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Hampton Township Board of Trustees meets the second & fourth Monday of each month at 4:00 p.m.

Planning Commission meets the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Board of Appeals meets the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

All meetings are held in the Board room at 801 W. Center Rd.

SEWER PROJECT

It has been a huge undertaking from design to finish. Gary Bartow, Project Manager from Fleis VandenBrink Engineering, Inc. of Midland, Michigan, the Hampton Township Engineer has done an outstanding job with design and coordinating this 18 million dollar, highly technical project. It took many prime contractors and sub contractors to make all of this happen.

Contractors working on the 10 million dollar project in Hampton Township included:

- ◆ J.R. Heineman & Sons Inc. from Saginaw, Michigan was the General Contractor for the Sanitary Sewer Pumping Station located at Trumbull and 22nd Streets. The beautiful building, blends in with the surrounding community. The pumping station is 40 ft deep, containing three pumps with the capacity for 2 pumps to pump approximately 1,000 gallons per minute. The station also has a backup emergency generator to provide continuous power during power outages.
- ◆ Rhode Brothers Excavating Inc. from Saginaw, Michigan was the General Contractor in charge of the directional boring for the 2.7 miles of 12inch HDPE pipe from 22nd St. and Trumbull St. to Scheurmann and Nebobish St. where Pump Station #2 is located. The project was completed with minimal disturbance to the Streets.
- ◆ Pumford Construction Inc. from Saginaw, Michigan was the General Contractor for Pump Station #2 located on Nebobish St. near Bush School. The beautiful building, blends in with the surrounding community, Elementary School and nearby houses. The pumping station is 40 ft deep, containing four pumps with the capacity for 3 pumps to pump approximately 5,500 gallons per minute. The station also has a backup emergency generator to provide continuous power during power outages.
- ◆ D.V.M. Utilities, Inc from Sterling Heights, Michigan was the General Contractor responsible for the directional boring of 1.0 mile of 20 inch HDPE force main that was installed thru the City of Essexville under Burns Street from Nebobish St. north to Smith Park where the City of Essexville will join with Hampton Township to transport the two communities wastewater flows to the Bay County Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant. D.V.M. also directional bored 1,500 ft of 24 inch HDPE force main 25 ft under the Saginaw river from Smith Park north to the former Fletcher Oil property on the north side of the river. From there, D.V.M. directional bored and open cut 1.1 miles of 28 inch HDPE pipe across the Bay Aggregate parcel and along Wilder Road to the West Bay County Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant. D.V.M. did an outstanding job working with the City of Essexville and its residents while working in the City.
- ◆ In order to accommodate the wastewater flows from Hampton Township and the City of Essexville, 8 million dollars of improvements were necessary at the West Bay County Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- F&V Construction Management, Midland, Michigan was the Construction Manager. Sub-contractors who worked on the Treatment Plant project to make it all come together included:
 - * Lee Wood Contracting Inc., Hampton Township, Michigan – Excavating and seeding the 50 million gallon earthen retention basin.
 - * Bilacic Trucking, Inc., Au Gres, Michigan – Installed all the onsite piping, ranging in size from 16 inch thru 30 inch.
 - * Franklin Holwerda Company, Wyoming, Michigan – Process Mechanical, installing valves at primary buildings, pumps & mixing systems (continued on next page)

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- * J.R. Heineman & Sons Inc. from Saginaw, Michigan – Buildings and Concrete, Valve building above ground level, digester, support piers and site concrete.
- * Jelsma Concrete, Kentwood, Michigan – Concrete work for Enlarged Chlorine Contact Chamber.
- * J. Ranck Electric, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan – Site Electrical
- * Windemuller Electric, Wayland, Michigan – Instrumentation
- * Commerce Controls Inc., Novi, Michigan – Instrumentation
- * Ted's Electric, Rhodes, Michigan – Electrical for digesters.
- * Pyramid Paving, Essexville, Michigan – New Pavement throughout the Treatment Plant Facility

To list and thank all of the people who helped on this project and the many others working behind the scenes would turn this newsletter into a newspaper. Right from infancy the main people with the vision and determination to make this project a reality were Ken Miller, Jim Marter, Tom Paige, Dale Majerczyk, Terry Spegel, Bill Tacey, Pam Wright, Hampton Township Board of Trustees, the Essexville Commission, USDA Officials, Jim Turner, Christine Maxwell, Andy Granskog and Wanda Dziwura, Hampton Township Sewer Customers and Essexville Sewer Customers.

We would like to thank the residents for their patience and support on this project. Being the owners of a new state of the art sewer system and part owner of a well taken care of Waste Treatment Plant will allow us to have a voice in sewer costs, not to mention helping the environment by stopping sewage over-flows in the Saginaw River.

Even with the new sewer system in place, we still have challenges to face and things to do, such as establishing a new water authority and moving forward with plans that would allow us to utilize water from the Saginaw-Midland Supply.

Your continued support and patience will be needed as we move forward with these future projects.

**WHAT'S HAPPENING
IN YOUR COMMUNITY?**

Congratulations to our recent retirees:
Police Dept.



Office Thomas Janczewski
28 years of service



Fire Dept.
Firefighter Steven Sloan
31 years of service

Dept. of Public Works
Wayne Beckrow
25 1/2 years of service.



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*Many thanks to  
Officer Ski,  
Fireman Steve and Chic  
(Wayne), for all you've done  
for your  
community.  
Best of luck for a long and  
happy  
retirement.*  
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**Meter
Installation**

Attention all Hampton Township Water & Sewer Customers.

New meters need to be installed in your home and we are asking for your cooperation in order to accomplish this task in a timely manner.

Beginning in January of 2011, Hampton Township will be responsible for the meter reads and billing for our customers; Bay City will no longer be reading or billing your

usage.
Please be patient and allow our meter installers to come into your home and change out the existing meter.

Your new meters are equipped with the capability to be read automatically from the outside as the meter reader drives down the street.

We ask for your patience and continued support as we move forward with this daunting task.

POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

We are quickly approaching icy wintery weather. Please remember to leave early & slow down when roads are slippery. Check your tires for proper wear and inflation.

Hampton Township has received a Radar Speed sign through a grant. The sign has been posted at various locations throughout the township to warn drivers to watch their speed. The sign is generally posted below a speed limit sign. The sign flashes the speed of the approaching vehicle thereby drawing the attention of the driver to his/her speed and the speed limit.

Hampton Township Police Department conducts Neighborhood Watch programs **free of charge**. If you would like to host one or attend one, please contact Lt. Mike Wedding at the Police Department. The number is 892-0571. If he is not in, you can leave a message and he will contact you when he returns.

Larceny crimes are the most frequent offences in Hampton Township. Larcenies from unlocked cars remain the highest category. Keep your vehicles locked and **do not leave** items (purses, wallets, CD players, computers, etc.) in the passenger compartment. Do not leave personal items which can be seen through the windows inside your vehicle..

The majority of these larcenies occur during the late evening and early morning hours. If you hear suspicious sounds, day or night, **please call 911** to report it. If you do not wish to be contacted by the officer, let the 911 dispatcher know that when you call, we will still send a patrol car to check the area. Often the victims or their neighbor heard a suspicious noise that they did not think to report. If you see someone in your neighborhood who you think is suspicious, please call 911 and report their activity and as much of a description (male/female, size, clothing & vehicle description) as you can. We will send a patrol unit to locate and check on the activities of the person(s).

We again encourage all residents to record the make, model, and serial numbers of all items you own. Keep the list in a safe place where it can be retrieved if items are lost or stolen. If the item does not have a serial or model number, inscribe your drivers' license number on it. Items that are recovered by the police and cannot be identified as belonging to an individual are destroyed. Please make a thorough list...

Officer Thomas Janczewski (Ski) has retired after serving Hampton Township for 28 years. He has seen many changes in Hampton Township and in Law Enforcement. He served as an officer for 8 years in Vassar prior to coming here. He has enjoyed serving the public. He and his wife (Denise) are looking forward to traveling and spending time together with family.

FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

On September 12, 2010, the Hampton Fire Department held an open house at the fire station. Over 300 people visited the fire station. There were games and activities for the kids and refreshments were served.

The following organization participated in the Open House:

- * American Red Cross demonstrated and taught what to do for choking emergencies.
- * Bay Regional Medical Center had an ambulance on display.
- * Department of Natural Resources had wild land firefighting equipment on display and Smokey the Bear greeted visitors.
- * United Way of Bay County explained their services.
- * Field Neurosciences Institute sized participants for bike helmets and explained helmet safety.
- * Bay County Central Dispatch distributed handouts.
- * Bay County emergency Services had an Incident Command/Communication trailer on display.
- * Michigan Community Blood bank did blood typing.
- * Serve Pro explained their services.
- * Hammer Restoration distributed handouts.
- * Bob's Towing and recovery had a wrecker on display.
- * Hampton and Portsmouth Fire Departments gave a Jaws of Life Demonstration.

The next open house is scheduled for September 2012.

As the holidays approach, Hampton Fire Department would like to remind everyone to practice fire safety by not overloading extension cords with lights, checking smoke detectors monthly and replacing batteries annually. If you are using alternative fuels make sure the chimneys are kept clean.

Hampton Fire Fighters Association has reflective address signs for sale. The cost of a sign is \$15.00 and they make good holiday gifts.

For candle and cooking safety visit the following web site:
www.befiresafe.com

We welcome the following reserve Fire Fighters who have been hired in the last year:

Greg Delano,
Duncan Campbell
Shawn Johnson

*Congratulations and best wishes to **Steve Sloan** who retired from the fire department on 11/11/2010 after 31 years of service.*