



NEWSLETTER

December 2021

12050 Old Belding Road Belding, MI 48809 616-691-8450
Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00AM - 4:00PM

TOWNSHIP BOARD	
Supervisor:	Frank Force
Clerk:	Michelle Alberts
Treasurer:	Sabrina Freeman
Trustee:	Dennis Heffron
Trustee:	Paul Knoerl

From the desk of Supervisor Frank Force....

The Cowan Lake sewer project is complete with only two items left on the punch list. Septic tank abandonment and hook-ups to the new sewer line have been going well with only nine residents in Grattan Township and three residents in Oakfield Township, remaining to hook up. A reminder that electrical permits and inspections must be completed prior to applying for a sewer hook-up permit. All the remaining holdouts will have until April 28, 2022 to be connected to the system and have the previous septic tanks abandoned. The Township is grateful to have received a total of \$1,833,616.39 in grant funds that have assisted in lowering the assessments for this project.

The Grattan Township Board is dedicated to providing on-site generators for all 25 of the primary pump stations. Beginning with Cowan Lake, an on-site generator for its pump station was included with the project. The installation of an additional on-site generator at pump station #1 on Big Pine Island Lake was also completed this year. The Board has also budgeted funds for two more generators at Grattan Vergennes #1 and #2. Thanks to the dedication of our staff, another grant was procured from EGLE for \$25,000 to help pay for these generators. The generators have been ordered, the installation work has been approved and the engineering is in process. We hope to have these generators in place by the summer of 2022.

In June of this year, Erin Dohm was hired to our office staff and has proved to be an asset to our team. She answers all the phone calls, takes and processes complaints, helps with elections as well as several other tasks that have proven invaluable to me and the rest of our staff. Our hopes for many years of service with Erin.

From the desk of the Zoning Administrator Ryan Carrigan....

With the end of 2021 fast approaching I would like to remind Township residents of a few zoning updates. Even though many of you may still be water skiing, docks need to be removed from the water by December 15th. Failure to remove docks could result in enforcement action. Once removed please keep all docks, swim stations, etc. clear of boundary lines and setbacks.

The Township will be hosting two Dumpster Days in 2022, the first on May 14th and a second on September 17th. Please take advantage of these days to remove any junk, debris, or other materials that are a violation of the Grattan Township Junk Control Ordinance. Additionally, please be reminded that vehicles, watercraft, trailers, etc. need to be licensed and operable or otherwise removed from your property or stored inside.

If you have any questions or concerns about your property, or would like to inquire about zoning related matters, please do not hesitate to reach out at zoningadmin@grattantownship.org. Have a wonderful Holiday Season.

From the Treasurer Sabrina Freeman and the Sewer Billing Department..

TAX DATES

December 1, 2021– 2021 Winter tax bills mailed

December 30, 2021 – Township Office will be open to collect taxes only from 9:00am – 5:00pm

February 14, 2022 – 2021 Winter taxes due without interest or penalty

February 28, 2022 – Last day to pay 2021 Summer and Winter taxes at the Township

The office will be open 9:00am - 5:00pm to collect taxes

March 1, 2022- Delinquent Taxes sent to County

SEWER BILLING DUE DATES

1/31/2022

4/30/2022- bill increase by \$2.22

7/30/2022

10/31/2022

If you would like to receive your sewer bill via email- contact the Deputy Treasurer with your request at deputytreasurer@grattantownship.org.

From the desk of the Assessor Matt Frain...

The Assessor's Office makes several property visits throughout the year to complete our appraisal and assessment reviews of homes. The Assessor and/or staff visits all of the sites that have been issued a building permit throughout the year by the Township's Building Department. Most of these appraisal reviews of new construction are completed in the winter toward the end of the year, as "Tax Day" each year is December 31st. From an assessment perspective, the valuation for the upcoming year's assessment roll is based on "whatever the property looks like on 'Tax Day,' December 31st." In other words, a new house that is only 50% completed as of year-end will have an assessment in the upcoming year that reflects partial construction. The Assessor's Office will then return to that property the following year to verify that the work was completed and change the partial construction assessment to a completed house assessment for the subsequent year.

Based on this timeline and the necessity that the Assessor's Office keeps a current project status of properties as of December 31st, several site visits must take place in the last few weeks of the year. To maintain an efficient schedule, the Assessor's Office usually goes on neighborhood-wide permit reviews stopping at several sites throughout the day.

Township offices will be closed the weeks of December 20th and December 27th.

Office will be open for Tax Collection on December 30th, 2021 from 9:00am- 5:00 pm.

Offices will re-open for normal business hours on Monday, January 3rd, 2022.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all!