

SANDSTONE CHARTER TOWNSHIP

July 2022 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. Planning Commission meets every other month at 6:00 pm. Both Board meeting and Planning Commission meeting dates, and minutes, are listed on the web page <http://www.sandstonetownship.org>

2022 Summer Taxes

Summer tax bills will be mailed July 1st and due September 14. Please contact the treasurer's office at 517-784-4712 ext. 3 if you have any questions, or do not receive a bill. Hours for tax collection are Monday – Thursday 9-4, Friday 9-5:30

Police

The Township continues to contract with the Jackson County Sheriff's department to provide a Deputy to be assigned to Sandstone Charter Township. This service is possible by the voter approved millage of 0.5 mills which covers approximately 82% of the contract cost. The balance is paid out of the township's general fund. The millage for police services will expire in December 31, 2022 and the Township Board will ask for the approval of a renewal of the police millage (0.5 mills) at the August election. A sample ballot will be on our website.

Elections

Update from the Clerk:

Our state is redrawing congressional and state legislative district lines in accordance with the census that is conducted every 10 years, so each registered voter will receive a new "voter ID card" reflecting these changes. However, everyone in Sandstone Township will still be voting at the same precinct polling locations where they have voted in the past, based on their residential address.

If you receive a new card and you believe it is incorrect, please contact the Clerk.

The State Primary Election is Tuesday, August 2, 2022. The Clerk's office will be open Saturday, July 30 from 9-5pm.

The State General Election is Tuesday, November 8, 2022. The Clerk's office will be open Saturday November 5, 2022 from 9-5pm.

Parma Sandstone Fire Department

The Fire Department is always looking for more personnel to serve the community and there is also a cadet program for youth between 15 to 17 years old. If you, or someone you know, is willing to serve the community in this manner, please contact the Fire Department at 517-531-4595. The department exceeded 838 runs last year for a new record. The highway construction is causing response times to some areas to be a little longer. They are also experiencing an increase in I-94 accidents. When there is only one lane available it is difficult to respond to the scene. Please be careful out there.

Township Clean Up Day

At our spring clean up we recycled 783 tires. Emmons charge for 24.12 tons of trash (6 garbage trucks) was \$2,123.13. We also received \$696.20 for the collection 10,180 lbs. of scrap metal.

Special thank you to everyone that volunteered.

Volunteers: Keegan VanWinkle, Jim Pulling, Julie Pulling, Jeremy Williams, Bohdi Williams, Linda Rogers, Clair Koppelman, Dave Jonas.

Spring Arbor Volunteers: Dwayne Kok, Scott Pelham, Jim Buck, Michael Smajda.

Township Trustees: Keith Acker, Chris Crisenbery, Jeff Hale, Dwight VanWinkle, Betty Sue VanWinkle

Fall Clean Up Date: Fall Clean Up will be September 17, 2022 from 9am – 1pm. No tires accepted this fall.

We are trying to arrange for the paper shredding truck, but have not received a commitment. Please check in the fall to see if we will be able to provide this service.

Assessing

Julie Pulling is our Township Assessor. She is in the office Monday and Wednesday 9am – 4pm and can be reached at 517-784-4712 ext. 6, with any questions. If you need to see her in person, please call ahead as her position requires her to occasionally go out in the field. The Michigan State Tax Commission requires that properties in the township be physically inspected on a rotation basis to verify any loss, or new construction. Each year properties selected for inspection receive a letter in the spring to notify you of her upcoming visit. She will measure the outside of your buildings, but she will not request to enter your home. Julie will ask you to verify information such as number of bedrooms, bathrooms, type of heating etc. If you are not available when she visits, she will complete the outdoor work and leave a questionnaire for you to complete and send to the office. Thank you in advance.

Roads

The Township Board continues to spend money on our roads and it is a never ending process. We are trying hard to avoid asking for a road millage, like other townships have found necessary. Since 2014 we have on average spent \$260,931 per year on roads.

Roads to be repaired in 2022 are: Benn Road (from Wellman to Rogers), Bennett Rd, Corwin, Ellis Drive, Miner Road, Muma, N. Harrington, and Wellman (from County Farm to Benn). This work will cost the township \$304,956. We are concerned about the rising cost of everything for next year's road work. If you have road issues, please contact Jackson Department of Transportation at 517-788-4230, or let us know at the township.

Building & Zoning

Our building and zoning official is Bryan Powers. He can be reached at (517) 937-8205 or e-mail powersb1820@outlook.com for any building or permit questions.

Township Board Members

Supervisor: Keith Acker Cell 517-812-9441

Clerk: Kimberly M. Britten 517-784-4712 ext. 4

Treasurer: Betty Sue VanWinkle 517-784-4712 ext. 2

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