SPAULDING TOWNSHIP UPDATE Winter 2017



News from our Supervisor....

It has been one year since your newly elected board has been in office. Much has been accomplished and we strive to make your Township of Spaulding the best it can be.

Garbage has been flooding Banner Rd. for many years, and we have taken steps to prevent future illegal dumping. A clean-up day was held in August at no cost to the township due to the efforts of Sheriff Federspeil and his staff, Saginaw County Friend of the Court who supplied workers needing community service hours, and donations from the businesses of Little Caesars of Bridgeport, Wanigas Credit Union, Waste Management, Jonnie-On-The-Spot, and Snap Entertainment. We sincerely thank everyone for their assistance in this clean-up.

Road projects completed this year include the following: Husen Rd. – pulverizing and natural gravel;

Houlihan Rd. - 800 feet of drainage tile;

Kenwood Dr. - replaced drainage tile; and

All gravel roads – brined twice this summer.

Saginaw County Sheriff Department continues to use our facility as a sub-station, are in and out of the office on a regular basis, assisting where needed, and replying to the concerns of residents.

Our volunteer firefighters continue to do a great job and are utilizing the new fire truck along with safe fire gear that was very much needed. Chief Fortier is always looking for women and men to join the squad. If interested in becoming a volunteer firefighter, please contact the township office, 777-0950, or stop in to pick up an application. Candidates must be at least 18 years of age.

An "Open House" was held on September 10th at Spaulding Township Park. Over 150 residents enjoyed free hot dogs, chips, cotton candy and refreshments. A variety of foods and baked goods were also provided by the Saginaw Co. Sheriff's Dept. A softball game took place – Sheriff Dept. vs. Spaulding Twp. Fire Dept. Our firefighters won the friendly game of ball. There was a fly-in visit from the medical helicopter, and our new fire truck was on display along with Sheriff Dept. vehicles and mobile response unit, M-DOT snow plowing equipment, Spaulding's police vehicle, equipment and an animal display by Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge Center, and unique equipment manufactured by Spaulding Mfg. The event was a success and plans are underway to make this an annual township gathering with our next open house to be held Sun., Sept. 9, 2018.

We are happy to announce that credit/debit cards are now accepted at our township in person or over the telephone for payment of any item, such as water, taxes, hall/pavilion rentals, cemetery lots, building permits, etc. On-line payments are also available for water and property tax bills only. To make an on-line payment, visit our website: <u>www.spauldingtwp.com</u>. The link is on the home page and easily accessible. Acceptable credit/debit cards are: Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover.

Monthly board meetings are held the third Tuesday of every month (unless otherwise posted): D.P.W. Board begins at 6:00pm and Township Board meets at 7:00pm in the Township Complex boardroom located at 5025 East Rd., Saginaw MI 48601. You are most welcome to attend to express any concerns, or contact me personally at the office. We, the Board, are here to serve you. – Ed Masters, Supervisor

2017 WINTER TAXES

Enclosed is your 2017 Winter Tax bill which is due February 14, 2018 prior to close of business at 5:00pm. If you have any questions, please contact me at the township office, 989-777-0950. You may pay your taxes by credit card online by visiting www.spauldingtwp.com and click on "Property Taxes" located on the homepage left side bar under "Online Payments", or by credit card at the office or over the telephone – Note: there is an access fee for credit card payments. You may also mail a check or money order to the office, place payment in the locked drop-off box located outside the office complex, or in person at the township office.

Please make CHECKS payable to: "SPAULDING TOWNSHIP".

Regular office hours are: Mon.-Fri., 9:00am – 5:00pm *Tiffany Fortier, Treasurer*

****DECEMBER BOARD OF REVIEW****

Pursuant to provisions of MCL 211.53b, the Spaulding Township Board of Review will meet on **Tuesday**, **December 12, 2017 at 1:00pm** in the Township Complex, 5025 East Rd., Saginaw, MI. The purpose of this meeting is to correct clerical errors or mutual mistakes of fact and to hear poverty exemption applications.

VOTING RESULTS

The voters in the Bridgeport Spaulding School District were asked, for the second time, if they would be willing to pay a millage of three mills to support the school district on November 7. The sinking fund millage passed and will be assessed for 10 years (2017-2026). Voters in Spaulding Township voted no in almost a 2 to 1 ratio. 132 voters cast their vote with 87 no votes and 45 yes votes. The voting in both Bridgeport and Buena Vista Townships showed approval of the millage. The margin of approval was very small with a total of 693 yes votes and 689 no votes.

- Mark Seamon, Clerk

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Water System Winterization

Fire hydrants and water system winterization has been completed for the upcoming season.

Frozen Water Pipes

With cold weather coming please take precautions to winterize your water pipes especially if you have had problems with frozen pipes in past years.

Spaulding Township D.P.W. responds to water system emergencies during normal business hours Monday through Friday from 9:00am to 5:00pm.

Call us at (989) 777-2733 during these hours.

After these hours and during posted holidays, please dial 911 for immediate assistance.

Water Bill / Tax Bill "DROP BOX"

Please note there is a locked drop box outside the main entrance by the front doors for your convenience.

Please pay with a check or money order when using this box.

We do not recommend cash be deposited.

Online Payments

You may pay your water bill (or taxes) online by going to the township's website: <u>www.spauldingtwp.com</u> and click on "Water and Sewer" located on the homepage left side bar under "Online Payments", or by credit card at the office or over the telephone – Note: there is an access fee for credit card payments.

NOTICE OF ENFORCEMENT Ordinance Violations

Please take notice that Spaulding Township will be issuing violation notifications to property owners who are not in compliance with the "Abandoned and Junk Vehicles" and "Nuisance, Litter and Debris" ordinances.

Extra enforcement to begin January 1, 2018.

Copies of the ordinances are available at the township office.

SPAULDING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

The Spaulding Township Board of Review **for 2018** will be held at the Township Complex, 5025 East Rd., Saginaw, MI 48601, Tele: 989-777-0950.

Organizational Meeting:

Appeal Hearing:

1:00 pm Monday, March 12

Tuesday, March 6

9:00am - 12:00pm 4:30pm - 7:30 pm

Appeal Hearing:

Tuesday, March 13 9:00am – 12:00pm 4:30pm – 7:30pm

Americans with Disabilities Notice: The Township will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities.

The following forms are available at the office:

 DISABLED VETERANS: State Tax Commission Affidavit for Disabled Veterans Exemption

- PPOVERTY EXEMPTION APPLICATION
 - PETITION TO BOARD OF REVIEW

To better serve your requests/petitions, it would be appreciated to receive your information prior to the March 6th organizational meeting.