



NEWSLETTER

November 2019

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 the Supervisor....

To all of our sewer customers in Grattan Township: In 2019 the Township Board voted to utilize the Miscellaneous User Fee, which has always appeared on your sewer bill, to charge-back a percentage of the high costs of pulling and cleaning sewer pumps that have been clogged with miscellaneous debris that is being flushed down the toilets. Each section of the Township sewer system has a certain number of residents that use a specific pump station. Usually the one you see down the road from your home. The total cost of repairs will be divided equally between all of the users of any given pump station that is serving your and your neighbor's home.

From the desk of the Clerk....

2020 Election season is just around the corner and kicking off on March 10th. Below is a form if any registered voter within the Township would like to be on the Permanent Absentee Voter List. This would mean that prior to each election an application is mailed to the voter to apply to receive a ballot. This step is required for EVERY ELECTION. With the passing of Proposal 3 in November of 2018, any registered voter is eligible to request an Absentee Ballot. Simply fill out the form below and return to the Township to be added to the list. **PLEASE NOTE:** If you plan to be away from your permanent address during any election cycle, to receive a ballot you must provide the Clerk's office with your temporary address as **ballots WILL NOT** be forwarded by the post office. Applications will be forwarded and contain an area to provide the address for the ballot to be sent to as well. If you have previously filled this form out or receive your AV application in the past, you are already on the list and do not need to re-submit this form.

REQUEST TO BE ADDED TO THE PERMANENT ABSENTEE VOTER LIST

State of Michigan requires a written request if you wish to be added to the Permanent Absentee Voter List. Please check the box below and return the form to the Clerk's Office in one of the following ways:

- EMAIL a scanned completed form to: clerk@grattantownship.org
- FAX request to the Clerk's Office: 616-691-8804
- MAIL request to the Clerk's Office: 12050 Old Belding Road Belding, MI 48809

YES, please ADD my name to your PERMANENT ABSENTEE VOTER LIST. I understand that I will automatically receive an Absentee Ballot Application prior to each upcoming election until such time that I should request to have my name removed. I further understand that if I choose to be on the permanent list, and I automatically receive an application for an Absentee Ballot, that I could still vote in person at the polls simply by not returning my absentee application for processing.

X _____
Signature

DOB: MM/DD/YY

X _____
Please Print Name

Date

Street Number City State Zip Code

Phone Number Email Address

From the Treasurer and Sewer Billing Department...

Dates to Remember:

2020 Sewer Quarterly Billing Due Dates:

January 31st- April 30th- July 31st- October 31st

December 1, 2019- 2019 Winter tax bills mailed

December 27, 2019 - Township Office will be open to collect taxes only 9:00am - 5:00pm

February 13, 2020 - Office will be open 9:00am - 5:00pm to collect taxes

February 14, 2020 - Winter taxes due Office is closed
the Drop Box is available for tax payments through Monday,
February 17, 2020 without interest or penalty

March 2, 2020 - Last day to pay 2019 Summer and Winter taxes at the Township
Township will be open 9:00am - 5:00pm to collect taxes

From the desk of the Zoning Administrator...

During the Winter months many of you may be in the planning stages for a major home improvement project in early Spring. You may be buying land and building, remodeling your existing home or improving your site conditions along your lake front property. To ensure your project flows smoothly, don't wait until the last minute to consult with the Township about your proposed project. Chances are if you procrastinate, you will be surprised to learn that the approvals required by the Township and other County and State agencies can take weeks or months to obtain the necessary permits depending on the scope of your project.

Start planning early by contacting the Grattan Zoning Administrator and/or Building Inspector as early as possible, to review plans and determine the required approvals. The following are some of the items that require one or more permit approvals by the Township.

Site plan approvals
Land Divisions
New homes or additions
Decks
Retaining walls
Fences

Accessory buildings
Development
Private Roads
Certain signs
Any Commercial or Industrial use

Your project may also involve permits from other government agencies like the Department of Environmental Quality, Kent County Health Department and Kent County Road Commission. Many of these approvals must be received prior to the required Grattan Township Zoning and Building Department reviews.

Disturbing soil within 300' of any body of water
Seawalls
Beach sanding in the water
Docks through wetlands
Removing any aquatic vegetation from a lake bottom

You can reach the Grattan Township at 616-691-8450 or the Zoning Administrator at 616-691-7431 or zoningadmin@grattantownship.org.

