



Grant Township News

BILL DEATER-SUPERVISOR

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Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
2nd Monday of each month

Planning Commission Meetings 7pm
Last Tuesday of each month except no meeting in December

Parks & Recreation Meetings 7pm
First Tuesday of Month

Coming Events

- Fire Department
- Fire Prevention Night
October 8th 6-8 pm
- Halloween Trick/Treat
October 31st 6 pm
- Food Give-A-Way
November 18th 1-3 pm
- Children Christmas Party
December 5th 4-6 pm
- Parks & Rec
- Tree Lighting
December 5th 6pm

Dear Residents:
With fall upon us, hope you all had a safe and enjoyable summer.

We have just been notified by the Department of Natural Resources concerning the Gibbons Rd bridge. It looks like it will be next year before they come up with a design acceptable for this project.

On another note the Township Board bid out the contract for trash pickup as this was the last year on our current contract. This contract will be for a three year period, same as we

have had previously. Bids were received from three companies; Jeff's Rubbish \$175.44 per year, Waste Management \$134.40 per year and Marcotte Disposal \$111.36 per year. Jeff's current contract had been \$148 per year. The board's decision was to go with Marcotte Disposal since it was a savings of approximately \$37 per year. Everything will remain the same, including Tuesday pickup. If you have any large items just call into Marcotte for a pickup.

Last spring Grant Township had the opportunity

to purchase a five acre parcel on Vincent Rd., South of Burtch Rd. St. Clair County contacted us concerning this parcel which was up for back taxes for the sum of \$2,950.00. This was in the same area that our previous township board had attempted to buy at auction years before, for a township cemetery. We have asked our engineer about a design and how many sites would be available. This has been turned over to our planning commission.

Fire Prevention Night
Oct. 8th at 6:00 p.m..
I hope to see you there.

Bill

NANCY SHARUM-CLERK

This has been a quiet year as far as elections go. We have only had the Cros/Lex School Election in May. There are no other elections planned for this year.

Again this year we will be doing the Help a Needy Child have a Merry Christ-

mas. We are asking that you drop off gifts (unwrapped) at the Township Hall by December 16th.

Last year we had some very giving residents that helped entire families. **Thanks** to these **generous** people these families were able to have a

very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

If you have any question just give the Township a call.

Nancy

SUE HANSMAN - ASSESSOR

**From the Assessor:
The following exemptions are available for Tax and Assessment Purposes**

Principle Resident's Exemption -

Formerly known as the Homestead Exemption. This is an exemption from the 18 mills of school operating taxes. To receive this you must own and occupy your home as of May 1st of each year. The exemption may also be extended to vacant contiguously owned property under the same ownership. This is not available for 2nd homes, commercial or industrial properties. There is a form available through the Township Hall to claim this exemption.

Conditional Rescission of Principle Resident's Exemption -

The State is now allowing homeowners to claim 2 exemptions for up to 3 years on homes that are actively for sale but the owners have moved and are claiming the exemption on their new home. You

must have moved within the State of Michigan and the original home must be actively for sale. There is a form available through the Township Hall to claim this exemption. A copy of the sale listing must accompany it. This must also be applied for each year up to 3 years.

Qualified Agricultural Exemption -

This is an exemption from the 18 mills of school operating taxes. If your property is classified as agricultural property on the tax roll the exemption is automatic. If your property is classified anything else on the assessment roll you can still receive this if you grow a consumable product on more than 50% of a parcel. There is a form available through the Township Hall to claim this exemption on property classed other than agricultural. If you are renting a vacant parcel to a farmer and want to claim the exemption a copy of the rental agreement with the farmer must accompany the form.

Hardship Exemption -

This is an exemption from all property taxes, if you qualify for an entire exemption. The exemption is based on the previous year's income. You must meet the Federal Poverty guidelines for the number of persons living in your home as well as meet an asset level test. The forms are available through the Township Hall. A copy of your previous year's 1040 form showing your income must accompany it. This may be applied for at the March, July or December Board of Review meetings. To make an appointment please call the Township Hall.

Mathieu Gast (Non-Consideration Form) -

This is a form that must be filled out in December of each year to claim an exemption for normal maintenance done to residential property during the year. If filed the additional value cannot be added to your taxes.

Examples would be a new roof, replacement windows, siding, electrical rewiring or replumbing. New construction does not qualify for the exemption. Examples would be an addition on a home, new porches, additional bathrooms installed or finishing a basement. The forms are available through the Township Hall.

DON MCLANE-FIRE DEPARTMENT



So far this year your fire department has responded to 8 fire calls, 40 medical emergencies, 7 calls with hazardous conditions that include hazardous materials, 2 service calls, 3 good intent calls and 2 false alarms.

Back on September 4th of this year, our fire department responded to a 911 medical call of possible heart attack.

13 of our firefighters responded at 2:40 in the afternoon. Some of them leaving work for this emergency.

The first firefighter on scene, found the victim without a pulse and not breathing. Due to the quick response of the firefighters and the department's AED (automated external defibrillator), they were able to get the victim breathing and established a strong pulse. The emergency room doctors have credited our fire department with saving this person's life.

The department has received a letter of commendation from Tri-Hospital

EMS A copy is on display in the township lobby.

The department also hosted its 3rd food give away program of the year on September 23rd. It will hold its last one of 2009 on November 18th from 1-3 pm and will be sponsored by the Jeddo Lions Club.

Anyone in the township needing help but unable to come to the township office on the day of the give-away should contact the township office prior to the 18th.

The fire department

will again host its annual fire prevention night on October 8th from 6 to 8 pm. It is always a great time for the family with a lot of activities for the kids. Again this year there will be prizes and food.

GARY SHARUM-ZONING

The Grant Township Planning Commission is close to adopting a vacant home ordinance. This ordinance will require the owner of a vacant property (usually a bank or mortgage company), to register the home with the township. They will be required to pay a monthly inspection fee that will require the

Township Building Inspector to visit the property each month to make sure that the outside of the property is properly maintained. This includes broken windows, landscaping, graffiti, blight, etc.. Once it is approved by the Planning Commission it will go to the Board of Trustees for

review and approval. Once approved by the Board of Trustees it will become effective 30 days after it appears in the newspaper.

The Planning Commission is also working towards updating our Zoning Ordinance to make it compatible with our new Master Plan as well as working on new wind energy conversion

system (WECS) ordinance and an ordinance for our newly planned cemetery.

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Jeddo, MI 48032

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Jeddo, MI 48032

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available
\$20 through the Fire Dept**

**TOWNSHIP OFFICES ARE OPEN MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS
9:00 AM UNTIL 5:00 PM - CLOSED FROM 12:00 PM UNTIL 1:00 PM FOR LUNCH**

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GRANT TOWNSHIP DIRECTORY

Elected Officials

Supervisor: William Deater
Clerk: Nancy Sharum
Treasurer: Kathleen Bert
Trustee: David Rutkofske
Trustee: David Lamb

Deputy Treasurer: Sue Deater

Deputy Clerk: Gary Sharum

Zoning Administrator/ Ordinance Enforcement

Gary Sharum

Assessor: Susan Hansman

Board of Review

Chair: Gene Galinis
Secretary: Bill Deater
Member: Dennis Balut
Member: Jim Perry
Member: Peter Cadotte

Planning Commission

Chair: Marvin McCallum
Vice-chair: Michael Dubay
Secretary: David Lamb
Member: Gary Breakie
Member: Gene Galinis
Member: Mark Matthews
Member: Margaret Stanyer

Inspectors:

Building: Bob Wiley
Electrical/Address Assign:
David Rutkofske
Mech/Plumb: Dan Jex

Hall & Park

Manager/Reservations:
Don Orrell
Hall Maintenance-Denise Lamb
Groundskeepers: Russ Abate
Dave Miller

Zoning Board of Appeals

Chair: Gary Breakie
Member: Sue Deater
Member: Kathleen Bert

Fire Department Officers

Chief: Don McLane
Assistant Chief: Dave Farr
Captain: Hank Crawford
1st Lieutenant: Louis Hartman
2nd Lieutenant: John Hillman
Sergeant: Sean Rhadigan

Fire Fighters

Jon Chivers
Bill Deater
Dale Farr
Richard Frizzle
Sandy Hillman
Christopher Hubbard
Cletus Kensley
Edward Kudzia
Steven McLane
Mark Mooney
Don Orrell
Dan Owens Jr.
Fred Ramage
Jack Rushton
David Rutkofske

Fire Fighters (cont)

Chance Skinner
Paul Smith
Thomas Stanyer
Dale Tremble
Les VanCamp

Park and Recreation Committee

Chair: Sue Deater
Member: Denise Lamb
Member: Mark Matthews
Member: Shelly McCoy
Member: Teresa Messing
Member: Gary Sharum
Member: Nancy Sharum
Member: Denny Strevel
Member: Karen Strevel

Cemetery:

Sexton: Dave Lamb
Maintenance: Brian Bennert