

DPW News

BRUSH CHIPPING

Brush Chipping is scheduled to begin 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

Last Brush Chipping, weather permitting will be November

WATER QUALITY REPORT

2019 Drinking Water Quality Report is available online at the following web address: [www.baycodws.org/CCR2019.pdf](http://www.baycodws.org/CCR2019.pdf)

This report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water. Please email

[BAWTP@baycodws.org](mailto:BAWTP@baycodws.org) or call (989) 439-7245 if you would like a paper report delivered to your home. Call us at 989-893-7541 or visit

[www.michigan.gov/deleadpublicadvisory](http://www.michigan.gov/deleadpublicadvisory)

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](http://www.epa.gov/lead)

If you have or think you may have a lead water line, please call our office to schedule a visit to see if you could be lead sample test site. Call 989-893-7541 for more information.

SEWER CLEANING

The Hampton Township DPW has resumed cleaning the sewer system. **Please note** that you may experience some water splashing out of your toilet and an odor if your vent pipe is plugged so it is recommended that you **KEEP YOUR TOILET SEAT COVER DOWN**.

Cleaning and assessing the sewer system helps maintain the system and helps locate areas that may be plugged. By identifying and fixing known problems, we are hopefully preventing future issues such as major back-ups of sewage in basements. Locations will be posted on our **Hampton Township Administration** facebook page.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Building, Plumbing, Mechanical & Electrical Permits

Permit costs will be **doubled** if you begin work before obtaining a required permit.

You must call inspectors for a **FINAL INSPECTION** once work is completed.

TRANSFER STATION

2020 Permit Fee: \$100 annual fee  
Large Item Permits (Open Dumpster): \$15 One-Time Use  
expires 12/31/20 • no refunds

Transfer Station Card and Drivers License is required  
2020 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—Please remove plastic tape
- 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, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday  
1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

CLOSED TUESDAYS

Saturday  
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Closed Sunday and posted Holidays  
[www.hamptontownship.org](http://www.hamptontownship.org)

2020 Holiday  
Closed For Business

Transfer Station Holidays

July 4	Saturday	Independence Day
September 7	Monday	Labor Day
October 12	Monday	Columbus Day
November 11	Wednesday	Veteran's Day
November 26	Thursday	Thanksgiving Day
November 27	Friday	Day after Thanksgiving
December 24	Tuesday	Christmas Eve
December 25	Friday	Christmas Day
December 31	Thursday	New Year's Eve

Hampton Township Offices & Department of Public Works (DPW) Holidays

July 3	Friday	Independence Day
September 7	Monday	Labor Day
October 12	Monday	Columbus Day
November 11	Wednesday	Veteran's Day
November 26	Thursday	Thanksgiving Day
November 27	Friday	Day after Thanksgiving
December 24	Tuesday	Christmas Eve
December 25	Friday	Christmas Day
December 31	Thursday	New Year's Eve



Hampton Times

Summer 2020

Terri Close  
Hampton Township Supervisor

Hello Township Residents,

This July will be 3 years that I have had the honor of serving as your supervisor. Every day I learn something new, face new challenges and work hard to serve the people of Hampton Township. I take pride in looking back at the achievements we have made and I look forward to all the future achievements Hampton Township will make in the coming years.

First of all, I would like to thank everyone who completed the **Hampton Township Community Survey**. The information gathered will provide the consultants with insight into what is important to our community when developing the **Economic Recovery and Development Strategy Plan**. This will provide a plan of action to diversify and strengthen our local and regional economy. Hampton Township was awarded a **\$63,000 Grant for Coal-Impacted Communities** by the Economic Development Administration (EDA). The match dollars were generously contributed by **Consumers Energy (\$20,000)** and the **Just Transition Fund (\$17,000)** so there was no cost to the taxpayers. Once this plan is complete I will post it on our [hamptontownship.org](http://hamptontownship.org) website and "Hampton Township Administration" Facebook page for anyone interested in reading it.

Due to **COVID-19**, we have had to find ways to accommodate your needs, as best we can, while protecting the health of you and our employees. For paying bills or purchasing permits, we recommend that you continue to use our drop box, our website's online bill pay or mailing your checks. For everyone's safety, **face masks are being recommended** if you choose to come into the office to make payments.

I am happy to announce that **Hampton Township was also awarded a \$2,225,000 Grant from the USDA** as well as a **40-year USDA loan at 1.375%** interest rate for the balance of the estimated **\$5 Million project** to make the necessary repairs, upgrades and improvements needed to our sewer system. In the last newsletter, I mentioned that we were working with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and an engineering firm to upgrade our aging sewer pump/lift stations that were installed in the 1960's.

Beginning in 2018, and due to the high lake levels and concerns about flooding, the DPW began working diligently to replace all the tubes and flood gates. They continue to repair and maintain the **pumps**, motors and maintain satisfactory ditch levels. The DPW has also begun to dig out and clean some ditches to improve flow. We have been informed by the Drain Commission that our electrical use to manage the ditch levels and run all these pumps has significantly increased. When lake levels were low, Hampton Township budgeted approximately \$10,000 per year for electricity to run these pumps. Now, with lake levels high and with the rain we've received, we are **averaging \$12,000 per month with February costing \$17,000 for electricity**.

In March, as a precautionary measure, I reached out to the **United States Corp. of Engineers** for Technical Assistance for our dike/levee system that spans 9 miles. Due to COVID, they were finally able to visit Hampton Township on May 19th. Mark Basket, Drain Commission, and Rob Worden, DPW Superintendent, took the two visiting engineers to assess our dike system. After their visit they responded with recommendation/suggestions from their visit.

Don't forget to visit our website at [www.hamptontownship.org](http://www.hamptontownship.org) and our "Hampton Township Administration" Facebook page to get up-to-date township information. Please feel free to contact me, if you have any questions or concerns.

Wishing you a wonderful summer!

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**Hampton Township Offices:**  
801 W. Center Rd.  
Essexville, MI 48732  
**Telephone: 989-893-7541**

**Office Hours: Monday — Friday**  
9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

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

**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](http://www.hamptontownship.org)



## Assessing Information

### DID YOU KNOW?

by Ronda MRock-Parks, Assessor

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 Rescission 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 21, 2020 at the Township Hall.

**PRE forms** due before June 1<sup>st</sup> to affect the current year's tax bills home.

### Contact Information:

Ronda Mrock-Parks, Assessor  
Phone: (989) 876-7625  
Email: [asgfirm@charter.net](mailto:asgfirm@charter.net)

## Donna K. Samyn, Treasurer

Tax bills will be mailed out June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Please review them carefully, any corrections that need to be made, contact the office. The last day to pay the Summer Tax Bill is Monday, September 14, 2020, without penalties/interest. Penalties/Interest will be applied to taxes not paid as of that date. The last postage date accepted for payment is Monday, September 7, 2020. If you have not received your tax bill by July 15<sup>th</sup>, please call the office for a duplicate copy. Additional information regarding taxes is on the back of the tax bill.

COVID-19 has changed our life style and the township is attempting to keep everyone healthy and safe. Face masks are being recommended to be worn upon entering the township office. Social distancing guidelines of six feet between residents to be practiced. So, to avoid standing in line to make a payment, and risking your health and others, **PLEASE USE THE DROP BOX OR MAIL A CHECK** with the top portion of the tax bill. If you would like a receipt stamped "Paid", include a self-addressed stamped envelope so we can mail the receipt. The drop box is located on the south side of the building. Drop box closes September 14, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.

Deferment applications have been mailed. Please review your applications and if a parcel is missing, contact the office by calling: (989) 893-7541.

Due to less employees in the office, the new hours are Monday thru Friday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

### Dates to Remember

**CLOSED** in observance of Holidays - July 3<sup>rd</sup> and September 7<sup>th</sup>

September 14, 2020—**TAXES DUE** – office hours are 9:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m.

Wishing all of you a safe and healthy summer.

## Pam Wright, Clerk

Election season is upon us once again with the upcoming August 4, 2020 Primary and November 3, 2020 General Elections. With 2020 being a year with many firsts for all of us in these unprecedented times with the COVID-19 outbreak.

We now have "no reason" absentee voting which I encourage all to use. With so much unknown and the social distancing guidelines we do not know where we will be this summer or fall, while we are all hoping for normal as usual, that probably will not be the case.

- ⇒ **August Primary deadlines:** Register to vote other than in-person with our office is 7/20/2020
- ⇒ **In-person registration with proof of residency:** 7/21/2020-close of election on 8/4/2020.
- ⇒ **Last day to obtain an absentee ballot by mail** is 7/31/2020.
- ⇒ **November General deadlines:** Register to vote other than in-person in our office is 10/19/2020.
- ⇒ **In-person registration with proof of residency:** 10/20/2020 through close of election on 11/3/2020.
- ⇒ Last day to obtain an absentee ballot by mail is 10/30/2020.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact our office at 893-7541 and we will be glad to assist you.

## Hampton Township PUBLIC SAFETY



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

The Hampton Township Public Safety Department has received a grant from the USDA in the amount of \$14,600 to purchase a new patrol vehicle in 2020/2021. This new patrol car will become licensed through the State of Michigan to be used as a medical first responder vehicle as well. It will become our third licensed medical first responder patrol car. We have also applied for another USDA Grant to purchase a new rescue truck.

Our fire services division has a new Chief. Karey Prieur was hired as the part time fire Chief. Karey retired as the Fire Chief from the Bay City Public Safety Department in 2019. Karey assisted the city in the transition to Public Safety and he has been instrumental in assisting with the transition here. Also, we have been busy installing battery operated smoke detectors for residents of Hampton Township. If you are in need of a free smoke detector, please call the fire station to schedule an installation date. (989)895-8811.

We also have a new Fire Inspector. Public Safety Officer Ryan Neveau has passed the State exam to become a licensed fire inspector. PSO Neveau will be

working with businesses to ensure they are following the latest fire codes to keep everyone safe.

The past few months have been new to us all and has been trying at times. Please know that we are here to help and to keep your community safe. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call. This is a great community and it is truly an honor to serve you as your Director of Public Safety.

## September 12th, 2020



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### RECREATIONAL BURN

Summer bonfires?  
You no longer need a Permit



For Rules Reference the  
2018 International Fire Code Section 307

<https://hamptontownship.org/fire/>  
Hampton Township Fire Department  
989-893-7791