

SANDSTONE CHARTER TOWNSHIP

December 2021 Newsletter

Township Meetings

Residents are always welcome and encouraged to participate in 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: <http://www.sandstonetownship.org>

High Speed Internet Survey

We really would appreciate you taking a few minutes to complete the internet survey on the back of this page. It is very important for us to understand if your current internet service meets your needs. We also want to know if you have a need for high speed internet. So please take a couple of minutes to complete the survey by **December 17th**. Options for completing the survey are:

1. Go to the township web page and follow the link to complete it online, or
2. Use the QR code and take the survey on your cell phone, or
3. Return this printed form to the township hall, (drop it off or mail it to the township).

Be assured that we will not be sharing your personal information. Thank You.

2021 Winter Taxes

Please contact the Treasurer's office at 517-784-4712 extension 3 if you have a tax payment question. Our office is open 9 AM to 4 PM, Monday through Friday and during tax collection time the Friday hours are extended to 5:30 PM. Please plan to pay your taxes by February 14, 2022 to avoid interest charges. After February 28th taxes must be paid at the Jackson County Treasurers Office.

Police Protection

During this year through October 2021, the deputies assigned to Sandstone Township continue to provide a valuable service of being present and available in our township. They have responded to 458 complaints, made 72 traffic stops, wrote 48 speeding tickets and made 11 arrests. If you are going on a vacation and would like your home checked while you are gone, you can fill out a Jackson Sheriff House Watch Form at the Township Hall.

Elections

There will be an August 2 State Primary Election and a November 8th State General election. There could be an election on May 3rd if the schools request one. Everyone on our permanent Absentee Voter list will be sent an application for a ballot. All others wishing to receive an absentee ballot will need to contact the Clerk's office for an application. Sandstone Charter Residents will vote on a police millage in 2022. The current .5 mills will provide about \$72,000 and the cost of having a deputy from the Jackson County Sheriff's Department is \$115,376. In prior years, the police millage shortfall has been covered by using the Township general funds.

Parma Sandstone Fire Department

Our Fire Department is staying busy. The emergency services and fire runs for each year are increasing. This year through November 11th there have been 724 runs. It is expected that they will exceed 800 runs this year. Thank a volunteer fire person when you see them!

Township Clean-Up Date

At the fall clean up, we recycled 795 tires and collected 8,800 lbs. of metal and filled 3 garbage trucks. The spring cleanup day is tentatively planned for May 14, 2022 but this date is not firm. Sandstone residents will be allowed to bring their trash to the Township Hall from 9 AM till 1 PM. Special thanks go to the volunteers that worked at the Fall cleanup: Dave Jonas, Tom Paluch, Paxton Williams, Debbie Williams, Bodhi Williams, Jeremy Williams, John Lawe, Darren Richards, Jeff Wagner, Cole Wagner, Josh Walker, Herbert Signor, from the Township: Bryan Powers, Chris Crisenberry, Dwight and Betty Sue VanWinkle, Kaye Paluch, Linda Rogers, Keith Acker. As always Emmons sent great workers: Jordan Keller, Gary Worden, Rich Jacob.

Property Assessing

Julie Pulling is the township assessor and in order to meet state requirements, she may come to your home during the day time to verify that your property is assessed correctly. She does not ask to come into your home but may ask you to provide information about your interior amenities, number of bedrooms, number of bathrooms, type of heating etc. She will also verify outside building measurements. Please assist her in doing her job.

Road Work

The Jackson County Department of Transportation pays 30% of the cost paving local roads. The Township pays 70% of the cost. For the northern portion of Blackman Road, Blackman and Sandstone split the township cost. Sandstone's bill was \$352,267. Thorrez and James McDevitt Road were fixed at a cost of \$75,078. The culvert on Bailey Road needs replacing but has been delayed by Jackson County Department of Transportation till 2022.

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 wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Clerk, Kim Britten

Treasurer, Betty Sue VanWinkle

Trustee, Jeff Hale

Trustee, Chris Crisenberry

Trustee, Cheryl Marks

Trustee, Dwight VanWinkle

Supervisor, Keith Acker (Cell: 517-812-9441)