

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 Boardroom at 801 W. Center Rd.

WATER UPDATE

It's been a very busy past year and a half concerning the new water plant. We have a Water Supply Agreement in place with the Board of Bay County Road Commission and the 14 surrounding communities. We also have an agreement with Saginaw Midland Municipal Water Supply for our Raw Water Supply. We have hired CDM Smith as our Engineering Co. Hopefully by June 10, bids will be going out for construction of the new plant. Ground breaking should take place in September of this year. We have also formed an advisory committee made up of Township Supervisors and City Managers. There are 14 members on this committee and our job is to oversee the construction and operation of our new plant. This is a huge step for all of Bay County. This means Hampton Township will be part owners of a new 60 million dollar water plant.

SEWER UPDATE

Our sanitary sewer improvements are nearly complete. We have more infiltration work that should be completed by late summer. We have installed new pumps and many upgrades on 50% of our lift stations. We have state of the art alarm systems in 100% of our stations. The sanitary sewer station should be in good shape for at least the next 30 years.

By joining Bay County Sewer and Water we have become 1 of 8 owners of this plant and have greater control over our sewer rates.

Hampton Twp is applying for a SAW Grant (Storm water, Asset Management and Waste Water Program) through the MDEQ. If we succeed, we will receive 2 million dollars, with no payback, for storm sewer and wastewater upgrades. This will be a great benefit for Hampton Township.



Also, the Township would like to thank Theresa Mattews from the Melvin Wood and Lee Wood Memorial Park Fund for donating \$1,250 (50% of the cost) toward the purchase of a tractor mounted leaf blower, to be used on all of our walk paths and Rail Trails. The remaining balance for the tractor will come from our Parks and Recreation Fund.

Other Township news. The Transfer Station hours have been changed to:
Mon thru Friday—1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Saturday—9:00 a.m.—12 Noon.
This is a trial basis to see what works best for the residents.

2013 Summer Tax Collection

Bills are due July 1 to September 16th. The office will be opened on September 16th from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00p.m. (**By law the due date is September 14th which is a Saturday.**) On September 17th a 1% collection fee will be added to the delinquent bill.

If you are unable to reach the office by 4:00 p.m. , please use our drop box located in the Township Boardroom door west of the office entrance. This box is check daily at 7:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Remember to include a self addressed stamped envelope with your payment if you want a receipt returned to you.

If you are unable to pay this bill in full, our office will accept partial payments from July until the 2013 tax collection is sent to the Bay County Treasurer for collection February 28th, 2014. Thank you, William Tacey



There is now a suggestion box available at the front counter in the Administrative Office for Residents to use.

Fire Department Report

Hampton Township Fire Department 2012 Incident Calls:

- 26 Fires (includes structures, vehicle, brush, grass, rubbish)
- 826 EMS (includes house medicals, car accidents)
- 52 Hazardous conditions (includes gas leaks, electrical issues, down power lines)
- 88 Service calls (includes assist invalids, unauthorized burns)
- 50 Good intent calls (includes smoke scare, steam or other gas mistaken for smoke)
- 64 False alarms (includes fire alarms, smoke detectors)
- 1 Overpressure, rupture, explosion

On April 23, 2013 Hampton Township Fire Fighter Andrew Schultz was presented with a Life Saving Award from the Bay County Fire Fighters Association.

Fire Fighter Schultz received this award for the quick actions he took at the scene of a vehicular accident involving a victim trapped in an upside down vehicle in a water filled ditch. Fire Fighter Schultz entered the water filled ditch and rescued the victim.

Unit citations were also presented to the following Hampton Township Fire Fighters for their assistance: Assist Chief Ron Rybak, Lt. Craig Bouckaert, Joe Beisel, Lee Blakley, Greg Delano, Chad Erndt, Curt Howard, Tisha Johnson, Shaun Johnson, Chris Pityer, Taylor Timm and Kevin Vandenoorn.

Fireworks: As of January 1, 2012 consumer fireworks are legal in Michigan, but **NO** fireworks are totally safe. Each year fireworks cause injury and death to citizens across the country. Remember to keep fireworks out of the hands of children and please refrain from drinking alcohol when using them. To see what fireworks are legal to use in Michigan go to www.michigan.gov and search for fireworks. Fireworks are legal to use on the day before a holiday, the holiday, and the day after the holiday. You are responsible for the fallout from fireworks. Please be considerate of neighbors who may have to get up early for work the next morning. If you have any questions about fireworks please go to the State of Michigan website (as mentioned above) search for fireworks, Ten Frequently Asked Questions on Fireworks Safety Act of 2011.

Police Department Report

Hampton Police Department conducts Neighborhood watch programs free of charge. If you would like to host one or attend one please contact Lt. Mike Wedding at the Police Dept. The number is 892-0571. If he is not in, you can leave a message and he will return your call.

As of May 10th this year, your Police Dept. has been dispatched to over 1000 calls for assistance. Larcenies from unlocked property and cars remain the highest categories of theft. Keep your vehicles locked and do not leave items of any value that can be seen through the windows inside your car. Place and lock valuable

items in the trunk out of sight.

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.

The Police Dept. is now operating on the new County 800 MHz radio system. The radios were all purchased and installed with grant money from Homeland Security.

Five weeks ago Hampton PD received seven new MDC's (Mobile Data Computers). In the last three weeks Hampton PD received two digital cameras, binoculars, a respirator

and canister from the homeland Security Grants.

Once again we caution everyone to be aware of Telephone, Mail and Internet Scams. There are many variations and types of scams. Stop and think, If it is too good to be true it is more than likely a scam. If an e-mail comes from a source you are not familiar with, do not open it. Delete it or put it in your junk e-mail folder.

On May 14, 2013, two coyotes were observed attacking a small dog on Wedgewood Drive off Borton Road. The two coyotes reportedly followed the dog into an open garage. The dog sustained injuries and was treated by a local veterinarian. The coyotes

ran off after a neighbor confronted and scared them. Please be aware that there have been other sightings of coyotes in the township. Please keep your eyes open for these predators. The following are some rules to help reduce the presence of coyotes.

Never intentionally feed these predators Eliminate outside food sources like dog and cat food and garbage Remove brush piles that attract small animals like rodents and rabbits which are a food source for coyote. Keep watch over small children that are outside playing (Coyote attacks on humans are rare) Don't allow small pets (smaller than a Collie or Labrador) outside by themselves (especially at night).

DPW Report

The DPW has been busy this past winter. They dredged out 1,200 feet of Finn Road Channel at our park and as this newsletter is being put together, boaters are making good use of this great asset to our township. With the Bay levels as low as they are, we are very lucky to have access to the Saginaw Bay. Also, the DPW has constructed a 2nd bridge for our final section of walk path from Finn Rd Park west to Jones Road. This project hopefully will be completed by July 1, 2013. It's also been very busy with the amounts of rain we have received. Since late March to June 1 we've received more than 14" of rain. Not since the great flood of 1986 have we seen this amount in this time period. Fortunately with our sewer upgrades we've had minimal damage in residents basement.