

December 2024 Newsletter
Sandstone Charter Township
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Hours Monday-Friday 9am-4pm
www.sandstonetownship.org

Township Meetings

Residents are always welcome and encouraged to participate in Township Board and Planning Commission meetings. All meeting dates are listed on our webpage under the “calendar tab.”

Taxes

Winter taxes are due February 14, 2025. These taxes must be in our office by this date to avoid interest and penalties. Please contact our office if you do not receive a bill. Failure to receive a tax statement does not exempt you from penalties when taxes become delinquent. We accept check or cash only. We also have a drop box by the front door for after hour payments. Any summer or winter taxes paid after February 28 will have to be paid to the Jackson County Treasurer. In addition to our regular 9am-4pm hours, we are open until 5:30pm on Fridays from December 1 – February 14.

Police

Sandstone Charter Township is contracted with the Jackson County Sheriff to cover the 36 square miles, including all highways within our Township. For the timeframe of January 1 through September 30 they handled 485 calls for service, 53 traffic crashes, 143 traffic stops, 85 citations and 15 arrests. The police will provide security for your home and property when unoccupied (on vacation). A house watch form is available in the office or on our web page under the “community info” tab. For questions or concerns, leave a message at 517-768-7974 and a deputy will get back with you, as soon as possible. **For emergencies call 911.**

Election Report:

The November 5, 2024 General Election went great. We had an excellent turnout!

“Thank you” to the following people who served as our Election Inspectors: Precinct #1: Janice, Susan, Heidi, Mary, Karter, Julie. Precinct #2: Kathi, Sandy, Karen, Laura, Robin, Sue. Precinct #3 Christine, Tom, Debra, Ellen, Janis: AVCB: Phyllis, Terry, Vicki, Terry. Early Voting: Kathi, Heidi, Mary, Sandy, Kathy. Also, a big **“Thank you”** to the following people who helped set up and take down. Tom, Joanne, Karter, Kathy, Victoria and Kaye.

For current Jackson County Election results visit: <https://www.co.jackson.mi.us/1549/Election-Results>

Parma Sandstone Fire Department

The Fire Department can be reached at 517-531-3030 for any non-emergent questions or concerns. **All emergencies call 911.** We appreciate our Fire Department for all they do. Please thank your local firefighters.

Road Projects

The Township road projects we had scheduled for 2024 are complete, with the exception of a few touch up areas. The County began skip paving on County Farm Rd. in November.

Township Clean Up Day

Our fall clean-up was light this time. We collected 9.85 tons of trash at a cost of \$2,645.94 and \$750.00 for the shredder. We received \$373.20 for our scrap metal.

A Special Thank you to everyone that volunteered their time.

Sandstone Charter Township Board:

Dwight VanWinkle (Supervisor) Kim Britten (Clerk) Betty Sue VanWinkle (Treasurer) Jeff Hale (Trustee) Chris Crisenbery (Trustee) Steve Noble (Trustee)

Sandstone Township:

Linda Rogers (Deputy Treasurer) Kaye Paluch (Deputy Clerk)

Jackson County Sheriff: Tim Roberts

Parma Sandstone Fire Department: Chief William Engelter, Asst. Chief Mike Hunter, Firefighters: Cortney Richardson

Township Volunteers: Mike Cantrell

Western School: Toby Sheldon, Spencer Borton, Ronald London

2025 Clean Up Dates

May 17 8am-11am, Tires will be accepted

September 20 8am-11am

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.

Building and Zoning

Our building and zoning official is Bryan Powers. Please contact him for any permits or questions. He can be reached at 517-937-8205 or Powersb1820@outlook.com. Applications can be obtained from him. They are also available on our web page.

Sandstone Township Office will be closed on the following dates:

December 25th and 26th

January 1

Township Board Members

Supervisor: Gary Britten 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@wspanthers.org

Chris Crisenbery crisenbery@sandstonetownship.org

Jeff Hale

Steve Noble snoble@sandstonetownship.org

Please welcome our new Supervisor, Gary Britten, to our Township.

It's been a pleasure being part of the Township Board for 13 years.

Sandstone Township is a great community and I have enjoyed working with the residents to help resolve issues and concerns, along with our board. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your community.

Dwight A. VanWinkle