

WATER QUALITY REPORT

Your 2018 Drinking Water Quality Report is available online at the following web address:

www.baycodws.org/ccr2018.pdf

Call us at 989-893-7541 or visit www.michigan.gov/deqleadpublicadvisory

For more information on reducing lead exposure around your home/building and health effects of lead, visit EPA's Web site at www.epa.gov/lead

FINN ROAD CAMPGROUND

Contact for Application:

Ellen, Park Manager 989-992-2920
Hampton Office 989-893-7541

- ◆ Grass covered sites with cement pads◆
- ◆ Water, electric & sewer sites◆
- ◆ Modern shower facilities◆
- ◆ Sanitary dump station◆
- ◆ Playground◆ ◆ Picnic pavilion◆
- ◆ Boat launch◆ ◆ Wi-Fi◆
- ◆ Lighted parking area◆
- ◆ Direct Saginaw Bay access◆
- ◆ Championship Walleye fishing◆
- ◆ 18 hole golf course 1 mile away◆
- ◆ Convenient shopping minutes away◆

For more information visit:
www.finnroadpark.com/

RATES	
30 and 50 AMP Electric Full Hookup Site	
Nightly	\$26
Weekly (\$22 day)	\$154
Monthly (\$16 day)	\$480
Season (\$13.53 day)	\$2,490
Season (3 Installments)	\$830 ea.
Boat Launch Permit	\$6.00/day
Boat Launch Permit	\$50/yearly

EPA
CONCERNED ABOUT LEAD IN YOUR DRINKING WATER?

Sources of LEAD in Drinking Water

Faucets: Fixtures and fittings inside your home contain varying lead content depending on the age of the fixture.

Galvanized Pipe: Lead particles can attach to the surface of galvanized pipes and service lines. Over time, the particles can enter your drinking water, causing elevated lead levels.

Lead Service Line: The service line is the pipe that runs from the water main to the home's internal plumbing. Lead service lines can be a major source of lead contamination in water.

Lead Goose Necks: Goose necks and pigtails are shorter lead pipes that connect the lead, copper or galvanized service lines to the water main.

Copper Pipe with Lead Solder: Solder made or installed before 1988 contained high lead levels.

MAIN WATER LINE

2019 Holidays – Closed For Business

Transfer Station Holidays		
July 4	Thursday	Independence Day
September 2	Monday	Labor Day
November 28	Thursday	Thanksgiving Day
December 24	Tuesday	Christmas Eve
December 25	Wednesday	Christmas Day
Hampton Township Offices & Department of Public Works (DPW) Holidays		
May 27	Monday	Memorial Day
July 4 & 5	Thursday & Friday	Independence Day
September 2	Monday	Labor Day
October 14	Monday	Columbus Day
November 11	Monday	Veteran's Day
November 28	Thursday	Thanksgiving Day
November 29	Friday	Day after Thanksgiving
December 24	Tuesday	Christmas Eve
December 25	Wednesday	Christmas Day
December 31	Tuesday	New Year's Eve

Hampton Township Offices CLOSED for Employee Training

July 9	Tuesday	Training
July 11	Thursday	Training
July 17	Wednesday	Training



Hampton Times

Summer 2019

**Hampton Township Supervisor
Terri Close**

Hello Township Residents,

I received quite a few positive responses after sending out the last newsletter and am happy to know that many of you read it and found the information helpful and interesting.

What has been happening in Hampton Township?

Hampton Township has experienced a big reduction in property tax revenue from Consumers Energy due to the closure of the Weadock coal plant in 2016. The building is currently in the demolition stage. Due to this closure and the upcoming closure of the Karn coal plant in 2023, Hampton Township has had a reduction of approx. \$770,000 in tax revenue from Consumers Energy alone as of 2018. This is just the amount that impacts Hampton Township's operating fund budget and also the road and public safety budgets.

Consumers Energy is really closing!

Consumers Energy Karn coal plant is slated to be closed in 2023 and the gas plant in 2031. This has had, and will continue to have, a big affect on the township's operating budget. Each year we expect a substantial reduction in tax revenue from Consumers for property taxes as well as roads and public safety millage taxes.

In order to balance our 2019 budget, our Board of Trustees worked very hard and made some very difficult decisions. Employees have agreed to many concessions during union negotiations. Some of the changes that have been made are:

- Healthcare and Pension—changes including higher deductibles, employee cost share of 20% and a reduction of 5% pension for all.
- Reduction in work force by not replacing 3 DPW employees and 4 fire fighters that either retired or found other employment.
- Lay-off of one office employee.
- Board of Trustee members took a 25% voluntary pay cut and eliminated pension and life insurance benefits.
- Combine Police and Fire Departments into a Hampton Township Public Safety Department.
- Increase transfer station rates to cover its operating costs.
- Elimination of supplemental healthcare coverage for non-union retirees.
- Hampton Township is also working on a Corrective Action Plan for the Michigan Department of Treasury to reduce our OPEB (Other Post Employment Benefits) liability. The changes made in 2018 have resulted in a reduction in our OPEB liability from \$9.5 Million in 2017 to \$5.6 Million in 2018. We still have work to do.

Hampton Township is such a wonderful place to live and to raise a family. What this means for Hampton Township is that we must be financially responsible and cut expenses while working hard to maintain the same level of services. It is our goal to work diligently to do just that.

Don't forget to visit our website and Facebook page so you can get updated Township information. www.hamptontownship.org. Please feel free to contact me, if you have any questions or concerns. Have a wonderful summer!

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

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Office Hours: Monday — Friday
7:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Office Closed for training:
Tues. July 9, 2019
Thurs. July 11, 2019
Weds. July 17, 2019

Mailing Address:
P.O. Box 187
Bay City, MI 48707-0187

Hampton Township Board of Trustees meets the second & fourth 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.

Visit us at www.hamptontownship.org

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**ASSESSING
DID YOU KNOW?**

You can still receive an exemption on your home for 3 years after you move out of it IF it is for sale, empty and you file a Conditional Re-scission form annually?

You can receive a Homestead Exemption on your home if your house is empty and was occupied by you before you had to leave it for Military Orders? If your family continues living there while you are away, the exemption remains as well.

You can still keep the exemption on your house if you need to go live in a nursing home?

Make sure you are **NOT** receiving a Homestead on a property you do not reside at. The State of Michigan is auditing and billing those, including back years, at high interest rates and fines.

There is a Board of Review for **Poverty Exemptions and Clerical Errors only** (no valuation appeals) on July 16, 2019 at the Township Hall. Please contact me if your property needs to be considered for review.

PRE forms due before June 1st to affect the current year's tax bills.

Contact Information:
Ronda Mrock-Parks, Assessor
Phone: (989) 876-7625
Email: asgfirm@charter.net

Treasurer's Report

Tax bills will be mailed out June 28th. Be sure to review them carefully for any corrections that need to be made. This year the last day to pay Summer Tax Bills is Monday, September 16, 2019. Penalties/interest will be applied to taxes unpaid as of that date. The last postage date accepted for payment is September 7, 2019. If you have not received your tax bill by July 15th, please call our office for a duplicate copy. Please review the back of your tax bill for additional information.

Due to less employees in the office, please use the drop box if at all possible, to avoid waiting in line. The drop box is checked three times, every day. Also, when using the drop box, if you would like a receipt stamped "Paid", please include a self-addressed stamped envelope so we can mail you the receipt. The drop box is located on the south side of the building. Drop box closes September 16, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.

If you defer your taxes, please remember that payment is due by February 14, 2020. As a courtesy, I have mailed all those who were deferred last year your application to complete and mail back. Please review applications and if a parcel is missing, please contact the office.

Office hours are Monday thru Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Open through lunch for your convenience.

Wishing all of you a safe and warm summer!

Donna K. Samyn
Hampton Township Treasurer

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Clerk's Report

Due to the passage of the statewide ballot proposal 18-3 in November, 2018, all eligible and registered voters in the State of Michigan may now request an absent voter ballot without providing a reason. If you would like to be placed on the permanent absent voter list (you will automatically receive an application for each election) please contact the township office at 893-5741 or email me at pwright@hamptonmi.net to request that your name be added to the list.

Also, the township is in need of Election inspectors. We are looking for community minded people willing to work a few days a year. If interested, please pick up an application at the township offices. You must attend a two hour certification training to become a certified election inspector. Questions? Please contact me at 893-7541 or pwright@hamptonmi.net.

Pam Wright
Hampton Township Clerk

RECREATION BURN PERMITS

Summer bonfires?
Get your permit!!!!

Cost: FREE

Available at Hampton Township Fire Department
Call 989-893-7791 for more information

<http://www.hamptontownship.org/Portals/56/Recreational%20Fire%20Permit.pdf>



Other News



**FROM THE DESK OF BRYAN BENCHLEY
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

Since the decision was made October, 2018, to combine our police and fire services into a Public Safety Department, much progress has been made. We already had three police officers with fire fighter training and had three officers that volunteered to begin fire school in December, 2018, and graduated the Fire Academy in May, 2019. The officers have dedicated many hours to school, homework and training and spent a lot of time away from their families during the 6 month program. Their hard work and dedication to Hampton Township's public safety and welfare is very much appreciated.

With the warmer temperatures comes more people out and about. I encourage people to not become a victim and lock your car doors and take valuable items inside at night. Be watchful around your home and keep an eye out for your neighbors, as well. If you see suspicious people outside don't hesitate to call 911 and request an officer.

With the changing of the seasons it is a good time to change out your smoke detector batteries. Our fire services division has 9 volt batteries that we give away. Please feel free to stop by the Hampton Township Fire Department to pick up batteries while supplies lasts.

Hampton Township Police Department was awarded a grant from Rite-Aid Pharmacy for a drug take-back box that is located at the Police Department main entrance. We have always taken prescriptions if someone dropped them off for disposal but the box will be a way for people to drop them off without having to answer any questions. I have also teamed our department with the Michigan State Police and joined the Angel Program. This program will allow people who are addicted to heroin and opioids to come to the police station and ask for help. We would contact an angel, they would come here and pick the person up and transport them to a rehabilitation center. If they showed up with drugs, we would confiscate them, but they wouldn't be charged with possession, as long as they are showing up on their own accord to get help.

RUNNIN' WITH THE LAW

Saturday, September 14, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
 Finn Road Park

The Bay City Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 103 proudly presents the 1st annual **Runnin' with the Law** Race Series. Participate in one of the many run/walks through the rail trail of Hampton Twp. Proceeds benefit the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 103.

Registration opens February 1, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.
Choose your call from the below Dispatch Log:



Felony Apprehension – 8K Run
Foot Pursuit – 5K Run
Jaywalking – 5K Walk

Police Academy–¼ Mile Run/Walk-10 and under free

For more information visit:

<http://RunninwiththeLawFOP103.itsyourrace.com/>

TRANSFER STATION

Permit Fee: \$100 annual fee
Large Item Permits (Open Dumpster): \$15 One-Time Use

Transfer Station Card and Drivers License is required
Transfer Station Card available at the Township Administrative Office

RECYCLING RULES

- Do not place Styrofoam in the recycle bins
- Crush all plastics before inserting into the bin
- Compact, crush or flatten all cardboard boxes before placing in the bin
- Do not recycle pizza boxes, put in regular trash

Violation will result in the Township being fined and the recycling service discontinued.

TRANSFER STATION HOURS

Monday-Friday 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (noon)
Closed Sunday and posted Holidays

BRUSH CHIPPING

Brush Chipping will begin on the 1st Tuesday of every month (weather permitting and if no township emergencies take priority). The DPW will travel the entire township so brush must be out before the 1st Tuesday of the month as the route they take may change each month. Brush not put out in time will be left for the following month.

There is no list that you need to be put on.

10 minutes **MAXIMUM** per location
Nothing larger than a 4" diameter
Stacked neatly with all ends facing the road
Brush Chipping begins approx. April 1st and ends approx. December 1st