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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-96<sup>th</sup>) 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.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>New Businesses:</b></p> <p><b>El Mexicano Restaurant</b> 3593 Center Ave</p> <p><b>Catholic Federal Credit Union</b> 3015 Center Ave</p> <p><b>MacFarlane Trucking</b></p> <p><b>Paul Williams, Atty. at Law</b></p> <p><b>Signs by Tracy</b></p> <p><b>From the Heart Home Care</b></p> <p><b>Thumb Insurance Group</b></p> <p><b>I M All Tech</b> Located at 2711 Center Ave</p> <p><b>Remedies Rainforest</b> 99 N. Tuscola Rd</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Construction Updates:</b></p> <p><b>Bay Animal Hospital</b> 632 W Center Rd, clinic expansion is complete.</p> <p><b>The Village of Hampton Meadows</b> (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</p> <p><b>Walgreen's</b> 2911 Center Ave</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Veterans Memorial Services</b></p> <p>Services for 2009 Memorial Day Observance is Monday, May 25, 2009. Please join in the gathering at the Hampton Township Memorial.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Watch the Bay City Times as Memorial Day approaches in 2009 for more information about the time of the gathering at the Hampton Memorial.</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Essexville-Hampton Band Boosters need your help!</b></p> <p>The Cramer and Garber Band Programs are in desperate need of instruments for our students.</p> <p>Many of our instruments are in need of repair or are unable to be repaired any more.</p> <p>If you have a musical instrument that you would like to donate to the program, please contact:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Mr. Jason Lewis at 989-460-2421</b></p> <p>Thank you very much for your continued support.</p>
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### 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 Pondsides 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.



