

Supervisor Update

Happy spring everyone,

Things are going quite well for the Township as we continue to maintain a balanced budget while filling the needs of maintenance and improvements of our community. The 2017-18 fiscal budget has been completed by your board and was approved at our March Board meeting. Along with balancing the cost of running the township, we were able to continue to allocate funds to our emergency services account in anticipation of having to replace our aging equipment and to continue to provide medical and fire services in the future. We were also able to budget half of the funds needed to make improvements to the ball field area. If things go well, we will be able to make those improvements next fiscal year. Another improvement is that the Board approved allocation of funds each year specifically for road improvements. The three upcoming known improvements needed are Maple Rd between 10 and 11 mile, Maple Rd between 9 and 6 mile, and Wilson drive south of 10 mile. While on the topic of roads, we did budget for brining our gravel roads again this year.

Now that the snow has left us for a while, it is time to survey our properties for any junk and debris. The most common concerns I receive are for appliances, dismantled vehicles, indoor furniture, and pallets placed in yards. Not only the items being an eyesore and lower property values, all the above are violations of our Zoning Ordinances. One of the many reason we chose to live in a rural area because it allows us to have some freedom to have outdoor storage. The last being said, we also must be mindful and respect our neighbor's property values, comfort, and enjoyment of life.

Lastly, I have learned through my career with the City, the best way to resolve a concern you may have with your neighbor is to simply offer a cup of coffee and discuss the issue. If you are not able to come to some resolve, please don't hesitate to contact me. All of your Board members strive to be the least intrusive on our dear citizens, but when we receive a complaint, it is our duty to react. Please, let's continue to work together to keep our community enjoyable for all of us. Enjoy the summer and as always, please feel free to contact me or any other Board member for any questions or concerns.

Treasurer's Update

Hi everyone,
Taxes for 2017 come out July 1st. We'll have Saturday hours at the Township Hall from 10:00a.m. To 12:00p.m.
If anyone with delinquent summer or winter for 2016 please pay Chippewa County Treasurer. You should call to make sure you have the correct amount with penalty added on. The County Treasurer's number is 635-6308.

Kareen Brown, Treasurer



Robert (Bob) Brown, Supervisor



Kareen Brown, Treasurer

Fire Chief Update



Henry Lowes, Fire Chief

Spring has finally come and along with it the dangers of wildland fires. I would like to remind people to be careful with outside burning. Winds can suddenly pick up and a small fire can very quickly get out of hand. If this happens, call 911 immediately. Getting some help right away is the best way to extinguish a fire that gets out of control. If you plan to burn you must first check with the DNR. This is easily done on-line by going to www.michigan.gov/burnpermit and clicking on the map.

Special conditions or restrictions for our county will be displayed. Generally the 3 conditions are: Open Burning, Restricted Burning (after 6 pm), or No Burning.

Homeowners who burn their own trash are reminded to keep an eye on their trash barrel when in use. According to the DNR the barrel MUST also have a lid with openings no larger the 3/4 inch. Open "burning barrels" account for a large number of wildland fires.

You may also call the local DNR office at 635-5281 or myself at 440-3301 for assistance.

Henry Lowes, Fire Chief

Clerk's Update

Hi everyone! It has now been a year since we implemented the e-pollbook for our elections. You may have noticed the difference when you voted this past year. Overall, we are very pleased with the new system, and the system seems to make the elections run a little smoother and more efficiently for all involved! Thank you for your patience while the election inspectors were getting used to the new system, it is greatly appreciated!

I have been working on the new website most recently and hope that you will check it out. With this website and the new Facebook page, we are going to be moving towards providing more information electronically to save printing and postage costs for the Township. This will also allow us to provide information about various events and happenings in the Township in a much more timely fashion! Within the next year, we will be phasing out mailing the newsletter to everyone and move to providing it electronically on the website instead. We know that some people are not fond of computers and may still want a paper copy. We will be asking those folks to make a request to continue to receive a paper copy, but this should still significantly reduce the amount of printing and postage costs for the Township. More information about this will be provided in future newsletters as we work towards this goal.

I wish everyone a safe and happy summer! Enjoy our beautiful Township, I know I sure do!

Jodi Hunter, Clerk



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Trustee's Update

Well Residents, it is April and it does look like Spring. Your Dafter Township Board is ready for another term of office and it's responsibilities that go along with it.

I certainly hope your winter was "ok" I do know some of residents did shovel a large amount of snow and the driving was not the greatest. I do however know the county did a great job on most of the highways and the township roads.

You as our residents know you are invited to all our township board sessions on the third Tuesday of each month at the Hall. We as a board would like to have you in attendance so you can get a better understanding of the actions or non - actions we take in certain situation that do come before the board. If you have questions concerning any type situations that you may have within the township. Our newsletter tries to let you know what is happening in most areas of the township. The newsletter is a great tool for all who use it, but we also have a great new website and Facebook page! Please check it out. If you want an event advertised on Facebook, you can email the clerk at daftertownship-clerk@aol.com.

One of my duties as a board member it be a part of the Recreation Board. I report to the full board for what the Rec. Board is doing for the Township. Example this past summer the Rec. Board purchased a set of bleachers from the prison. Our Bid was only \$100.00 and we got them. Now we will have some of our Fire Dept. carpenters do a little work on them and they will work out quite well for our teams that use the field. We would like to thank Clayton McGahey for generously donating much of the lumber we will use to repair the bleachers. We the Rec. Board do request of our residents any ideas they have for the township recreation plan. The Rec. board does need two new members and if you are interested please let me know. E-mail me or call mstpeter29@gmail.com ----- 906-632-9012 To all our residents I do wish each and every one to have a HEALTHY-HAPPY AND FUN SUMMER .

Bob St. Peter - Your Trustee

Trustee's Update

Hello everyone!

I enjoy serving the community. I want to thank all the residents who voted for me. I am looking forward to continuing to service the township and working with the Board. I want to thank the Dafter Lions Club and Dafter Fire Department for bringing Santa & Mrs. Claus to the hall in December. It was a great night.

I would like to mention that our hall is a great place to celebrate any event. We have a nice kitchen facility, and two floors for lots of room. We have a stage for a band. Please think about using it for a wedding, anniversary, graduation, baby shower or any other event you would like to host. Pictures and rental rates are on our new website.

Our ball diamond is in good shape, we were able to purchase some bleachers very inexpensively. The Board has set aside funds to start saving for the pavilion and hopefully will begin this project next summer. Everyone have a safe and happy summer!

Kind regards, Patty Lowes



Robert (Bob) St. Peter, Trustee



Patricia Lowes, Trustee



Spring Clean Up Will Be At
SMITH SANITATION
 3239 W. M-28

May 19-20 and June 2-3

We have made some changes this year to make Spring Clean-Up a little easier. We will be utilizing Smith Sanitation for our annual clean-up this year. You **DO NOT** need to bring a coupon this year. You just need to bring ID with your current address so they can verify your address with the Township list. Only **ONE** load will be allowed per address. You can bring as much as you want in one load including a trailer if you wish. Your load will be weighed.

The Township will pay for the first 500 lbs.

If your load is over 500 lbs., you will be responsible for the charge of \$0.05 per lb. over 500.

Smith Sanitation hours are:

Friday 8:00 AM to 5:00 P.M. and Saturday 9:00 A.M. To 12:00 P.M.

No refrigerators, freezer, air conditioners, tires, or hazardous waste accepted. If you are not sure if an item will be accepted, call Smith Sanitation at (906) 635-3380 to verify.

We can all do our part to keep our Township beautiful. Let's have a beautiful Spring!

Dafter Township

4171 W. 10 Mile Road
 Dafter, MI 49724

May 2017

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



Dafter Township

Fire Department Receives Donations

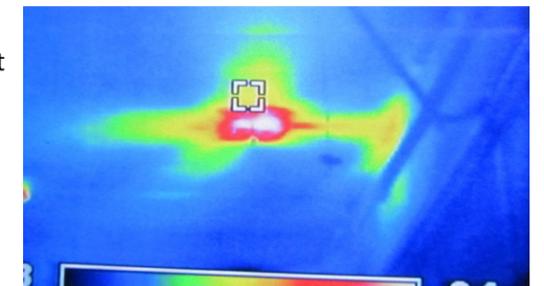
Mark Your Calendar for These Important Dates:

- Township Board Meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Dafter Township Hall.
- Spring Clean Up—May 19th -20th and June 2nd-3rd— See Info in this newsletter

The Dafter Township Board and Fire Department would like to thank the Dafter Lions Club and Mrs. Ann Trissell for their generous donation to the Fire Department. With those funds we were able to purchase a Thermal Imaging Camera. This specialized handheld device allows us to “see” heat. All things either reflect or transmit heat. This device detects that and shows us a picture of the object. Use of this device will greatly enhance our ability to locate people, and detect hotspots in a burning building.



The pictures below show what the camera will detect. The camera detects heat, such as people, or hot spots in walls, as shown. This allows firefighters to find problem areas that are not visible, such as behind walls, in order to prevent rekindling of structure fires, and can assist in search and rescue efforts as well.



New Dafter Township Website www.daftertownship.org

As part of our ongoing efforts to provide you with information and resources, we have just launched the newly designed website. While still a work in progress, this new site is intended to provide you with more up-to-date information and links to resources. Additionally, we have created a Facebook page where the officials can post information and events in real-time. You can access the Facebook posting through the new webpage even if you don't have a Facebook account.

The new site has pages for each of the officials, the Fire Chief, and the Assessor containing information relevant to their areas. The information page will contain recent or current happenings in the Township. There is a page for Township Rentals that contains many pictures of the hall and information about renting. Meeting minutes and newsletters are available electronically on the site. We are also working on a historical section of the website (currently under construction), but will be featuring historical pictures and stories from the area.

Please take a moment and check out the new website, we hope that you like what we have done so far! It is a work in progress and we will continue to add new information and pages in the upcoming months.

