

Other News

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

With the transition to turning the water/sewer maintenance over to the County we had a few employees seek employment elsewhere but we also gained two great employees. Joining Jayson Tacey in the Department of Public Works Department (DPW) is Gary Becker and Brent Raquepaw. They both come with a great wealth of knowledge and have been doing an exceptional job for the township.

Early spring, we worked up the ball diamonds at Pondsides Park. The diamonds had been neglected a bit and we were able to spruce them up and make them usable once again. We also replaced the boards on the stadium seating to make them safe. We will start to add this to our regular routine to ensure our parks are an enjoyable location to spend time with friends and family.

Our brushing chipping has started and we would like to remind residents to have the cut ends of the brush at the road side and also to spread the pile out versus creating a giant large pile. Root balls will NOT be chipped and also no building materials. We only spend 10 minutes per spot. Please watch out for the workers along the roadside as well. We have had two near misses with employees being hit by automobiles. We want to be able to continue to offer this program.



JOE DEWYSE BUILDING/ZONING INSPECTOR

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

2024 Road Work

Chip seal and Fog Seal Roads:

- Fillmore Place—Kulaw to Avondale to End
Ledyard Road—Center to Nebobish
Heavenridge Road—Center to Fillmore
Fillmore Street—Scheurmann W. to End
2nd Street—Scheurmann W. to End
4th Street—Scheurmann W. to End
Ridge Road—Pine to Farley

Asphalt /HMA Roads

- Carress Drive & Hagens Drive—Pine E. to End
Nebobish Road—Pine E. to Orchard

WATER QUALITY REPORT

2023 Drinking Water Quality Report is available online at the following web address: www.baycodws.org/CCR2023.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.

2024 Holiday Office & DPW Closed

Table with 3 columns: Date, Day, Holiday. Includes dates from July 4 to January 1 and corresponding holidays like Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, etc.



Hampton Times

Summer 2024

Terri Close, CPM Hampton Township Supervisor

Dear Residents and Property Owners,

As your dedicated township supervisor, I am thrilled to share important news, progress and exciting developments happening right here in our community. Many of the grant projects we have been working on are finally moving forward and we should see progress being made this summer.

Banners on the Street Lights—you may have noticed the new banners the DPW workers have installed on the green light posts in the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) district along Center Road (M25). The DDA board chose a patriotic flag theme and purchased the banners with DDA tax revenue to beautify the area. The intent is to purchase Holiday themed décor for the winter season.

.GOV is Coming Soon!—Hampton Township will be changing from the .org to .gov domain. This provides an extra level of security since only verified U.S. government organizations can register for a .gov domain and it is free.

New Hampton Township Website Coming Soon!—we have been actively working on a new and improved website that we hope you will find easy to navigate. The new website address will be www.hamptontownshipmi.gov. Please check it out and tell me what you think.

New Hampton Township Logo—we have been working on creating a new Hampton Township logo. What we use now is the Township seal and would like a logo that reflects our community.

Consumers Energy Update—discussions continue between Consumers Energy and the Hampton Township Planning Commission to design an 80-85 megawatt, large-scale solar project located on Consumers-owned property spanning south and east of the Karn facility. The project is expected to provide enough renewable energy to power approximately 20,000 homes.

Sewer Upgrades—the gravity sewer lining and manhole improvement project has finally begun. This project is funded by a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) with a \$2,225,000 grant and \$2,768,000 40-year low-interest loan at 1.375%. This is a proactive measure to ensure that our sewer system continues to be maintained and functions properly. SAK Construction was awarded the project and have crews out working now.

Lead Line Replacement Project—We have contracted with Super Construction to replace all the known lead lines in our water system. They should have completed this by the end of the summer. The State of Michigan, EGLE, awarded Hampton \$1,270,000 in a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) loan with 100% loan forgiveness to replace these lead lines. The Michigan Safe Drinking Water Act mandates all lead-containing lines be replaced at the municipality's expense by 2041.

Finn Road Park Improvements—May 29th was the bid closing date for the DNR Trust Fund Grant (\$253,000) project to add a public access playground and install an accessible Canoe/Kayak Launch next to the boat launch area. Hopefully, we will see progress yet this summer on the construction of this project.

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 trails around the park, a concrete path, paved accessible parking and develop a naturalized area around the detention basin. Spicer Group has gone out for bid for this project and by the end of July, we hope to have awarded this project.

Bay County Department of Water & Sewer (DWS)—since transferring the operations and maintenance of our water and sewer systems to the Bay County DWS, they have been busy conducting routine maintenance on our system.

2023 Audited Financial Statements have been completed and reflect the financial stability of the Township. Again this year, we have added to the fund balance as we continue to be fiscally responsible with our operations and spending and maintain a balanced budget.

Wishing you all a wonderful and safe summer!

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

Board of Trustees meets the first 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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# 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 to the Assessing office to qualify for the Veteran's Exemption.

### 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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## Donna K. Samyn, MiCPT - Treasurer

Summer Tax due date is September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023, but since this falls on a Saturday, Summer Tax is due Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Penalties and interest will be applied to tax bills not paid as of this date. The last postage date accepted for payment is Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Please read the back of the tax bill for additional information.

Deferment applications have been mailed. Please review these with your tax bills. If you find one of your parcels is missing a deferment application, please contact the office (989) 893-7541. Office hours are Monday thru Friday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16<sup>th</sup> TAXES DUE** **Office is OPEN from 9 a.m.—5 p.m.**

Office closed in observance of Holidays: Independence Day, July 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>, Labor Day September 2<sup>nd</sup>, Columbus Day October 14<sup>th</sup>, Veteran's Day November 11<sup>th</sup>, and Thanksgiving November 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.

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

## Jordan Leyba - Clerk

### 2024 Elections

**Your Vote Matters!** Upcoming elections August 6 and November 5.

**Vote absentee.** Pick up your application at the Hampton Township Hall at 800 W. Center Rd, Essexville, MI 48732. Monday -Friday 9:00-3:00pm.

**Vote early.** In person at the Bay County Community Center, 800 John F. Kennedy Drive, Bay City, MI 48706. Nine consecutive days beginning the second Saturday before the election and ending on the Sunday before the election. Voting hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Be a part of the solution.** Be a Poll Worker. We welcome any and all help! If you're interested in making a difference in your community and joining our team of poll workers you can inquire by visiting our website, visiting us here at the Hampton Township Hall or by visiting [michigan.gov/vote](http://michigan.gov/vote) to receive an application!



### Hampton Business SPOTLIGHT

This is a new series created to introduce and show support for businesses located in Hampton Township. If you subscribe to receive township emails or follow us on Facebook, we hope you read this series and support these local establishments.

If you have a business you would like us to feature, please email Terri Close, Hampton Township Supervisor at [hamptonsupervisor@hamptonmi.net](mailto:hamptonsupervisor@hamptonmi.net) or visit our website at [www.hamptontownshipmi.gov/economic-development/](http://www.hamptontownshipmi.gov/economic-development/) to complete the Hampton Business SPOTLIGHT questionnaire.

# Hampton Township PUBLIC SAFETY



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

We are excited to welcome a new Public Safety Officer to Hampton Township, David Wheaton. Officer Wheaton started his Law Enforcement career 3 years ago in Saginaw working as an Officer for the City of Saginaw. David is also the step-son of the late Officer Craig Bouckaert who worked for Hampton Township for 30 plus years.

Ryan Neveau was also promoted to Lieutenant at the end of the 2023 Calander year. Lt. Neveau started with us in 2016 and is also the departments Fire Investigator and Fire Marshall. He will be assisting me with administrative functions within your Public Safety Department. Lt. Neveau has been a great asset to our community and we are very lucky to have him.

After applying for a Federal Community Project Funding grant through Senator Kildee's Office, I was able to obtain an award of \$64,000 to update our 20 + year old radio system. This isn't enough money to replace them all, but it is a start and is greatly appreciated.

We continue to see a rise in cybercrime and identity crime. Do not give personal information out to anyone over the phone unless you know what it is for. If someone requests payment in the form of a gift card or a Visa Card, that's a scam, don't buy them and give out the numbers.

### FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE LODGE 103



## RUNNIN' WITH THE LAW

**Saturday, September 14, 2024 at 8AM-11:10PM**  
**Finn Road Park**

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



We also have two new fire fighters that have joined the ranks of our department, Sean Wiltsie and Jason Pratt. Both Sean and Jason went through the Bay County Fire Fighters Association Fire Fighter I and II class and are now licensed fire fighters. They also have gone through the medical first responder class as well. They will continue to train and learn their craft to better serve our community.

It's also that time of year and I just have to say it.....please check to ensure that your smoke detectors and CO<sub>2</sub> (Carbon Dioxide) detectors are working and replace your batteries.

**Stay safe and have a wonderful summer.**



## 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.

## CHECK BEFORE YOU BURN

Burn ban may be in effect  
visit

[www.dnr.state.mi.us/burnpermits/](http://www.dnr.state.mi.us/burnpermits/)

or call

Hampton Township Fire Department

989-893-7791

