winds in the spring.

With the projected amount of road work on the schedule for the year, there will be plenty of shoulder work to complete.

The DPW has anticipated widening Knight Road from Arms Road to the

Transfer Station. This widening project has been long overdue for years.

The Scheurmann sidewalk project has been delayed this year because of the traffic congestion from the Center Ave project.

The sidewalk project will be rescheduled for 2010. There will be a town hall meeting with the residents in early spring of next year.

Road Update

Road Resurfacing Projects included:

- Orchard and Charles Sts.
- Jones Road from Center to Hampton
- Rosemary Lane
- Knight Road Transfer Station

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.

POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Hampton Township Police Department will be conducting Neighborhood watch programs beginning in the third week of June. If you would like to host one or attend one, please contact Lt. Mike Wedding at the Police Department. The number is 892-0571. If he is not in, you can leave a message and he will contact you when he returns.

There has been a significant increase in property theft crimes since early 2008. Many of those involve larcenies from autos that could have been easily prevented. We are again asking auto owners whose vehicles are not garaged to **keep the windows rolled up and the doors locked. Valuable items like laptops, stereos, DVD players, & CD's and other valuables should not be left visible in the passenger compartment of a vehicle.**

The majority of these larcenies are occurring during the late evening and early morning hours. If you hear suspicious sounds during the

night, please call 911 to report it. If you do not wish to be contacted we will still send a patrol car to check the area. We are finding that the victims or their neighbor have often heard a suspicious noise that they did not think to report. If you see someone in your neighborhood who you think is suspicious please call 911 and report their activity. We will send a patrol unit to investigate.

We again encourage all residents to record the make, model, and serial numbers of all items you own. Keep the list in a safe place so it can be retrieved if items are lost or stolen. If the item does not have a serial or model number inscribe your drivers' license number on it. Every police department has numerous recovered but unclaimed items each year. They are not returned to the owners because they cannot be identified as belonging to the individual owner... Items recovered by the police that cannot be identified as belonging to an individual are destroyed... Please make a thorough list...

In April, the police department received two laptop computers through a grant with the Bay

County Sheriff's Office. The laptops are used as mobile data terminals in two of our patrol units. The officers using those units are able to run instant checks on drivers and vehicles. This is quicker than running the information through dispatch which then relays the information back to the officer.

We have five other grant requests waiting approval from the State and/or the Federal Government.

On May 21, the Police Department received a \$5,000 portable radio through Homeland Security money to enhance our communications with other emergency responders in the state. We now have three of these radios. All were free to the Township and purchased with Homeland Security money. We are in the process of applying for four more which will complete our portable interoperable radio project.

Last year Hampton Police Department responded to 5,456 dispatched calls and wrote 4,827 Reports. That is a 9% increase in reports over 2007.

Over 94,000 miles were logged on the Departments 7 patrol vehicles. This 8% decrease in mileage is due mainly to putting two officers in one car during non-peak complaint & traffic times. This was done as a cost saving measure when gas prices increased to over \$3.50 per gallon.

262 Adults were arrested, 67 juveniles were detained, 139 appearance tickets were issued for various criminal offenses, and 446 moving traffic violations were issued and 1,051 warnings were given.

Officer Nick Pletzke has resigned to take a patrol position with Canton Township in southern Michigan. Officer Jason Ruth has been hired in his place. Officer Ruth comes to us with over 5 years of experience as a part time officer in several departments in the thumb area. Officer Brett Whitman was also hired to fill in for an officer who is off work on extended medical leave. He comes to us with three years of experience in Flint.

Please welcome Jason and Brett to the community.

FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

In February 2009, Hampton Fire Department was awarded an \$84,846.00 Grant from FEMA FY2008 Assistance to Fire Fighters. This money will be used to replace a 30 year old SCBA air compressor/ cascade filling system, and to purchase a vehicle exhaust removable system, and equipment for the Rapid Intervention Team.

Assistant Chief Ron Rybak and the full time fire fighters did a great job in writing the grant.

Congratulations on a job well done!




On April 24, 2009 after 18 years Lt. Joe Roznowski has retired from the fire department. Joe was a reserve fire fighter for 12 years and served as a Lieutenant for the last six years.

Thank you Joe for your years of service you will be greatly missed!

A warm welcome to three new reserve fire fighters, Andy Schultz, Tisha Gottscholk, and Christine Moline. All three are licensed Paramedics



 Reminder - with the 4th of July coming, any fire works that leave the ground are illegal in the state of Michigan.



Congratulations to the 3rd grade winners of a brand new bike donated by the Hampton Twp. Meijer's.



Third grade students from Hampton and Verellen School participated in the SAFE at HOME program taught by Fire fighters Joe Beisel and Chris Pityer.

The winners were:

Verellen School:

Donavan Cooper - Mrs. Gonea class

Hampton School:

Caleb Dawson - Mrs. Davis class



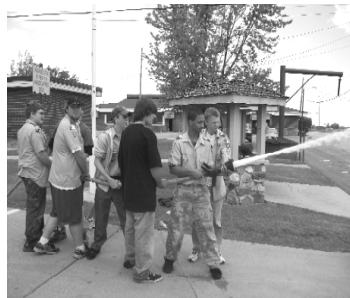
Hampton Fire Department helped 8 boy scouts from Essexville troop 101 earn there fire safety and CPR merit badges.

On May 29 - 31, Boy Scout Troop 101, Troop Leaders Chuck Sansburn and Dave Holk and Lt. Larry Courier (who has been working with the Essexville Boy Scout Troop 101 for a few years) of the Hampton Twp. Fire Department were at the Finn Road Campground for training and to work on their merit badges in fire safety, safety in the home, evacuations, fire prevention and first aid.

The 100 ft aerial truck was at the campgrounds on Saturday, where Lt. Courier, with the help of Firefighter Joe Beisel, showed the scouts how the aerial is set up and used to attack fires.

Each scout received a ride in the aerial bucket to show them what it felt like to work from that height and the children from the campground that came over to see the fire truck, also received a ride.

The aerial was returned to the fire station, and the troop was given a tour of station, which included going over the chores of the firefighters on duty (cleaning of the station - to maintenance of fire trucks and all equipment).



The pumper truck was pulled over to the hydrant at the DPW. The Scouts were given the opportunity to pull the lines and see how hard it is to control and advance a charged line while fighting a fire.



After disconnecting the hose, walking the water out of lines, rolling and re-loading hoses, we went inside to the classroom where

Assistant Fire Chief Ron Rybak conducted CPR training. All of the scouts earned their first CPR card.

Afterwards, we went back to the campground where they picked up trash and branches throughout the grounds.

We would like to thank the Fire Chief, Fire Department, Lt. Larry Courier and the Campground Manager, for working with Troop 101 to achieve their goals.



In 2008 Hampton Twp. Fire Department responded to 1100 calls:

Structure fires	13
Vehicle fires	5
Brush & grass	3
Rubbish & trash	5
Overpressure & Rupture	1
EMS	840
P.I. accidents	28
Pedestrian accidents	1
P.D. accidents	13
Extrication of accident victims	2
Gas leaks, flammable liquids	
Natural, LPG	5
Carbon monoxide incidents	12
Electrical problems	9
Down power or cable lines	25
Service calls	14
Citizens assisted	31
Unauthorized burning	15
Good intent calls	34
False calls	44