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## Looking back at the past 8 years - Terry Spegel

These past eight years as your supervisor have been busy and very progressive and I thank everyone for the honor to serve you. All of these projects could not have been accomplished without all of our departments working diligently to provide service to all our residents. I have been part of a township board that has a vision and the fortitude to make some tough decisions to get the job done. It takes all our committees and departments working together to make things happen for a better community.

## 2005


- Borton Rd widening/resurfacing, Knight Rd to Essexville City limits- Joint project between Bay Co Road Commission & Hampton DPW (installed drain tube & filled in ditch).
-  \$50,000 DEQ grant received from Coastal Management for the Nature Trail; includes placement of a walk bridge (installed by DPW and Lee Wood Contracting) that spans Finn Rd Drain, from Finn Road Campground to Knight Road.
- Twp received new voting machines purchased with Help America Vote Act Monies from a Federal grant.
- Police Dept responsible for the arrest of the individual responsible for over 100 burglaries in the Tri County Area.
- Bay City given 5 year notice of termination with Hampton's sewer contract (negotiations begin).
- Hampton Twp Web Site made its debut with postings of information & current happenings in the Twp. **Web Site address:** [www.hamptontownship.org](http://www.hamptontownship.org) (Special thanks to Dale Majerczk, former City Mgr of Essexville for all of his help)
- Police Dept received grants (items purchased) from Dept of State Police (FC-10 Breath Testers), American Heart Assoc. (Automated External Defibrillator), MMRMA (Taser, Station Video Security System, Training Grant) Meijer (Video Camera & player/recorder) and Dept of Homeland Security (Mobile Radios).
- Fire Dept received 2 Federal Government grants to purchase: 25 sets of turn out gear, 25 pagers, 2 portable radios & Thermal Imager Camera.
- Commercial Business Construction: Marquis Water Conditioning rebuilt, Dr Shahzad Manawar, Dr Vasso Godiali, Tim Hortons, Michigan Psychiatric & Behavioral Assoc.
- Subdivision update: Hampton Lake Estates Phase II, Natures Ridge Phase II, Under Wood Estates.

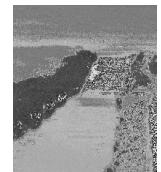
## 2006

- New veterans memorial constructed with contributions from businesses and residents, hours of volunteer work (detailing done by Gary Hugo Contracting) and our DPW.
- Dredge Permit for 10 years—Army Corp
- Dredge Permit for 5 years—DEQ (renewed in 2011)
- \$30,000 grant from Coastal Management DEQ allowed the DPW to begin working on Phase II of the Nature Trail.
- Finn Road Channel dredged after being closed for 12 years.



Work was done in conjunction with Drain Commission funding and Twp General Fund monies.

-  Senior Center received new flooring via matching contributions received from Bay County & Hampton Twp.
- "Auto MARK" equipment for persons with physical disabilities are available for the August & November elections.



- Commercial Business Construction Update: Presbyterian Village Development
- Fire Dept received 2 grants: 1) Federal Emergency Management Agency to purchase 21 new Self Contain Breathing Apparatus' & 2) Homeland Security Commercial Direct Assistance Program for GasAlert Micro 5 Handheld Multi-gas Detector.
- Harding Road extended with a 5 ft shoulder on the east side; DPW performed the work.
- DDA Center Ave beautification project began; burying overhead wires, new lighting fixtures & sidewalks on the north & south sides of Center Ave. This project brought our business district into the 21st century.



## 2007

- Aerial Photos of Hampton Twp taken & displayed in Board Room. Wonderful overview of our Township.
- DPW built a soil barge & push boat for maintaining Finn Road Channel.
- Walk path added on the north side of Nebobish from Orchard Road to 3/4 of the way to Boutell Rd.

**2007 Continued**

- Nature Trail parking lot constructed by the DPW, in front of transfer station area.
- Commercial Business Construction: Bay Animal Hospital Expansion, Dr. Todd Rathke
- Melvin Wood Memorial Park donated by Lee Wood Contracting established by family, friends & businesses near the Rail Trail on Youngs Ditch Rd, features a rest area pavilion for those who enjoy using the rail trail.
- 12 new sites were put in place at the Finn Road Campground—our campground is a little gem for the Twp; people can go to enjoy the serenity, fishing, boating, hiking, jogging, bird watching or just connecting with nature.
- After 3 /12 years of advocating for new Consumers Energy plant—the plant is put on indefinite hold.
- Police Dept. received grants from Homeland Security— purchased 3 laptop computers, 2 pairs binoculars, 3 night vision goggles & 2 800 Mhz two-way radios & Meijer—purchased 4 traffic radar units. Also purchased an accident investigation station & training for one officer.
- Pine St renovation completed with monies from MDOT; upgrades include 3 lanes & a reconfiguration of turning lanes off Center with curb & gutter from Center Ave to Nebobish.

**2008**

- Commercial Business Construction: Walgreens, El Mexicano Restaurant
- Pine Street sidewalk project (grant money received from Bay Co Road Commission) completed on the east side of Pine from Center to Nebobish work was done by the DPW.
- Police Dept received two mobile data terminals from a grant in conjunction with the Bay Co Sheriff.
- Senior Citizens Center remodeled.

**2009**

- Transfer station has asphalt installed, making it easier & cleaner for our residents to use & for our DPW to maintain.
- Commercial Business Construction: Catholic Federal Credit Union replaces Old Town Furniture, Mandarian House relocates
- Police Dept. receives grant from Homeland Security to enhance their communications with other emergency responders.

**2010**

- New pump stations 1 & 2 were constructed for new force main sewer line to County.
- Police Dept received 3 grants from Homeland Security for Report Writing Software, 4 Mobile Data Computers, 4 Portable Radios.
- New force main lines are installed—from Hampton Twp & City of Essexville extending from Trumbull St to Nebobish St & Nebobish St to the river done by diagonally boring 25 ft under the river, then down Wilder to Bay County Waste Treatment.
- DPW poured sidewalks along the east side of Scheurmann from Center Ave to Nebobish.
- DPW connects all sidewalks on the south side of Center to the Meijer Store. Residents can now use these sidewalks to walk, jog, bike ride, drive amigos or wheel chairs to get to all of our businesses without being in traffic.
- \$13 million dollar loan approved through USDA Rural Development (40 year at 3.25% interest) for improvements to Hampton Twp's wastewater collection & treatment system.
- USDA announced that a grant in the amount of \$477,776 for Hampton sewer project—largest grant in Michigan for the year.

**2011**

- Hampton Twp installed new water meters and took over reading & billing from Bay City.
- New Hampton Twp Master plan update put in place with grant money from Coastal Management DEQ.
- Fire and Police Millage is passed - this ensures that our residents will continue to receive service from our Rescue 1st responders, Fire and Police Departments.
- Bay Area Community Foundation Riverwalk & Railtrail Committee, committed \$19,197 for upgrades to help curb the cost of updating Hampton Township's Rail Trail.
- Severed ties with Bay City Waste Treatment and joined Bay County Waste Treatment

**2012**

- 2012 Hampton DPW worked on rail trail updates along with Pyramid paving. New trees were planted—benches were redone, couple of curves were straightened, & our rail trail is very handicapped friendly. A new bench was purchased and donated by Jack Horner for our rail trail. Thank you !
- Twp purchased property at 135 E Center Rd, and demolished unsafe buildings.
- 2535 22nd Street/House demolished and a newly constructed Physical Therapy Clinic will be opening soon.
- Updated old telephone land line alarm and monitor system to wireless (SCADA) system saving money and improving system.

☺ On a final note; you can tell that you are in Hampton Twp because of our roads. The road millage is being used wisely to maintain what we have and to continue to keep our roads in good condition.