

Supervisor Update

Happy New Year to all. Not too much to report so far this year. The most prevalent and saddest news we have is Joyce Engelhardt's announcement of not running for Trustee in the 2016 November Election. Joyce is a major asset for the Township and will be dearly missed. It will certainly be difficult to fill her position with an equal. Joyce indicated to me that she would like to resign early if we are able to find and appoint a replacement. So, if anybody is interested in being appointed Township Trustee for the remainder of Joyce's term, please send a letter of intent to the Township Clerk, Jodi Hunter, for the boards review. We are blessed to have had the opportunity to have Joyce as a co-worker and a continued friend. I wish her only the best in her new endeavors.



Robert (Bob) Brown, Supervisor

One of my personal goals for this year is to establish an annual goal setting session with the Board. This is where the Board will set targeted goal(s) for the year. Periodically throughout the year we will update the community on what goals were established and what progress has been made. If you would like to offer any topics for discussion during the goal setting sessions, please contact any of your Board Members.

Lastly, due to dust control cost rising, we waited to apply the brine last season until it was absolutely needed, with the hopes that we would have more rain in turn, keeping the dust down and not having to spend the money. As you know, we needed to apply the brine in July. This year we budgeted to apply the brine again. Year to year, the need seems to change as to when we should apply the brine. That being said, we are asking for your input as to when the brine it is needed and when it should be applied. Please give me a call or send an email with your suggestions.

Enjoy the rest of the mild winter, and never hesitate to call or email with any of your concerns.

Bob Brown, Supervisor

Treasurer's Update

Yes, it's February!!!! On the 29th will be my last day for the summer/ winter collection. I do accept post marks. If anyone has delinquent summer taxes that need to be paid please make sure to add the six percent interest on it. Those that do not add the penalty will have their payment sent back. I will be taking my books into the county the first of March so after that the payments will be made to the County Treasurer.

On the 29th, I will be having hours at my home 3047 W. 10 Mile Rd. from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.. Have a wonderful spring.

Kareen Brown, Treasurer



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Fire Chief Update



Henry Loves, Fire Chief

Many new accomplishments occurred in the past year for the Fire Department. Early In 2015 the Township purchased a used Rescue truck, replacing a 1984 model. This purchase enabled us to consolidate all of our rescue equipment in one unit. It also allows us to refill our SCBA bottles here ,at the station. Previously we had to take them to town and have Sault F.D do it. The Rescue unit also has an onboard Generator and great scene lights for night time operations.

In June, the Fire Fighters Association hosted a fund raiser in conjunction with the community yard sale. Food , games and a 50/50 drawing were great, but the big draw seemed to be the dunk tank, featuring the Township Supervisor and the Fire Chief.

The Fire Department and its 21 members appreciate the township residences support on the millage voted on last fall. This will allow us to continue to improve our services for you.

All in all, it was a very good year. We responded to 21 calls during 2015. Several serious accidents and fires unfortunately occurred.

I would like to remind everyone to please check your wood stoves if you use one and to replace the batteries in your smoke detectors if you haven't already.

Clerk's Update

Hope you all are enjoying this wonderful mild winter! Just a reminder, if you wish to receive an absentee ballot for any of the elections, please contact me to receive an application to vote absentee. You must first complete and return the application before I can send the ballot, so please allow time mailing these back and forth. You can email your requests to daftertownship-clerk@aol.com or mail to 4171 W. 10 Mile Road, Dafter, MI 49724. Enjoy the rest of winter!

Jodi Hunter, Clerk



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Trustee's Update

Residents of Dafter Township another year has come. The year 2016 is going to have a lot of politics and elections to contend with...as we have been doing over the past months listening to those individuals running for offices, whether federal or local.

The Township is holding it own based on our Fire Dept. with the great volunteers it has and the Ambulance Service you have maintained with your supporting the millage. Service of this kind is a very important part of the township, one never knows when they have to call 911 and the service is there. Residents, thank you.

Within the township we the board are looking to express our desire to have our Senior Citizens recognized, by asking them, if with some help by our board to form a social group, who could meet at the Dafter Community Hall and just enjoy their part of belonging to this township for years that they have and their experiences here. This situation calls for an individual or one who would take leadership in this area of the program. We, the Board, will work in what ever ways are suggested to us for this to take place. What a great way to bring this township together from Six Mile Road to 12 Mile Rd. and all between.

I am the liaison between the Recreation Board and Township Board. Over the past years we have only limited suggestions concerning recreation in the township and at this point we are asking the residents for their suggestions or ideas. We are looking for seasonal information concerning what type of recreation the residents would be interested in and what this board should focus on as a form of recreation.

At this time we have a ball diamond and basketball court. The Dafter Lions have Christmas Parties for the children as well as contribute to the Fire Dept. for what the Department does for Lions Fundraisers.

The Board is going to meet on behalf of the Recreation Board with the D.N.R. on grants for some types of Recreation in the Township. Our next newsletter will inform you what was discussed and the conclusion concerning the ideas that were made known.

To my fellow residents, this is your township and we as a boardwith you in mind, make our decisions based in that. You are invited to all meetings of the board and are given time to discuss what ever. This is done by giving you time at the beginning of each session. If you do need to speak to the board, if possible have it in written form and it can be filed as such. There is a time limit concerning what you are going to say. Please keep that in mind. We would like to hear from our residents on topics they are interested in. Only way to find out ...is to ask.

As your elected member of the Dafter Board, Thank You!

Bob St. Peter

Trustee's Update

Firstly, I want to say how much I've enjoyed serving as your Township Trustee. It gave me an inside look on how our Town works. However, I have decided that I am not going to run again on the 2016 ballot. So, if you are interested and/or want more information please contact our Township Clerk, Jodi Hunter at dafter-townshipclerk@aol.com or (906) 440-1154. It's been a pleasure.

Kind regards, Joyce Engelhardt



Joyce Engelhardt, Trustee



Spring is just around the corner!

With spring just around the corner, the Township has budgeted to have our annual spring cleanup in May again. Please watch for the next newsletter which will contain your coupon! We can all do our part to keep our Township beautiful. The next newsletter will be send out early in May. As usual, the Township Board is here to serve you. If you have questions or concerns on anything Township related, please feel free to contact one of the Board Members. Enjoy the rest of your winter!

Dafter Township Board

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The place where people are from both sides of the tracks!



Dafter Township

Thank you for supporting the Emergency Services Millage

Last August, the Board put a proposal on the ballot for a millage to cover the costs of providing emergency services for the Township. Voters supported the millage and it passed effective for the current fiscal year. This millage provides funding to ensure that the Township will continue to be able to contract ambulance service for the Township as well as help support the costs of the Dafter Township Volunteer Fire Department. The funds are first allocated to cover the cost of the ambulance contract that guarantees an ambulance will respond to calls in Dafter Township. Remaining funds will help offset the costs for the fire department and provide partial funding for much needed equipment upgrades.

Please remember that although you may have medical insurance that covers ambulance services, it does not guarantee that an ambulance will come to pick you up. The contract that Dafter Township has with Kinross EMS pays for having an ambulance on call if needed and guarantees that an ambulance will be dispatched when you call. Without this contract, ambulances are not required to respond to calls in the Township. The contract does not pay for your transport and medical treatment, it pays for the guarantee to get these services if needed. The medical services and treatment provided once the ambulance arrives is where your medical insurance provides coverage and will be billed.

The Dafter Township Board would like to thank the citizens for passing this important millage. You never know when you or a loved one may need emergency services and we are very happy that the voters decided to support this important service to the Township.

Mark Your Calendar for These Important Dates:

- Presidential Primary Election—March 8—Polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Dafter Township Hall
- Board of Review Meetings: Tuesday, March 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Thursday, March 17 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Dafter Township Hall—First Come, First Served, no appointments
- Township Board Meetings are normally held the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Dafter Township Hall. The February meeting will be held on February 16, 2016.

TOWN HALL RENTAL

RESIDENT RATES

Whole Hall—\$100.00

One Floor—\$50.00

NON-RESIDENT RATES

Whole Hall—\$200.00

One Floor—\$75.00

For rental information, contact Dan Fox at (906) 440-2144

