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# NEWSLETTER

## FEBRUARY 2023



### What's Happening in OUR Township...

#### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The February 13th meeting was a very busy meeting. Quite a few residents joined us. Bridgette Gransden and Chris Cantrell Gave a brief presentation on Midland County Internet Connectivity “(MCIC)” More information can be found on our web site. The Vendors that provide internet to local areas need to be asked about “Vendor Grants”. Commissioner Glaser gave a brief update on County information. If we don't have the answer, we'll get the answers. The 2023 Policy and Guidelines for Property Tax Hardship Poverty Exemptions were approved. We have started working on the 2023-2024 Budget, and the income and expenditures are being reviewed for short term and long-term budgeting. Check out the National Broadband Map: <https://broadbandmap.fcc.gov> or Download the FCC Speed Test App to determine if service is available in your area.

#### GRANT COMMITTEE

The Grant Committee meets twice a month (1st and 3rd Mon) Next meeting is March 6th and 20th at the Hall at 7pm. At the last meeting a guest speaker on tips for grant writing gave our Grant Committee members some great information. Cardiac Life grant made it possible for the hall to receive two Cardiac Science Power heart AED's. Committee members are working hard on many new grant options and information needed to apply for upcoming grants for our Township. Join the next meeting to see what they are working on next.

#### PLANNING COMMISSION

On February 15th, 2023, the Planning Commission had a meeting and approved the Special Use Permit for Olson Manor. Preliminary approval for Rose Auto Sales on the corner of Seven Mile & M20. Concerns from residents on Seismic Testing in the area. Several upcoming ordinances are being reviewed. The first involves the utilization of mobile homes as single-family dwellings. The proposal would, in part, require mobile homes to comply with the same codes as all other single-family dwellings in the township. The second would create an Economy Efficient Dwelling District. The purpose of this proposal is to address a concentrated area of the township consisting mostly of current existing non-conforming dwellings. Reviewing Chapter 12 to make the permit process for special uses less burdensome on residents. It is anticipated that these three proposals will be discussed further at the upcoming Planning Commission meeting on Wednesday, March 15th, 2023, at 7 pm. As always, the public is encouraged to attend.

#### ZONING ADMINISTRATION

The Zoning Administrator would like to remind residents that the zoning ordinance along with the amendments and supplements to the ordinance is available on the Lee Township website under Planning. Also, Residential Site Plan Applications, Site Plan Review Applications, Special Use Permit Applications, Zoning Board of Appeals Applications and Zoning Change Applications are available on the website under Forms. Paper copies are available to pick up at the hall.



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989-832-2874 (ext 1, 2, 3)  
Next Meeting:  
March 13, 2023

State & Local Representatives:  
Representative John Moolenaar  
Senator Gary Peters  
Senator Debbie Stabenow  
Commissioner Steven Glaser  
County Clerk Ann Manary  
County Treasurer Catherine Lunsford  
County Attorney J. Dee Brooks  
Drain Commissioner Joseph Sova  
County Sheriff Myron Greene

Trivia Question:  
Do you know who served the longest as a Cemetery Sexton? This person worked for 58 years as a Sexton.

- Emil Schaefer
- L.P. Larsen
- Harry Kruger
- Lawrence Hitsman

Last month's answer:  
Who was not an employee of the Solid Waste Station? Melvin Anibal

For a burn permit: [www.Michigan.gov/burnpermit](http://www.Michigan.gov/burnpermit) or by calling 866-922-BURN (866-922-2876)



WINTER PROPERTY TAX BILL PAYMENTS: Treasurer's office is open Mon-Fri. Last day for winter property tax payments without penalty/interest is February 28th. (Back Door-South entrance is open daily.)

NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT FORMS: In 1994 Proposal A capped taxable value increase to either the rate of inflation or 5% whichever was greater. This year is the first year that taxable value has capped at 5% due to a 7.9% inflation rate. This is reflected in your 2023 Notice of Assessment.

## OTHER NEWS



### TOWNSHIP NEWS:

- If you have a Lee Twp Cemetery deed or document. We'd love to see them. We can update/verify our records if any information has changed (transferred etc.)
- DID YOU KNOW? Residents need to apply for Disabled Veterans Exemptions and Hardship Applications every year. These can be found on our Lee Twp Website, or stop by the Hall for copies.
- DID YOU KNOW? Residents need to apply Homestead (PRE) Exemption after they purchase a home or after a deed, transfer of property or updating a Trust/Lifelease (Recordable deed). You also need a Property Transfer Affidavit. These can be found on our Lee Twp website or pick up at the hall.
- Hall recycling is a service provided with minimal cost to residents (included in the budget with curbside services on our winter property taxes). This service includes cardboard, plastics, paper, metal, glass and a separate bin for deposit returnable for cans/bottles as a fundraiser for the Park.

### Lee Township Fire Department News: (LTFD)

Lee Township Fire Department is accepting applications for firefighters and/or medical first responders. If you're interested, please contact Daryl Amrozowicz, Chief, at 989-615-0645 with any questions.

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

- In selling property, make sure you divide "split" the property prior to listing the property for sale, gifting or deeding the property. Remember when deeding a portion of a parcel, you must first contact the township assessor to obtain "begin" the "split" process.
- Columbarium Niches are available for \$250 each and Cemetery Plots 5 for \$2,000 or 1 for \$500, contact the Clerk at Lee Twp Hall for more information.
- The Board is in discussion on how to manage Blight concerns in our Township. We are working to create a new ordinance and hire a Code Enforcement Officer. We understand your concern, please be patient while we work through the necessary changes in our township policy.
- How much does it cost to rent the Hall? Our hall seats 200 people, with a choice of round tables or rectangle tables, has a full kitchen, double ovens, lots of supplies, and looks beautiful when decorated for a special event. Rental is \$200 and a deposit of \$50. The application and calendar are on our website.
- Can I rent one of the park pavilions? Yes, there is one for rent, which holds it for you for the day of your event for \$80. Two other pavilions are available on a first come first serve basis. Check the calendar for availability and apply online on our website.

*SOUTH ENTRANCE (BACK DOOR) TO THE TOWNSHIP HALL IS OPEN MONDAY-FRIDAY FROM 9AM - 3PM. SOME EXCEPTIONS ARE FOR HOLIDAYS AND/OR TRAINING. CALL THE HALL AT 989-832-2874 FOR MORE INFORMATION AND DETAILS.*