
WILBER TOWNSHIP NEWS

Special Fall-2012

Supervisor's Corner

If we had a "Good Neighbor" award in Wilber Township, it should go to Denny Thompson and Fred Roulo. On August 7, 2012 a fire broke out in the hayfield south of the residence of Mark Nunn. Both Denny and Fred, recognizing the danger that the southerly wind presented to Mark's property, brought their tractor loaders to the fire site on the north side, holding the fire at bay until the fire department arrived. People like this make me proud to be a resident of Wilber Township.

Howard Alverson

August Primary Election

Update

The Wilber Township Board thanks voters for renewing the three important township proposals that appeared on the August 7th Primary Ballot. The one mill levy for Fire Protection passed with a 163 vote margin, 192 for and 29 opposed.

The one mill renewal for Road Construction and Maintenance passed by 127 votes, 170 for and 43 opposed.

And the *additional* one mill proposal, also for Road Construction and Maintenance, to supplement the above millage because of the ever increasing costs of roads improvements, passed by 67 votes. The final vote was 140 for and 73 opposed.

Voter turnout for this primary was the highest anywhere in Iosco County, with 232 votes being cast, or 35% of our electorate. It's reassuring to see our residents so engaged in local government and issues.

Absentee Voting

We have noticed that because of recent post office closings and mergers, as well as the consolidation of mail sorting and distribution centers, the delivery of mail has been taking longer than usual.

Therefore, we are suggesting that those of you who vote by casting absentee ballots return those ballots promptly to ensure that the precinct receives them by Election Day. We want all of your votes to count!

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Special Township Cleanup Planned for Saturday October 6, 2012 8-10 a.m.

After much discussion the Township Board of Trustees has decided to sponsor a second cleanup this fall strictly for disposing of building, construction and demolition materials.

This is being done on a trial basis, because these kinds of items are not accepted during our regular spring cleanup, and because summer is the time that many building and remodeling projects are undertaken.

The following are examples of what will be accepted during this special initiative:

Lumber scraps
Insulation
Siding
Ductwork
Roofing Shingles

In addition, a limited amount of *clean* concrete chunks, cement blocks, and bricks will be accepted (NO rocks or stones).

Items not accepted for this cleanup include:

- Asbestos
- Ashes
- Batteries or battery acid
- Liquid or medical waste
- Tires
- Sewage
- Dirt, soil, gravel, plant, grass or yard waste
- Dead animals
- Animal or human waste,
- Hazardous, liquid materials & herbicides
- Appliances.
- Oil and petroleum products
- Paint
- PCBS or Radioactive Waste

We reserve the right to refuse ANY items

*****NO CONTRACTORS*****

We are asking those of you who participate in this cleanup to *please* assist volunteers in unloading and disposing of your waste materials.

Cemetery Improvements

The Wilber Township Cemetery has been mentioned numerous times in this newsletter. Besides the township hall, the cemetery is the township's only other asset or township-owned property.

In an ongoing cost effort to maintain and safeguard the cemetery, the township board has undertaken the several improvements maintenance initiatives.

In the summer of 2011 chain-link fencing was installed on the west and south boundaries of the property, and gates at the two driveways were added for security purposes when the cemetery is closed to vehicles from December 1st to April 1st.

This summer white vinyl split-rail fencing was added across the front of the cemetery, which adds to the rural esthetics of the cemetery.

Also, the cement block 'retaining wall' next to the storeroom and well house (where refuse is placed pending disposal) was replaced due to its deteriorating condition.

Several decaying and potentially dangerous trees and limbs have been removed, both from the cemetery property and on the eastern boundary lest they fall and damage gravesites and tombstones.

The gravel driveways going through the cemetery have been paved with recycled asphalt.

And finally, several insurance-required signs have been installed for safety & security reasons.

Iosco County Road Commission (reprinted & modified from Spring Newsletter)

It isn't necessary to wait for a township board meeting to register a complaint or issue concerning roads. As county residents or property owners, your voice carries as much weight as the townships.

The Iosco County Road Commission urges residents with general road maintenance or other issues to either call them directly, or for even faster response, register a service request on their automated web site. In addition to this feature, there is much more information available regarding ICRC's operations and structure on this site. Check it out! The web site address is:

www.ioscoroads.org/ Click on Service Request.

TOWNSHIP DIRECTORY

Supervisor: Howard Alverson 989-362-2498

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Ron Phillips 8998-362-5410

Assessor: Robert Boschma 989-362-4387

Cemetery Sexton: Dave Mioduch 989-362-8222

Planning Commission:

Robert Golka, Chair 989-362-7047

Rich Fullerton, Vice-Chair 989-362-2213

Robert White, Secretary 989-362-5410

Frank Kassuba, Member 989-362-8515

Mark Nunn, Member 989-362-2022

Calendar of Events

REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 7:00 PM AT THE TOWNSHIP HALL. WHEN THE FIRST MONDAY IS A HOLIDAY OR HOLIDAY-OBSERVED, MEETINGS ARE THE FOLLOWING TUESDAY. REGULAR MEETING DATES WHICH PRECEDE ELECTION DAYS ARE MOVED TO THE FOLLOWING MONDAY— SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE TOWNSHIP BOARD, OR CHANGES IN MEETING DATES, ARE POSTED ON THE TOWNSHIP HALL BULLETIN BOARD AND THE MESSAGE CENTER.

REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS FOR THE REST OF 2012 ARE SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 11TH AND DECEMBER 13TH. MEETING TIMES ARE 7:00 P.M. SPECIAL MEETINGS ARE HELD UPON REQUEST, OR AS NEEDED. ALL MEETINGS ARE AT THE TOWNSHIP HALL.

2012 GENERAL ELECTION: NOVEMBER 6TH

Township Hall Improvements

In addition to cemetery improvements noted on page 2, we have also strived to responsibly improve, maintain, and operational-ize the township hall.

Some of those accomplishments include:

- Utilizing the township hall as the center of township operations and activities, making for “one-stop” shopping.
- Staffing the hall at least every week day to address issues and deal with concerns. Our goal has been to be responsive and responsible to the needs and concerns of our residents.
- Developing a five year plan of objectives that would be beneficial to our operations, which is reviewed **annually** and modified as necessary.
- Removal of the dangerous bio-hazards of bat and rodent guano in the attic and walls of the hall.
- Adding an overhang and porch railing on the front porch for safety reasons.
- Insulating the ceiling in the large meeting room.
- Replacing the two old windows in the large meeting room with energy efficient ones.
- Engaging volunteers to provide plantings around the hall to add curb appeal.
- Engaging township youth in helping out at the hall, and as election workers during elections.
- Became a leader in the county as the first township to pilot the Electronic Poll Book for the Bureau of Elections as a prelude to statewide implementation.

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Comments about the newsletter, as well as information and topics you would like to see included in future editions should be submitted to me *in writing*.

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If e-mailing, use "Township News" in the subject.

Thanks. Bob White

Burn Permits

Burn Permits are required for all outdoor fires, other than small cooking fires, campfires, or fires contained in an approved and covered outdoor container. Burn Permits are issued by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, either via their web-site, or their toll-free number.

www.Michigan.gov/burnpermit

1-866-922-2876

All burn permits are for one day only