



MILTON TOWNSHIP

Milton Township Newsletter

October 2016

News From Our Township Supervisor

Welcome to Fall. How are your roads? Did you know that Milton Township has a three-year road plan that is updated every year? This plan is located on our web-site. If you believe your road is in need of repaving or maintenance and is not on our three-year plan, please contact the township or attend our December Planning Commission Meeting.

Do you want to impact your community? Every year we rotate people into our committees so that the entire township is represented. We currently have 3 committees that will have openings in the near future as terms expire.

Planning Commission: 1 vacancy with a term expiration of 6/30/2017 – The Planning Commission maintains and adopts the township’s master plan. They also approve/deny special use permits and help with capital improvements planning. They provide the board of trustees recommendations for street maintenance. They also review and maintain the township zoning ordinances. Requirements: need to be a Milton Township Resident. Meetings are once a month.

Board of Review: 3 vacancies and 1 alternate vacancy – terms 1/1/17 through 12/31/2019 – The Board of Review examines and reviews the township’s assessment roll for the current year as prepared by the assessor. They correct errors in the roll and hear taxpayer appeals. Requirements: need to be a Milton Township taxpayer and elector. Meetings are held in March, July, and December as per state law requires.

Salary Compensation Committee: 3 vacancies with various terms of office – The Salary Compensation Commission’s primary function is to set the salaries of Milton Township’s elected officials. They meet every odd year in January and recommend salaries to the Board of Trustees.

If you have an interest in one of the positions, please call to discuss or email me your letter of interest.

As always, we love to get feedback on what we are doing well and what we should do to improve services to you. Consider stopping in to one of our board meetings or giving us a call with your ideas.

Robert Benjamin, Supervisor

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Special Points of Interest

Election Date

November 8

Holiday Closing Schedule

Nov 11 Veteran’s Day

Nov 24 & 25

Thanksgiving

Dec 23 Christmas Eve

Dec 26 Christmas

Dec 30 New Years
Eve

Regularly Meetings

Board of Trustees

3rd Tuesday 7:00pm

Planning Commission

1st Tuesday 7:00pm

2016 Election Information

Be sure to mark your calendars for the following dates:

November 5 th , 2016	Last Day to Vote Absentee	9:00am – 2:00pm
November 8 th , 2016	Presidential Election	7:00am – 8:00pm

The Clerk's office will be open the Saturday before the election from 9:00am - 2:00pm to issue and receive ballots.

Prior to each election, absentee ballots will be available from my office. If you need an absentee ballot, please feel free to call or email me and I will be happy to assist you.

A sample ballot for this election can be found on our website at: www.miltontwp.org. Select "Election Information" on the left side of the page then select "Preview Your Ballot". This will take you to a link on the Secretary of State's website.

The State of Michigan provides a website that is updated as soon as election results are sent in by the counties. Go to www.electionmagic.com

And as always, if you have any questions or comments, feel free to email me at: clerk@miltontwp.org or give me a call at 269-591-7975.

Steve Sante, Milton Township Clerk



The Planning Commission is in the final stages of revising the Milton Township Zoning Ordinance Book. We are hoping to have a public hearing on the updated Zoning Ordinance at the December Planning Commission Meeting. Please reference the Milton Township website for up to the minute details.

Kelly Sweeney, Secretary of the Planning Commission and Trustee

RESIDENTS REMINDED OF SNOW REMOVAL AND WINTER SAFETY

Before our first winter storm or the first snowflakes fly, the Cass County Road Commission is reminding residents that while crews will work to keep roads passable this winter, there is no 'bare roads' policy in effect.

The road commission is responsible for plowing 1014 miles of roadway throughout Cass County divided up into 24 routes. Snowplowing begins when accumulation of two inches (2") is predicted with a goal to have all roads open for travel within 48 hours from the end of the snow storm.



Plowing generally is done with trucks equipped with underbody scrapers, front plows and sanders to apply ice control materials and a mixture of sand and salt. Areas plowed with graders and tractors are not sanded unless conditions warrant and approval is given by the superintendent or manager.

The road commission equipment includes wing plows among its equipment as those throw wider swaths of snow, thus reducing plowing time. For safety reasons, plowing operations are terminated after 14 continuous hours of work in a 24 hour period to allow crew members time to rest. Operations also can be suspended when visibility is limited. Start time is dependent on the start/stop of the storm, the intensity of the storm and the snow and equipment requirements.

Residents are reminded to help crews by adhering to 'common sense' safety measures. Those include not allowing children to play near the roadway where they could be struck by sticks or rocks being thrown by plows, and for drivers not to follow plowing equipment too closely. Also, important, officials say, is for residents to place trash receptacles in their driveways instead of in the roadways and to remove those receptacles as soon as they are emptied. Officials also explain that it is a violation of state law to push snow across the roads from driveways or leave snow in the middle of the road.

It is not uncommon for snow plowing measures to damage mailboxes. Only mailboxes struck by road commission equipment will be considered for compensation. Mailbox placement must follow the United State Postal Service regulations.

For the snow and ice removal policy and the personal property damage policy or snow event updates please visit the Cass County Road Commission website at www.casscoroad.com or the Cass County Road Commission Facebook page. For questions or concerns you may contact the road commission at 269-445-8611.



Smith's Chapel Historical Commission is seeking board members. Board members attend and help with the annual open house in June, the annual business board meeting in September, and with the Christmas program in December.

Please contact Ann Brown for more information. 269-932-5242

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Wayne Hardin 269-663-2347

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Johnny Hamilton 269-684-7848

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Board of Review

Roger Kempton

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Zoning Board of Appeals

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Susan Flowers, Secretary

Jeremy Clanton