

July 2024 Newsletter
Sandstone Charter Township
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Hours Monday-Friday 9am-4pm
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Township Meetings

Residents are always welcome and encouraged to participate in Township Board and Planning Commission meetings. The Board meetings are typically the second Monday of each month at 6:00pm. Planning Commission meets every other month at 6:00pm. All meeting dates and minutes are listed on our web page.

Taxes

2024 summer taxes are due September 16, 2024. Payments must be in our office by the due date to avoid late fees. Our office is open Monday - Thursday 9-4, and 9-5:30 on Fridays during tax collection time. Payments can also be dropped in the box by the front door. Please contact the treasurer's office at 784-4712 ext. 2 or 3, with any tax questions.

Police

We are contracted with the Sheriff Department to cover our 36 square miles, including the highways within our township. For 2023 they responded to 538 calls, 221 traffic stops, 136 verbal warnings, 15 personal injury crashes, 70 property damage crashes. The police will provide security for your home and property when unoccupied. A house watch form is available in the office or on our webpage under the community info tab. For questions or concerns, leave a message 517-768-7974 and a deputy will get back with you, as soon as possible. **For emergencies call 911.**

Elections

Michigan law provides for nine (9) days of optional in-person "early voting" ahead of each State and Federal election. **Sandstone Charter Township and Spring Arbor Township** will be jointly administering the election during the early voting period. July 27 - August 4, 2024, and Oct.26 - Nov. 3, 2024. The polling place for early voting is 107 E. Main, Spring Arbor, Michigan. Early voting procedures are just like Election Day – each voter will complete a voter application, present identification, mark his or her ballot, and place it into the tabulator.

On the scheduled "regular" election dates **Tuesday, August 6, 2024 and Tuesday, November 5, 2024** any Sandstone Township voter who did not vote early in Spring Arbor, or by absentee ballot, may vote in person at his or her regular polling place in Sandstone. Precinct #1 & #2 will vote at the Sandstone Township Offices at 7940 County Farm Road, Precinct #3 at the Parma-Sandstone Fire Dept. at 297 N. Union St. Parma.

More information about early voting is available at Michigan.gov/earlyvoting or contact **Kimberly M. Britten, Sandstone Charter Twp. Clerk, 517-784-4712, Ext. 4.**

Parma Sandstone Fire Department

For 2023 we had a total of 982 runs, 8 building fires, 2 vehicle fires, 219 medical calls, 60 motor vehicle accidents, 15 trees in roadway. We have had 365 runs so far this year. Our department has 3 new firefighters and always taking applications.

Township Clean Up Day

Our spring clean-up we had 21,030 tons of unwanted trash at a cost of \$3,350.73. We also received \$814.80 for the collection of 65,600 lbs. of scrap metal. We collected 689 tires and approximately 155 residents utilized this service.

A Special Thank you to everyone that volunteered their time.

Sandstone Township Board:

Dwight VanWinkle (Supervisor), Betty Sue VanWinkle (Treasurer) Jeff Hale (Trustee) Chris Crisenbery (Trustee)
Steve Noble (Trustee)

Sandstone Township:

Linda Rogers (Deputy Treasurer) Kathy Mullins (Office Asst.)

Jackson County Sheriff: Tim Roberts

Bailey Construction: Christopher Eubanks

Parma Sandstone Fire Dept: Chief William Engelter, Asst. Chief Michael Hunter, Firefighters Robert Harris & Tait Devine

Township Volunteers: Keith Acker, Mike Cantrell, Sophia Cantrell

Our fall clean-up day will be Saturday September 14, 8:00am – 11:00am

Assessing

Julie Pulling is our Township Assessor. She is in the office Monday and Wednesday from 9 – 4 or can be reached at 517-784-4712 ext. 6. Please call ahead to make sure she is in the office or to schedule an appointment.

2024 Road Projects

The Jackson County Department of Transportation pays 30% of the cost. The township pays 70%. The Township portions are listed below.

Gardner Rd. (between County Farm Rd. & Benn Rd.)	\$107,100.00
Hendershot Rd. (Michigan Ave. to dead end)	\$ 40,572.00
Hendershot Rd. (County Farm to dead end)	\$ 16,800.00
O'Brien Rd. (Michigan Ave. to Township line)	\$ 58,590.00
Stepladder Rd. (between Benn Rd. and Springport Rd.)	\$ 44,100.00

Building and Zoning

Contact Bryan Powers at 517-937-8205 or Powersb1820@outlook.com for permit applications or questions. Applications can be received from Bryan, on our web page or at the Township office.

Sandstone Township Office will be closed on the following dates

July 4, September 2, October 14, November 11, November 28, November 29, December 25, December 26, January 1

Township Board Members

Supervisor: Dwight VanWinkle 517-784-4712 ext. 1 supervisor@sandstonetownship.org

Clerk: Kimberly M. Britten 517-784-4712 ext. 4 clerk@sandstonetownship.org

Treasurer: Betty Sue VanWinkle 517-784-4712 ext. 2 treasurer@sandstonetownship.org

Trustees: Cheryl Marks cheryl.marks@wsdpanthers.org

Chris Crisenbery crisenbery@sandstonetowship.org

Jeff Hale

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