Hampton Charter Township

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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

The new Consumers Energy clean coal project proposed in Hampton Township continues to make progress.

On October 8, 2008 Governor Granholm signed into law a package of energy policy reform bills that were passed by both houses of the Michigan Legislature in bi-partisan votes.

Among other things the legislation calls for the State's major utilities to generate 10% of their electricity from renewable sources by 2015. It also calls for establishment of a certificate of need process at the Michigan Public Service Commission for major capital investments such as a new clean coal plant.

Passage of this legislation removed a major hurdle for the new power plant at Karn/Weadock.

Our local legislators, particularly State Rep. Jeff Mayes (D-96th) took on leadership roles in getting this legislation passed.

The next step in the permitting process is an air permit, for which an application has been submitted to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ). The MDEQ could issue a draft permit for public comment sometime in the next few months.

When that happens, Hampton Township residents are urged to let their voice be heard on the importance of the new Consumers Energy project to the Township's future and to Bay County's future, for the jobs that will be created and for the energy that is needed for the State of Michigan.

HAMPTON TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

THIS IS IMPORTANT TO YOU!

A Call to Action form has been inserted in your newsletter. This form has options for you to show your support for the proposed Consumer Energy Clean Coal Project here in Hampton Township. Make your voices heard bringing jobs and energy to our area.

The Call To Action Form, once filled out, can be mailed or brought in to the township office.

We need your help to make this project a reality.

(Forms are available at our Hampton Township Office.)

SEWER TALKS - Hampton Township Board of Trustees continues sewer negotiations with both the City of Bay City and the Bay County Department of Water and Sewer. Your Township officials are in the process of negotiating a prospective new contract for sewer service with the City of Bay City which contemplates establishment of an agreement which provides a reliable means for establishing rates into the future. It would also update the current agreement which is set to expire in approximately two years, with respect to modern statutes, both federal and state.

Simultaneously, negotiations continue with the Bay County system for the purpose of trying to determine the cost to the Township for joining that system. Not only is the cost to connect of great importance, but so is an analysis to be done to determine what rates Township residents might pay if they were to join the Bay County system. It is expected to take three to four months before there is any further information about such costs. Once your Township officials have full information in hand concerning both options, public input will be considered in making a decision.

WATER TALKS - The current 2008/2009 wholesale water rate of \$1.93 per hundred cubic feet (CCF) represents a \$.07 increase from the previous year. This increase is largely due to inflationary cost increases, along with the full effect now in the rate of the \$7M cost of the recently completed North Lagoon rehabilitation project, which handles the residual spoils from the City of Bay City Water Treatment Plant.

Negotiations with Bay City have progressed well on the wholesale water rate arbitration demand that was filed by the Out-City Water Customers (Hampton Township, City of Essexville, and Bay County) in May of 2007. The Out-City Water Customers disagreed with the City's handling of five rate elements relating to transmission main expenses, capital expenditures, and retirement benefit costs. The City and Out-City parties have been meeting in an attempt to settle in lieu of the arbitration process. We are happy to report a verbal agreement has been reached, to the satisfaction of the Out-City customers for the present and future years on these very important water rate issues. Signed formal agreement is expected later this month.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

New Businesses:

El Mexicano Restaurant 3593 Center Ave Catholic Federal Credit Union 3015 Center Ave

MacFarlane Trucking
Paul Williams, Atty. at Law
Signs by Tracy
From the Heart Home Care
Thumb Insurance Group
I M All Tech
Located at 2711 Center Ave

Remedies Rainforest

99 N. Tuscola Rd

Construction Updates:

Bay Animal Hospital

632 W Center Rd, clinic expansion is complete.

The Village of Hampton Meadows

(A Senior Living Community) 700 N Pine Rd

Now accepting residency applications.

Call Andrea Felice, Residential Services Coordinator for more information at (989) 892-1912

Walgreen's

2911 Center Ave

Veterans Memorial Services

Services for 2009 Memorial Day Observance is Monday, May 25, 2009. Please join in the gathering at the Hampton Township Memorial.

Since our new memorial has been dedicated, more and more people are attending the memorial day ceremony remembering those who have given their all for our freedom and our great country.

Watch the Bay City Times as Memorial Day approaches in 2009 for more information about the time of the gathering at the Hampton Memorial.

Essexville-Hampton Band Boosters need your help!

The Cramer and Garber Band Programs are in desperate need of instruments for our students.

Many of our instruments are in need of repair or are unable to be repaired any more.

If you have a musical instrument that you would like to donate to the program, please contact:

Mr. Jason Lewis at 989-460-2421

Thank you very much for your continued support.

DPW Update

Our DPW crew has had a busy 2008 year, starting right out with an old time winter with a lot of drifting snow. As winter weather approaches again this year, we ask your patience giving our workers time to clear the roads - making them safe to travel for everyone. (This is a hazardous job for our workers.)

The DPW has had a steady work load during the year keeping equipment in good working order, cutting grass along the roads and parks, keeping the Finn Road Campground looking good, maintenance dredging the Finn Rd Channel for our boaters and fisherman, collecting water samples for lab testing, marking our many outfalls into the Saginaw Bay so we can be in compliance with our water run-off for BASWA (Bay Area Storm Water Authority) compliance, checking our many pumps and lift stations, repairing broken water lines, checking and repairing our sewer lines, trimming tree limbs, filling the shoulders of the roads where needed, installing catch basins and walk paths and the list could go on and on.

The **Pine Street** project that was put in place with grant monies by the Bay County Road Commission has been completed with a sidewalk on the east side of Pine from Center to Nebobish. What a beautiful project. We have had many calls from the residents and businesses saying how nice it is and how many people are using the sidewalks on Center and Pine streets. We want to thank the residents and businesses for their patience and to the contractors responsible for the

work; especially our own Hampton Township's Lee Wood Excavating.

Asphalt Roads for 2008 were finished in a very timely manner by Pyramid Paving. The following roads were finished:

Ledyard - from Center Ave to Nebobish

2nd Street - from Scheurmann to the end

4th Street - from Scheurmann to the end

Jones Rd - from Center Ave to Ridge Rd. and also the parking lot at Pondside Park on the Jones Rd. side.

8 Miles of Chip and Seal was applied and finished by the Bay County Road Commission on the following roads:

Burns Rd. - from Youngsditch to Nebobish

Finn Rd - from Youngsditch to Finn Rd. Park

Ridge Rd - from Knight Rd to Farley

Knight Rd - from Center Ave to Youngsditch

Proposed Road Work slated for 2009:

Orchard Rd. from Center Ave to Nebobish Rd. Charles St. from Pine Rd. to Orchard Rd. Jones Rd. from Center Ave to Borton Rd.

Other roads will be targeted if road millage funds are available.

Proposed Sidewalk slated for 2009

We have engineering plans to put a sidewalk on the east side of Scheurmann to Nebobish Ave. We will have a town hall meeting around February to discuss the project with area residents. The sidewalk will be put in place utilizing our DPW workers.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

- ⇒ Hampton Fire Department would like to remind residents with winter approaching to have your furnaces checked and have fireplace and wood stove chimneys cleaned.
- ⇒ Remember to test your smoke detectors at least once a month and replace the battery annually.
- ⇒ Practice your home escape drills and have a working CO detector in your home.

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- ⇒ Hampton Fire Department held an open house at the fire station on September 14th from 12 noon till 4pm.
- ⇒ Despite the rainy weather, we still had 140 people stop by.
- ⇒ Thank-you to Bay Regional EMS, Michigan Community Blood Bank, Michigan DNR

- Forest Firefighting Division, Field Neurosciences Institute, and Michigan Cardiovascular Institute for participating in the open house.
- ⇒ Also, the Hampton Fire Fighters would like to extend a big THANK-YOU to the local businesses for their donations of door prizes and money to purchase fire prevention materials used for the open house.
- ⇒ The next open house is scheduled for the September 12, 2010.
- ⇒ The last week in September, the Hampton Fire Department was at Verellen School, Hampton Elementary and Bethel Lutheran School with the Bangor Twp Fire Departments fire safety
- \Rightarrow 307 3rd grade students

trailer.

learned about kitchen safety, calling 911 and home escape drills.

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⇒ The fire fighters would like to thank Big Boy Restaurant for hosting a ce-

6, 2008.

- ⇒ The fire fighters assisted the staff in serving customers and cleaning tables. Aerial rides were given to the pubic and the money raised from the fund raiser will be used to purchase fire
- ⇒ On October 25 Hampton Fire Department assisted Meijer's with their safety day.

prevention materials.

⇒ Hampton Fire Fighters trained Meijer employees' on using fire extinguishers.

- Meijers gave discount coupon to shoppers for smoke detectors and fire extinguishers.
- ⇒ The Bangor Twp. Fire Dept safety trailer was open to shoppers and used to teach home escape drill and kitchen fire safety. Aerial truck rides were also given.
- ⇒ Reminder to business in the township, Hampton Fire Department offers fire extinguisher classes. Call the station for more information.

Edward Stagray 19 yrs service

New Hire's:

Kevin Vandenboom Full time fire-fighter

POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

POLICE DEPARTMENT

We are 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 should not be left visible in the passenger compartment of a vehicle.

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. Every police department has hundreds if not thousands of items that are recovered each year and are not returned to the owners because they cannot be identified as belonging to certain individuals... Most items recovered by the police

are destroyed... Please make a thorough list...

If you need to make a police report (emergency or non-emergency) call 911. If you need to talk to an officer regarding an incident you have already reported, call the police department that took the report....

Please remember that the 25 mile per hour speed zone is in effect in front of Verellen School on Borton between 7:30 am to 8:00 am and between 2:15 pm and 2:45 pm on school days.

We would like to remind drivers that snow and ice will be arriving shortly. Install new tires where tires are worn to the wear bars to provide better traction while stopping and turning. Drivers should leave

early and slow down for safer travel when roads are snow covered or slippery...

In May the police department received a 1993 truck/van from the Air National Guard. The vehicle only had 32,000 miles on it. The vehicle has been equipped to hold crime scene investigation equipment and training equipment.

The police department is in the process of receiving two mobile data terminals. (These were received on a grant in conjunction with the Bay County Sheriff). The terminals will give officers instant access to vehicle & driver information from the Secretary of State, the Law Enforcement Information Network, the National Criminal Information System and other Law Enforce-

ment Agencies. We are in the process of applying for additional grants to equip each of the police department's seven patrol cars with equal capabilities.

Last year Hampton Police Department responded to 5,471 dispatched calls and wrote 4,361 Reports. Over 102,000 miles were logged on the Departments 7 vehicles. 271 Adults were arrested, 62 juveniles were detained, 142 appearance tickets were issued for various criminal offenses, and 648 moving traffic violations were issued and 1,352 warnings were given.

By comparison the police department has already responded to over 4,400 dispatched calls and handled over 4,000 complaints in less than 10 months of this year. Township Times Page 4

Hampton Senior Center

Don't know what to cook for lunch or dinner...are you tired of eating alone. . or are you just plain tired of cooking? If you have answered yes to one or all of these questions, then you need to join us at the HAMP-TON SENIOR CENTER! Not only do we provide delicious meals, we also provide a wide variety of activities, a friendly atmosphere and plenty of socialization.

Lunch, which is prepared at the Community Center, is served at 12 noon and reservations can be made by calling Susan at 895-5968 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Tuesday thru Friday. Dinner, which is prepared on site, is served at 5:00 p.m. and reservations can be made by calling Sandi at 895-5968 between 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Monday thru Friday. Reservations must be made 24 hours in advance. If the entrée of the day does not appeal to you, the salad or sandwich of the week may be ordered. Beverages (milk, coffee and iced tea) is included with your meal. Place settings are provided which means you are totally out of the kitchen! All of this for a suggested donation of only \$2.00.

During the month of September Hampton A.M. provided over 200 meals and Hampton P.M. provide over 1300 meals.

Some activities (during the months of September, October and November) Hampton P.M. includes: Fluffer Nutter Day, Homemade Donut Day, National Bologna Day, Farmer's Day, Chocolate in a Bag Day, Grouch Day, and Chocolate Covered Insect Day. Up-coming activities include: Homemade Soup Day, Junk Food Day, putting up the I am Thankful Tree and celebrating Mickey Mouse's 80th birthday. These are just a few of the activities that have been planned.

Come on in and meet new friends or you may meet your neighbors and friends who are already enjoying our good food, fun and fellowship! Eligibility for this wonderful program is very simple-you need only to be 60 or older or the spouse of someone that age.

The Hampton Senior Center is located at 801 Center Road in Essexville between Jones and Wagner Roads....directly behind the Hampton Hall.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate in call Susan or Sandi at 895-5968.....hope to see you REAL soon!

Wood Memorial Park Update

Thanks to all the hard work from the families and friends of Melvin & Lee Wood; the park has been a great success.

Our accomplishments for 2008 included:

- 1. A pavilion was constructed by volunteers.
- R&R Ready mix donated the concrete & Shotwell Builders poured the concrete for the floor & sidewalk.
- 3. Hampton Twp DPW employees underground work for the new drinking fountain.
- 4. Pyramid Paving & Saginaw Asphalt did the asphalt for the parking lot.
- 5. Landscaping was done by Abele's Greenhouse and Bay Landscaping.
- Twelve pine trees were donated by Terry & Lori Dora; recently planted by friends and family.





Projects yet to come:

- Installation of two lights for the parking lot donated by Consumers Energy.
- 2. Park Sign created & donated by Eberhard & Father.
- Parking lot lines to be painted by Asphalt Concrete Service.

Holiday Closings

The Administrative Office, DPW, and Transfer Station will be closed:

December 24, 25, 26

January 1, & 19

February 16

April 10

May 25

TRANSFER STATION IMPROVEMENTS

There have been some changes at our Transfer Station this year. 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.

The DPW has removed 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 use the nature trails, a parking lot in front of the gate has been added.

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.

2009 Transfer Station cards will be available December 1st.

Because of increasing costs to operate the transfer station, a \$30 annual fee will be charged per household.