

WATSON TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

APRIL, 2012

Incorporated on February 16, 1842

1895—118TH AVENUE, ALLEGAN, MI 49010

HOPKINS AREA FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Hopkins Area Fire Department will now be better equipped to respond to off road accidents and fires due to the September purchase of an UTV that is specifically equipped for those emergencies. The need for this vehicle was realized after several snowmobile accidents last winter. The volunteer firefighters donated funds, organized multiple fundraisers, and solicited donations from community businesses, resulting in the purchase with minimal expenses to the fire board and member units. Rescue 1 has been used several times for off road rescues.



Rescue 1 has been used several times for off road rescues since September.

In 2011, the department responded to over 300 incidents, medical and traditional fire response. Regular training takes place 2 times per month for at least 3 hours, working to maintain their proficiency in any task they might be called upon to perform. Special training events have also been planned to teach responders how to perform new tasks in a safer and more efficient manner.

Remember to call the burn permit line before outdoor burning. Change the batteries in your detectors twice a year. Always use care with any fire. Contact through the township office or with messages at the Hopkins Fire Station; 269-793-1000 or by email hopkinsareafd@gmail.com.

HOURS

Township Hall

Monday: 6 to 8 pm, or by Appointment
Drop Box at West Entrance
Phone - (269) 672-7254
Fax - (269) 672-5488

E-mail: Watsontownship@btc-bci.com
Website: www.watsontownship.org

Township Assessor

Kevin Kutscher
Phone - (269) 672-7254
Phone - (269) 673-9616
Assessor's Hours: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, & 4th
Wednesday of Every Month
9:00am - 12:00pm

Township Cemeteries' Sexton

Dave Kok
Phone - (269) 793-4032

WATSON TOWNSHIP ELECTIONS

This election year (2012) will include all local, county, and state officials.

February 28, 2012	Presidential Primary
May 8, 2012	May Election (Local School Boards)
August 7, 2012	State Primary Election
November 6, 2012	State General Election

Anyone wishing to run for an elected position should contact our office for information and filing forms.

By law, voters must now show photo identification (e.g. driver's license, college or high school id) in order to receive a ballot and vote.

RESIGNATION ACCEPTED BY BOARD

Former treasurer Stephanie Bogdan was charged with "embezzlement by a public official" and a warrant was

issued on November 21, 2011. The township has hired a forensic auditor to assist the prosecutor's office in the investigation.

No trial date has been set. The scheduled court date of April 9 was adjourned and a new date has to be issued by Circuit Court.



TOWNSHIP BOARD

Supervisor
Candy Adrianson

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Kelli Morris

Treasurer
Sue Jones

Trustee
Rod Zeinstra

Trustee
Chuck Andrysiak

TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

Chairperson
David Carter

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Troy Baker

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Beverly McKinnon

TWP Representative
Rod Zeinstra

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Bruce Bos

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Michelle Harris

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James Kelsey

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John VanDyke

SPRING CLEAN-UP

Saturday, May 5th, 2010 9A.M. - 2P.M.

- The cost will vary from \$5 to \$25 a truck load.
- **ADOPT A ROAD:** Clean up your roadside and your trash is free at the clean-up. Call the Clerk to sign up.

Kalamazoo Metal Recycling is bringing a 40 yard container for any metal that a magnet will pick up. Included are appliances, stoves, washers, dryers, refrigerators must have the Freon out, water heaters, car parts, snowmobiles, etc. No bricks, blocks, brush, **Exceptions are no propane tanks, gas tanks, or paint cans.**

BURN PERMITS

If you are burning brush or anything at your residence you must call 686-5222 between the hours of 6a.m. and 6pm. (this is an automated phone system). Please call the day you want to burn for the permit, they keep it on file at dispatch for the day.

RECYCLING

The recycling container at the township hall is currently open 24 hours a day, 7 days week for you convenience. **This service is in jeopardy of being removed as trash and other non-recyclable materials continue to be dumped at the recycling center.** If this area can not be kept clean, the township will have no choice but to remove the container. If the recycling containers are full, please do not leave recyclables outside of the container, as they will blow into neighboring properties.

DUST CONTROL

Bruce Alan Enterprises will be doing the dust control for Watson Township. The cost will be \$37,665.00. There will be three applications currently scheduled for June, July and August.

WAYLAND AREA EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE

Wayland Area EMS (Ambulance Service) serves all of Watson Township. A membership program called Vital Care is available for the residents of Watson Township. The fee is \$37 dollars a year/or \$111 for 3 yrs. with the 4th year free. This program allows your ambulance bill to be only what your Medicare or insurance provider will pay with no extra cost to you. Applications for the membership program can be picked up at the Township Hall, or call and one will be mailed to you. For more information contact Wayland Area EMS at 792-2958 or call the Township office at 672-7254.

PROFESSIONAL CODE SERVICES (PCI)

PROFESSIONAL CODE SERVICES handles all zoning permits, and ordinance enforcement for Watson Township. PCI is located at: 1575 142nd Ave., Dorr, MI 49323 phone (616) 877-2000 wats 1-800-877-3335 Kirk Scharphorn Jr. is the Director of Inspections.

NOTICES AND PUBLICATIONS

All notices are published in the Wayland Penassee Globe. If you are not receiving a free copy on your mailbox please call the Penassee Globe 269-792-2271.



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MEETING DATES

Watson Township Board @ 7 pm

- April 5, 2012 (Annual Budget Meeting)
- May 3, 2012
- June 7, 2012
- July 5, 2012
- August 2, 2012
- September 6, 2012 (Annual Renewal of Special Assessment for Fire/EMS)
- October 4, 2012
- November 1, 2012
- December 6, 2012
- January 3, 2013
- February 7, 2013
- March 7, 2013
- April 4, 2013 (Annual Budget Meeting)

Planning Commission @ 7 pm

- March 28, 2012
- April 25, 2012
- June 27, 2012
- July 25, 2012
- September 26, 2012
- October 24, 2012
- December 5, 2012
- February 6, 2013

Zoning Board of Appeals

- Organizational meeting is the 1st Tuesday in March. All other meetings as noticed.
- 2013 Organizational Meeting: Tuesday, March 5, 2013 @ 7 pm

Board of Review

- Organizational Meeting: Tuesday, March 5, 2013 @ 6 pm
- Tax Protest Heard: Monday, March 11, 2013 from 9 am to Noon; 2 pm to 5 pm and Tuesday, March 12, 2013 from 1 pm to 4 pm; 6 pm to 9 pm

Assessor Hours

- 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Wednesday 9 am to 12 pm (269) 672-7254
- Assessor's Home Office Phone Number: (269) 673-9616

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1895—118th Avenue
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PROPERTY TAXES

Summer taxes are due by September 14th and winter taxes are due by February 14th. We do not accept postmarks. Your tax payments must be at the township office by the due date. You may drop them off in the drop box located in the hall entryway, and the office is open on Mondays from 6-8 pm every week and 9 am to 5 pm on September 14th 2012, December 27th 2012, and February 14th 2013 . If you have any questions you may call the township office at 672-7254.

TOWNSHIP HALL RENTAL

Hall rental is \$60 for township residents and \$120 for non-residents. Hall rental is free for non-profit groups, clubs, organizations, and funeral luncheons. If you would like to rent the Township Hall for an event please call the Township office 672-7254. You may also visit our website watsontownship.org to check out date availability on the Hall Rental Calendar. Smoking at the Township Hall is prohibited and **NO ALCOHOL**.

RECYCLE/DISPOSE USED MOTOR OIL

Little Pines—Otsego

Open: 8 am –6 pm, Monday thru Friday
Contact: Jim
269-692-3233

Auto Zone—Allegan

Open: 8 am—9 pm Monday thru Saturday.
10 am—7 pm Sunday
269-686-7877

Wieland's—Plainwell

Open: 8 am—5 pm, Monday thru Friday
269-685-9125

BJ's Auto—Allegan

269-673-2333

LIBRARIES

Watson Township residents are served by both the Hopkins and Martin libraries. Watson Township has members on both library boards. If you have any questions in regards to library services or would like to volunteer at either library please call the township hall.