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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.

SEWER UPDATE

It seems this year has just begun and already we find ourselves into the middle of June. Our new sewer system faced quite a challenge in April from all of the rain and saturated ground; it proved it was up to the challenge and performed the job it was designed to do. All and all, we are in good shape. Only a few minor adjustments needed to be made to the new system.

A large portion of our time this year will be spent meeting as a committee (with Bay City, Bay County, City of Essexville, Hampton Township and other Townships) discussing water. Saginaw-Midland Municipal Water Supply Corporation has guaranteed 22,000,000 gallons of water a day. This water will come from the pumping plant located at Whitestone Point, near Au Gres, Michigan. We hope to move forward on this issue in a rapid manner.

MILLAGE PROPOSAL

A Fire and Police Millage question will be on the August 2nd Primary Ballot.

We are asking for a new 1 mill tax increase to continue our full time Fire and Police protection services.

This would cost the taxpayer \$1.00 dollar per thousand based on your taxable value. This means it will cost the average homeowner \$50.00 per year or \$0.14 cents per day for your full time Fire and Police protection services.

Also, as a taxpayer you need to understand that for every dollar you pay, Consumers Energy will pay a dollar.

The amount budgeted in our general fund to provide full time fire and police protection is close to 2 million dollars a year.

Ninety percent of our incident calls are First Responder medical calls and Service calls. The medical calls have increased

35% in the last few years as the population in the township is getting older .

Our police department has done an outstanding job keeping crime down and their response time to any given situation is under 5 minutes.

We are doing our part to keep expenses down to continue providing services to our taxpayers.

All of our employees and elected officials have gone without pay increases this year and have agreed to a different insurance plan with higher co-pays on medications, office visits and hospital deductions.

We will continue do what is necessary to insure that all of our residents, especially our elderly are cared for and safe with the continued service that you have come to expect.

Please vote on August 2nd.

Holiday Closings: July 4th September 5th

POLICE REPORT

Hampton Twp Police Dept. 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 989-892-0571. If he is not in, you can leave a message and he will contact you when he returns.

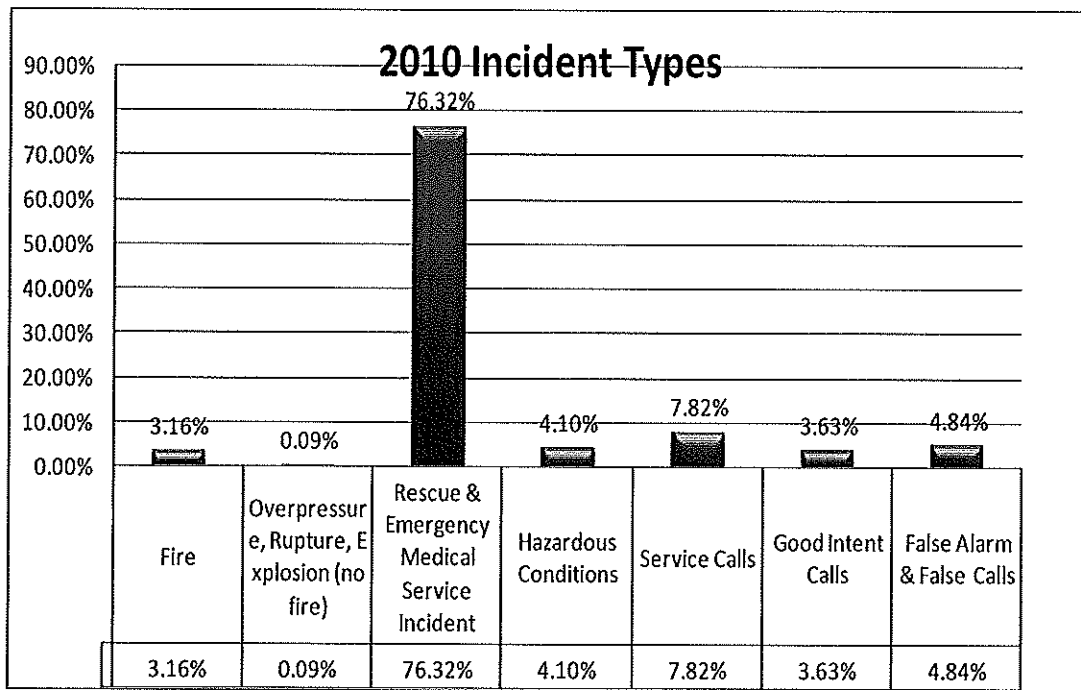
So far this year your Police Department has been dispatched to 1,400 calls for assistance. Larceny crimes are most frequent. After having apprehended three groups of individuals in early 2010, that were involved in many of those larcenies, the rest of 2010 and the first few months of this year had 50% fewer larcenies and burglaries. Larcenies from unlocked cars remain the highest category. Keep your vehicles locked and do not leave any valuable items inside your car.

There has been an increase of scams that are targeting the elderly in our area. Do not fall for these scams.

- 1) A person (criminal) will call an elderly individual (Victim) and say "Grandma (or Grandpa), Do you know who this is?" The elderly person will think of one of their grandchildren and give the name in their reply to this question. The criminal will say "Yes, that is right," and then go on to tell the victim that they are in another country and that they have gotten into some trouble and need money to bond out. They will usually say it is all a big mistake and it will be cleared up if you can send a few thousand dollars for them to get an attorney or pay the bond. They also tell the victim not to call their parents as it will only upset them. The elderly victim will then be directed to send a money order via Western Union. When they receive the money they may call back and ask for more money for travel home or to pay another bill. Often the elderly send the money. It is highly unlikely that any of this money will be recovered nor will the subjects be arrested nor identified.
- 2) The second scam is the sweepstakes/lottery scam. The scam is perpetrated when the victim receives a phone call or letter from another country. They will tell the victim that they have won the sweepstakes in a lottery. The sum will usually be in the millions of dollars. They will explain that if they (The victim) will send the finder's fee (via Western Union) or the lottery fee, that someone will deliver the lottery winnings to them. When the victim pays the fee they will often be asked to pay another fee (via Western Union). The victims of course will never see any lottery winnings from these people (criminals).

These frauds are being perpetrated from another country. The money is being sent via Western Union and there is no way to identify the perpetrator. The perpetrators do not have to provide positive ID at the Western Union office when they pick up money at the other end (in another country).

FIRE REPORT



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