

**HALL RENTAL
SENIOR CENTER**

We are now renting the small hall (Happy Hearts) for events on a Saturday or Sunday. We have added a fresh coat of paint on the wall and ceiling and it is really looking nice.



This hall is air conditioned and has a capacity of 125 people. The cost is \$150. There is a stove and refrigerator available. Perfect for showers or weddings. Security available if alcohol is served. For more information, please contact the Township office at 893-7541.

Transfer Station Cards

New Rates for 2019 will be:

- \$100 Transfer Station Permit (\$8.34 per month)
- \$15 One-Time Use Permit for large items

This increase is necessary to cover operating expenses. Our contract with GFL Environmental for waste management removal includes an annual increase for service each year.

Finn Road Park Observation Tower

Hampton Township was awarded a grant in 2016 from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) in the amount of \$182,300 for the construction of a handicap accessible observation tower and extension of the rail trail at Finn Road Park. It will be accessible on the east side of the boat launch. The Hampton Township DPW have been working on this project in addition to all their other duties and will hopefully have it completed by Spring, 2019.

If you have never been out there, you really should visit the new trail.



Medical Marihuana

After much education, discussion, public input and legal advice, the Hampton Township Board of Trustees voted 5-1 to opt into the Medical Marihuana Facilities Act and approved Ordinance No. 65 on April, 18, 2018. This ordinance is available to view on our website. Currently, our Township allows growers, processors, safety compliance facilities and secure transporters. The Board made the decision to not allow provisioning centers/dispensaries, at this time.

The Township has received one application for a growing facility. There are strict regulations addressing items such as licensing, security, odor, etc.

For more information visit: www.hamptontownship.org

Hampton Township Facts

- Total size of Hampton is 32.5 sq. miles of which 27 sq. miles is land and 5.5 sq. miles is water.
- Fire hydrants with valves: 671
- Main water line valves: 461
- Water mains ranging from 2-inches to 15-inches in diameter: over 521,000 feet which is equivalent to 98.6 miles



Hampton Times

Winter 2018

**Hampton Township Supervisor
Terri Close**

Hello Township Residents,

For those that don't know me, I was appointed to the supervisor position in July, 2017 and elected in November, 2018.

As a way to keep you informed on what has been happening in our township, I have decided to start up the Township Newsletter that was last published in 2015.

We will also be posting the newsletter on our website so you can view it and other information by visiting www.hamptontownship.org. Please feel free to contact me, if you have any questions or concerns.

Water and Sewer Rate Increase

The Hampton Township Board of Trustees voted to increase the water and sewer rates effective July 1, 2018. As much as we didn't want to have to do this, it was necessary for many different reasons. water usage is down which increases the cost.

In 2017, Hampton Township was required by the MDEQ to provide the state our Water Asset Management Plan (AMP). The AMP lists our water system assets and takes into consideration the year it was installed, the material used, the probability of failure and the consequence of failure.

Based on all this information, a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) was created to detail the funding structure and outlines how much Hampton Township is required to put into a restricted fund for future water infrastructure repairs, maintenance and replacement. The Hampton Township AMP states that \$47,000 per year needs to be put into a CIP restricted fund.

The MDEQ will also be requiring we create a Sewer Asset Management Plan in the near future and contribute to a sewer CIP restricted fund for future.

With the assistance of the engineering consultant that prepared our Water Asset Management Plan, our rates were reviewed and an assessment was completed.

ed. Consideration was given to expenses, future CIP projects, and system maintenance and a rate structure was proposed to our board. We reviewed the proposal and approved the new rate structure. Unfortunately, once we implemented the new rates into our billing system, the results did not react as we intended. Larger meter sizes were experiencing excessive rate increases and a reevaluation of the rates were necessary.

Once we adjusted the rate structure, it was decided that the best thing to do was to issue AMENDED water and sewer bills with corrected rates. Only those bills that had sewer charges or separate sprinkler meters received AMENDED bills. The Readiness-to-Serve charge was not be charged on sprinklers meters.

Please note that the water and sewer revenue are restricted funds that cannot be used for anything other than water and sewer related costs. You can expect to receive a **3% increase** in the water and sewer rates January 1st of each year.

We want to extend our sincerest apologies for this unfortunate error. Thank you for contacting us with your concerns and for your patience while we made the necessary corrections.

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Hampton Township Board of Trustees meets the first & third Monday of each month at 7:00 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.

EMPLOYEE NEWS

Fire Chief Randy VanDenBoom retired after 28 years of service with the Hampton Township Fire Department. Randy began his career in 1990 and became the Fire Chief in 2005. Randy plans on being a reserve fire fighter for the Township.

DPW Superintendent Dave Weiler retired after 33 years of service with the Hampton Township Department of Public Works. Dave began his career with Hampton Township in 1985 and became the DPW Superintendent in 2012. He plans on working with his son in the tree cutting business.

Assessor Ellen Kasper resigned after 29 years of service with Hampton Township. Ellen began her career at Hampton Township in 1989 and became the assessor in 2014. She has accepted a new assessing position with the City of Midland.

Thank you all for your service!

NEW ASSESSOR

In October, we began contracting the assessing services with Ronda Mrock-Parks. Ronda is a Level 3 Assessor with over 27 years of experience.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Property Taxes Due by: Feb. 14, 2019 (after Feb. 28th, all payments must be paid to Bay County Treasurer)

Board of Review: Dec 11, 2018 (for clerical errors only)

New Assessment Change Notices: Feb, 2019 (will be mailed)

Board of Review for Appealing: March, 2019*

*Dates and times will be listed on your February notice.

Department Of Public Works

ROAD PROJECTS COMPLETED IN 2018

Chip Seal

- Ridge Rd—Pine to Knight (1.89 miles)
- Nebobish Rd—Orchard to Jones (.87 miles)
- N Bowker Rd—Cass to Youngsditch (1 mile)
- Warner Rd—N Cotter to End (1.5 miles)
- Elizabeth Lane—Borton to North End (.2 miles)
- Jane Dr—Borton to North End (.36 miles)

Overlay

- Borton Rd—Knight to Finn (1 mile)
- Jones Rd—Hampton to Arms (.5 miles)

Finn Road Park Winter Storage

Now taking applications for
OUTSIDE WINTER STORAGE!

Season: November 1 – April 15
Cost: \$165 for season*



Removal: Items must be removed by April 1 – 15 by appointment only.
Contact Hampton Township at (989) 893-7541 for pick up only.

Contact for Application: Hampton Township, 801 W. Center Ave.,
Essexville, MI 48732, (989) 893-7541

- ◇ Park is Fenced
- ◇ Season Pricing Only
- ◇ No Refunds if Picked up Early
- ◇ Hold Your Lot for Spring!

*No proration or refunds for early removal.



Other News

LEAD AND COPPER RULE

The EPA, Environmental Protection Agency, published regulations to control the levels of lead and copper in drinking water known as the Lead and Copper Rule (LCR). For updated facts and information, please visit the following sites:

MI DEQ Web Site:

www.michigan.gov/deq/0,4561,7-135-3313_3675_3691-9677--,00.html

USEPA Web Site:

www.epa.gov/dwreginfo/lead-and-copper-rule

Other News

PFAS AND PFOS

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl and Perfluorooctanesulfonic substances (PFAS and PFOS) have made headlines in the news. They are a group of chemicals resistant to heat, water and oil. US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has classified PFAS and PFOS as an emerging contaminant on the national landscape. For updated facts and information, please visit the following sites:

MDEQ Web Site:

https://www.michigan.gov/pfasresponse/0,9038,7-365-86511_86688-464299--,00.html

USEPA Web Site:

www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/drinking-water-health-advisories-pfoa-and-pfos

Fact Sheets from MDHHS and USEPA:

www.michigan.gov/documents/pfasresponse/PFAS_in_Drinking_Water_624844_7.pdf

SAW GRANT

The DEQ has approved Hampton Township's SAW Grant (Stormwater/Asset Management/Wastewater) request of \$1.6 million. The money must be used for sanitary sewer or storm water upgrades and/or repairs. The Hampton Township DPW has already began working on this project. They will be cleaning and televising our system and making any necessary upgrades/repairs to our system.

NEW AERIAL FIRE TRUCK

In 2015, the Hampton Township Fire Chief brought to the attention of the Board of Trustees that the department's aerial needed to be replaced due to its age and increasing maintenance costs. His recommendation was to partner with The City of Bay City in purchasing a new Aerial Fire Truck in an effort to save money. Discussions began, details were negotiated and an agreement was made.

The new aerial fire truck cost \$980,460 less a \$245,115 grant reducing the total cost to \$735,345. Hampton Township has agreed to pay 25% of the cost and the City of Bay City will be paying 75% of the cost over a 10 years period, at which time, the aerial will be debt free.

The new apparatus was built and delivered to Station 1, on Center Ave. and Lincoln St., in Bay City, on June 5th.

We believe this partnership with Bay City will be beneficial for all Hampton Township and Bay City residents.

CONSOLIDATION OF POLICE AND FIRE
TO A PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT

On October 1, 2018, the Board of Trustees made the decision to begin transitioning from separate Police and Fire Departments into a Public Safety Department.

The Board did not take this decision lightly. A Public Safety Committee was formed and a Town Hall Meeting was held to address concerns. The partial consolidation of our Police and Fire Departments would continue to provide the quality of service that our community is accustomed to. We currently have three full time police officers that are fire fighter trained. One officer is currently a Hampton Township reserve fire fighter. Three additional officers have agreed to begin fire training.

By implementing a Public Safety model these officers can be a resource for our Fire Department when needed.

There will be challenges but we will work diligently to provide our community public safety while being financially responsible.

POLICE CHIEF BRYAN BENCHLEY PROMOTED TO
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY

On October 19, 2018, Police Chief Bryan Benchley was promoted to the position of Director of Public Safety.

Director Benchley graduated magna cum laude from Ferris State University with a Bachelor of Applied Science majoring in Criminal Justice and Corrections. He began his career with the Hampton Township Police Department in 1999 and worked through the ranks becoming Chief of Police in 2016. He has proven to be a respected command officer with impeccable organizational skills and has been dedicated to protecting and serving Hampton Township.

In his new role as Hampton Township Public Safety Director, he will oversee the transition from separate Police and Fire Departments into a Public Safety Department. This will include developing long-term objectives and strategies to meet the needs of our community.



Please join us in congratulating Director Benchley.