

# SANDSTONE CHARTER TOWNSHIP

## July 2019 Newsletter

### Township Meetings

Residents are always welcomed and encouraged to attend Township Board Meetings and Planning Commission Meetings. The Board meetings are typically the second Monday of each month at 6:30 PM. Both the Planning Commission and Board meeting dates are listed on the Sandstone Charter Township web page. Meeting minutes are also posted on the web page.

Check out our web page: <http://www.sandstonetownship.org>

### Road Information

The Jackson County Department of Transportation pays 30% of the cost for local roads. The Township pays 70% of the cost which are the dollar amounts listed below.

Year	Roads	Township Cost
2014	N. Sandstone, Wellman (south part)	\$ 119,824
2015	Benn, Bennett, Gardner, Miner, Rogers, Wellman (north part)	\$ 295,864
2016	Chapel (part), Miller, N. Sandstone, Pomeroy, S. Harrington, Stepladder	\$ 288,657
2017	Maines, S. Sandstone, Leora Lane, Cuff	\$ 373,041
2018	Glasgow	\$ 233,751
2019	Bailey Road	\$ 172,785
2019	Rolling Meadows Association private roads to County Roads	\$ 251,388
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,735,310</b>

If you find a major pothole on a road that you travel, please report the location of the problem to the Jackson Department of Transportation (517-788-4230).

Blackman Road is the boundary line between Sandstone and Blackman Townships. We will continue to coordinate with them and try to improve Blackman Road on a shared cost project for 2020.

Note: Rolling Meadows residents will repay the township for the conversion of their private roads to public roads with a 10 year Special Assessment to include interest.

### 2019 Summer Taxes

Summer taxes will be mailed out July 1<sup>st</sup> and due September 16. If you do not receive your bill, please contact us at 517-784-4712 extension 4. Our office will be open on Fridays until 5:30PM during tax collections.

### Elections

The state has selected November 5<sup>th</sup> as a possible election date. There are no ballot issues at this time for Sandstone Township. The township is always looking for election inspectors from both all parties for 2020. If interested in learning how to apply please contact the clerk's office at 517-784-4712. You can always get more election information at [www.michigan.gov/sos](http://www.michigan.gov/sos)

## Township Zoning Ordinance Changes

You can find the township requirements for large, medium, or small (typical home) solar power installations on the township web page or come to the township office for a copy. We have also added requirements for agricultural tourism which includes "wedding barns". Summer time is a good time to get rid of those old cars and trucks that make it hard to cut the grass. The township's Junk car ordinance can be found on our web page.

## Parma Sandstone Fire Department

Our Fire Department is staying busy. The runs for each year are: 2016 (651 runs), 2017 (682 runs), 2018 (657 runs) and this year through May 307 runs. We currently have 21 active volunteer Emergency First Responders/Fire Fighters. The specifications for a replacement of Engine #3 are being developed with anticipated delivery in 2020. The department is trying to improve day time response times by having personnel available at the station during the day time. Department has acquired an automatic Lucas chest compression device for heart attack cases. Fire Chief, William Engelter is accepting applications for those interested in becoming involved in fire department. As a reminder that outdoor burning permits are required and can be obtained from the Fire Department. Our dedicated Parma Sandstone Fire Department personnel provide us with essential services, so when you see one of them, please show them your appreciation.

## Police Protection

Through May 2019, the officers assigned to Sandstone Township continue to provide a valuable service of being present and available in our township. They have responded to 233 complaints, made 123 traffic stops, written 39 speeding tickets and made 8 arrests. If you are going on a vacation and would like your home checked while you are gone, fill out a Jackson Sheriff House Watch Form at the Township Hall or find the link to the form on the Township Web page under the "Community Info" tab.

## Township Clean-Up Date

Mark your calendar, our fall cleanup day is September 28, 2019, 9 AM till 1 PM. The Township schedules two clean-up days per year, one in the spring and one in the fall. Residents can bring their trash to the Township Hall parking lot for disposal during these clean-up events. If you can help during the fall cleanup please call the Township. We accept trash (not garbage), furniture, appliances, metal, and batteries. **NO TIRES** at the fall cleanup and we do not take paint or hazardous waste. We will have a paper shredder truck available at no cost to shred your personal documents as you watch. If you have over 6 boxes you need to call the township office to coordinate larger quantities. Special thanks go to the volunteers that helped at the spring cleanup: Linda Rogers, Kim Britten, Pixie Sterrett, Jill Allen, Terry Langston, Jeff Hale, Ken Powers, Clair Koppleman, Dave Jonas, Oscar Placher, Wyatt Garner, Jason Tice (MDK Shredding), Emmons personnel James Kloepfer, Rick Jacobs and Dave Hanson.

**Our Township Office number is 517-784-4712 Fax 517-784-2605 Hours 9 AM to 4 PM Monday-Friday.**  
(Note during tax collection time the Friday hours are extended to 5:30 PM).

Your elected Township Board Officials:

Clerk, Priscilla Sterrett	Treasurer, Betty Sue VanWinkle
Trustee, Terry Langston	Trustee, Cheryl Marks
Trustee, Jeff Hale	Trustee, Dwight VanWinkle

Keith Acker, Supervisor

Cell: 517-812-9441

Enjoy Your Summer! ☺