

Other News

JOE DEWYSE  
BUILDING/ZONING INSPECTOR

WHEN DO I NEED A PERMIT?

The Hampton Township Zoning Ordinance 36A-31 can be found on the township website under local government. Chapter 3 pertains to the general regulations concerning most accessory uses that are allowed. The placement of all buildings and structures, including removal and replacement, along with modifications require either a building and/or a zoning permit. Types include the following, but not limited to: fences decks, pools, sheds, accessory buildings, outdoor wood stoves, and other site/land changes, such as site preparation, sports courts, radio and communication towers, playground equipment, gazebos, etc. A sketch with current structures and the proposed construction is required with the completed permit application.

Permit applications are also available on our website under Departments & Boards, Building Information at the bottom of the page. Contact information for all the Inspectors is there as well. Most electrical, plumbing and heating work requires a permit.

Please call the administration office if you are not sure or have questions regarding the ordinance, if a permit is needed or other information. Construction that starts; including all electrical, plumbing and mechanical work, prior to a permit being issued, will be charged double the permit fee. If you will be removing a structure from your property, you will need to get a demolition permit so that it can be inspected upon completion and then be removed from your assessment.

BLIGHT VIOLATION  
MAY RESULT IN \$500 FINE

Blight is grass taller than 8" high, trash, debris, and other items in such as unregistered and inoperable vehicles, trailers and boats, etc. parked at your home or in the yard. Violation letters are beginning to go out.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Building, Plumbing, Mechanical & Electrical Permits

ALL structures being built on-site or brought in pre-assembled, must have a building permit before placement on property.

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.

BRUSH CHIPPING

Brush Chipping is scheduled to begin the 1st Tuesday of every month (weather permitting and 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

2023  
Road Work

Chip seal roads to be completed:

- Arms Road—Knight to Finn
- Bowker Road—Cass to Youngs Ditch
- Burns Road— Center to Nebobish
- Callahan Road—Cass to Center
- Nolet Road—Cass to Center
- Hampton Road—Farley to Callahan
- Knight Road—Hampton north to end
- Powell Road—Center to Nebobish

Asphalt /HMA roads

- 21st Street—Mulholland to Trumbull
- Spengler Subdivision—M-15 West

WATER QUALITY REPORT

2022 Drinking Water Quality Report is available online at the following web address: www.baycodws.org/CCR2022.pdf

Please email BAWTP@baycodws.org or call (989) 439-7245 if you would like a paper report delivered to your home.

Call (989) 893-7541 if you think you have a lead water service line.

2023 Holiday  
Office & DPW Closed

July 3	Monday	Independence Day*
July 4	Tuesday	Independence Day
September 4	Monday	Labor Day
October 9	Monday	Columbus Day
November 10	Friday	Veteran's Day
November 23	Thursday	Thanksgiving Day
November 24	Friday	Day after Thanksgiving
December 25	Monday	Christmas Eve*
December 26	Tuesday	Christmas Day*
January 1	Monday	New Year's Eve*
January 2	Tuesday	New Year's Day*

\*Holiday is recognized on these dates



Hampton Times

Summer 2023

Terri Close  
Hampton Township Supervisor

I would like to take this opportunity to share updates and information on projects and improvements we are currently working on in Hampton Township. The Board of Trustees understands that our township assets, such as the water and sewer infrastructure and parks for example, are of utmost importance and improves the quality of life for our residents, businesses and visitors. We greatly appreciate these grant donors for awarding Hampton Township with the funding assistance for these projects and improvements. Receiving funding assistance for these needed water and sewer improvements helps reduce the need for rate increases to our customers and ensures our system is well maintained for many years to come.

Consumers Energy Update Coal Generation Facility—The Karn 1&2 coal plant retired in May 31, 2023. Demolition is schedule to begin later in 2023 or early 2024. Karn 3&4 natural gas and oil generation facility will remain open until 2031.

Future Karn Operations—While Karn 3&4 continue operations, Consumers Energy will be adding new generation with the placement of approximately 85MW of solar energy on the site. Most of this will be sited on flat land extended South and East of the plant on Consumers Energy property. Solar will provide additional tax base, while generating clean, safe, reliable energy for the community.

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)—awarded \$2,225,000 in grant funding and \$2,768,000 in a 40-year low-interest loan at 1.375% to make sewer and lift station upgrades and system improvements. This will include full lining of approximately 14,000 feet of the gravity sewer line to various sections in need. These areas were identified during televising the sewer system with the Stormwater, Asset Management, and Wastewater (SAW) Grant that assessed the sewer system to plan for future needed repairs and maintenance. The second part of this project will be to rebuild and upgrade our system's aged lift stations. The bids for this project came in way over engineer estimates and were rejected. We are currently working on ways to make the necessary improvements within the budgeted amount.

Michigan Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE)—awarded \$499,000 in grant funding to hydro-excavate at the watermain connection to determine if lead lines are present and need to be replaced. Dependable Sewer has been awarded the contract and the work is ongoing.

EGLE—awarded \$1,270,000 in a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) loan funding with 100% loan forgiveness for the lead line replacement. The Michigan Safe Drinking Water Act mandates lead lines to be replaced at the municipality's expense. Super Construction was awarded the contract to replace the lead lines and this work has begun.

Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR)—approved both of the grant requests for Finn Road Park and Pondsides Park improvements. ARPA proceeds will be used to fund the match requirements.

Finn Road Park—the DNR Trust Fund Grant will provide \$253,000 to add a public access playground and add an accessible Canoe/Kayak Launch next to the boat launch area.

Pondsides Sport and Fitness Park—the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant will provide \$375,000 to add accessible playground equipment, over one mile of paved trails around the park, a concrete path, paved accessible parking and develop a naturalized area around the detention basin.

Saginaw Bay Watershed Initiative Network (WIN)—awarded a \$20,000 grant for the canoe/kayak launch project at Finn Road Park.

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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.

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Facebook page  
Hampton Township Administration

# ASSESSING

FROM THE DESK OF  
RONDA MROCK-PARKS  
ASSESSOR

### Veteran News

Veteran Exemption Applications and a copy of your letter from the V.A. stating you are 100% disabled need to be sent annually to the Assessing office to qualify for the Veteran's Exemption.

A reminder and application should be mailed to you. If you do not receive these documents, please contact me.

### Business Owners

Business owners do not need to resend form 5076 annually to be exempt from Personal Property Taxes. The original exemption stays in place until you remove it.

### July Board of Review & Summer Tax Bills

Taxpayers having a change made, i.e. PRE added, clerical errors corrected, will receive a new tax bill at the end of July so please wait for the new bill before paying. **Contact Information:**

**Ronda Mrock-Parks, Assessor**  
Phone: (989) 876-7625

Email: [asgfirm@charter.net](mailto:asgfirm@charter.net)

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**Fran DeWyse, Clerk**

### 2024 Elections

There are no elections scheduled for 2023. With the passing of Proposal 2022-2, there will be several changes and we are still waiting on guidance from Secretary of State. Proposal 2022-2 allows for 9 days of early voting and we are currently working with the Bay County Clerk to work out details of them hosting this for all Bay County residents. Also, you have the option to be put on a permanent absentee voter list and you will receive a ballot automatically without having to file out an application for every election. It also calls for prepaid ballot postage and a state-funded ballot tracking notification system. Of course, we won't receive much funding for most of these changes. The early voting portion alone will cost approximately \$15,000 per election and this will be a Township expense with no reimbursement.

We are also waiting to hear when the 2024 Presidential Primary Election will be held. State Legislators passed a bill for it to be held on February 27, 2024. But the bill states it takes effect 90 days after the legislators adjourn for 2023. They usually adjourn the end of December, and if nothing changes, the law will not take effect until late March 2024. So, it will be too late to move the election date from the current date of March 12, 2024. I'm sure there will be more information forthcoming.

There is always a need for elections workers. If you are interested, please contact me as you will have to attend a 3-hour certification class prior to being able to work. This is a good opportunity to serve your community and you will be paid for your training and any hours working an election.

We want to wish Police Officer Michael Wedding, a long, healthy retirement. He served the Township for over 34 years. We will miss him dearly. And we welcome our new Officer Dylan Sauer to the Township.

**Donna K. Samyn, Treasurer**

Summer Taxes are collected from July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 to September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023. After September 14<sup>th</sup> penalties and interest will be applied to tax bill. Last postage date accepted for payment is Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Deferment applications have been mailed, and must be returned by September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Please review these with tax bills. If you find one of your parcels does not have a deferment application, please contact the office (989)893-7541 and/or office hours are Monday thru Friday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

If you have an escrow account with your mortgage company, it is your responsibility to confirm that they paid your taxes.

If you would like a receipt please provide a self-addressed stamped envelope when using the drop box or mail.

**TAXES ARE DUE THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2023** and the office is open 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Office closed in observance of Holidays: Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, Labor Day September 4<sup>th</sup>, Columbus Day October 9<sup>th</sup>, Veteran's Day November 11<sup>th</sup>, and Thanksgiving November 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.

Enjoy the Summer!! Have fun with family and friends.

# Hampton Township PUBLIC SAFETY



FROM THE DESK OF BRYAN BENCHLEY  
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Lt. Michael Wedding, who has served the residents and visitors of Hampton Township for over 34 years has retired this year. Lt. Wedding will be sorely missed. We have hired a new Public Safety Officer, his name is Dylan Sauer. Dylan is currently attending the fire academy and once done, he will be a full Public Safety Officer. If you see Officer Sauer around town, please stop and say hi to him.

We have been out walking the rail trail during the evening hours in an attempt to stop, and or catch, those responsible for vandalizing our parks. We have had a rash of people painting graffiti on the side walk and benches.

Please remember to lock your car doors at night. Stealing from cars is a crime of opportunity. The easiest way to prevent it, is to lock your car doors and remove valuables from with-in eyesight.

Please remember in the fall time, if you leave for your "winter retreat" we offer house checks. Officers will randomly check on your home during your absence. Stop in at the police department to fill out the form.

It's been an exceptionally dry spring and summer thus far. Please check the DNR Burn Permit map if you want to have a fire. If there is no burn ban in place, stop to the fire department for a burn permit. Always keep water nearby in case your fire spreads to prevent a catastrophe.



**Do you want to make a difference?  
You could be an on-call firefighter!**

Hampton Township will pay the cost for training. For more information call 989-895-8811 or email: [hamptonfirechief@hamptonmi.net](mailto:hamptonfirechief@hamptonmi.net)

Hampton Township is an equal opportunity employer

## FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE LODGE 103



**Saturday, September 9, 2023 at 9AM-12:15PM  
Finn Road Park**

Register at <https://runninwiththelawfop103.itsyourrace.com/>

### BEFORE YOU BURN

Check to see if there is a burn ban!

<https://dnr.state.mi.us/burnpermits/>

or call

**Hampton Township Fire Department  
989-893-7791**

### *SUPERVISOR continued from 1*

◆ **Bay Area Community Foundation**—awarded a \$40,000 Healthy Living Fund Grant for the canoe/kayak launch project at Finn Road Park.

◆ **USDA Grant for New Public Safety Vehicle**—After waiting over a year, two 2023 Ford F150 Police Responder vehicles have finally been delivered. Both vehicles will be Medical First Responder certified and will also hold the officers' fire gear. One of the trucks received USDA grant funding and the other truck was purchased to replace the vehicle that was totaled on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021, by a drunk-driver and was paid for mostly with insurance money received.

◆ **2022 Audited Financial Statements** have been completed and are available on our website and reflect the financial stability of the Township. Again this year, we have added to the fund balance and will continue fiscally responsible operations and spending.

***Wishing you all a wonderful and safe summer!***