

# SPAULDING TOWNSHIP UPDATE Summer 2020



## News from our Supervisor.....

As we are all aware, COVID-19 and subsequent State Executive Orders have effected every citizen. As we work together through these trying times, please know that our office staff and board have given every effort to continue to serve you in a timely manner. We encourage you to telephone the office for Burn Permits or complete a permit online through our website: [www.spauldingtwp.com](http://www.spauldingtwp.com). For payments of water or tax statements, please use our drop-off box which is located outside the main lobby doors instead of entering the office if at all possible. If you have a specific issue or question, you may call during office hours or email Ginger, Twp. Secretary, at: [office@spauldingtwp.com](mailto:office@spauldingtwp.com).

### New Lobby and Office Hours are:

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm  
Wed.: 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Due to the situation of our State, we have cancelled this summer's Wednesday Nites in the Park. Last year's events were such a huge success and we were very excited to make this summer event greater. We do plan to bring it back next year. In the meantime, please consider joining our Community Events Committee! We are always looking for new ideas. The commitment you make is up to you – whatever you are able to do would be appreciated. Contact the township office and I'd be pleased to speak with you about this rewarding opportunity of improving our township community.

We will, however, have our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Old-Fashioned Christmas in the Park on Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, with a Tree Lighting ceremony and carols at the park and a visit by Santa with hot chocolate and cookies in the hall. Mark your calendar for this community event.

The road program for this summer includes:

- Francis, Earlham, and Orth – Chip and Seal and clean out ditches
- Hodges (corner) – New Culvert
- Huntington – New Culverts where needed and clean out ditches
- Mower, Peggy Rds. – fix potholes & dips in road

Recent township improvements include:

- Efficient LED lighting inside township complex
- A drone will be purchased to be used by our firefighters, rescue team and police
- Purchase of new police patrol vehicle to replace current old vehicle

We commend our Spaulding Township Firefighters, local volunteers, surrounding fire dept. agencies, and the National Guard for all they did to assist our residents during the recent flood. Stephens Tile donated a load of sand and many worked on filling sand bags. I, along with Lions Club 11-D1 District, personally distributed \$10 food vouchers and a variety of cleaning supplies to Spaulding's flood victims which were donated by the Lions and Red Cross. We will be holding a Firefighter Appreciation Open House as soon as able. Watch for more information soon.

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. Feel free to contact the township office to express any concerns. We, the Board, are here to serve you. - **Ed Masters, Supervisor**

### **2020 SUMMER TAXES**

Enclosed is your 2020 Summer Tax bill which is **due September 14, 2020** without penalty. If you qualify for a summer tax deferment, forms are available in the township office and on the township website. The form must be submitted by September 14, 2020. You may pay your tax bill by credit/debit card on the township website; however, there is an access fee for card payments. You may also mail a check or money order to the office, place payment in the locked drop box outside the township office, or in person at the township office using credit/debit card, check, money order, or cash. Please make note of the township office new hours: M, T, Th, F from 10:00am-2:00pm and W from 1:00-5:00pm.

**Please make checks/money order payable to:**  
**"SPAULDING TOWNSHIP"**.

- **Tiffany Fortier, Treasurer**

### **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

Spaulding Township is seeking a **Deputy Clerk/Office Assistant** to work 12-20 hours per week. A detailed job description and application are available on our website: [www.spauldingtwp.com](http://www.spauldingtwp.com) and in the township office. Application and resume deadline, July 17, 2020.

\*\*\*\*\* **JULY BOARD OF REVIEW** \*\*\*\*\*

Pursuant to provisions of MCL 211.53b, the Spaulding Township Board of Review will meet on **Tuesday, July 21, 2020 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.

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*A word from our Clerk...*

2020 Elections

We've got one election completed, the presidential primary, and two more to come for 2020. The upcoming elections will be held August 4 (primary election) and November 3 (general election).

It is our full intention to offer these two elections consistent with the past by allowing voters the option of in-person voting at the Spaulding Township Hall or sending an absentee ballot to those who request them. Due to ongoing changes caused by the coronavirus, there may be new policies developed by the Secretary of State. Please check on line or watch the news carefully as we get closer to the election dates. The polling location will be set up with careful attention to social distances, hand sanitation and cleaning of touched surfaces.

You have already received at least one absentee ballot application in the mail and you may get more from other sources. Regardless of how many applications you receive, only one is needed to be sent to the township office for you to get an absentee ballot. We have made changes to allow for efficient handling of absentee ballots such as postal bar codes on new envelopes but be sure to get your completed ballot returned on time so that it can be counted.

For those who submitted an absentee ballot application for the March presidential primary election, you had the option of checking a box to request a ballot for both the March and November elections. There was not an option to also request a ballot for the August primary election on that form. Please submit a new application to request your August primary ballot.

The Secretary of State website includes a lot of resources such as registering to vote and verifying your voter registration status. You can find this information at [www.mvic.sos.state.mi.us](http://www.mvic.sos.state.mi.us).

– **Mark Seamon, Clerk**

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**++ FIRE DEPARTMENT ++**

We currently have three individuals going through the Fire Academy, two that have recently graduated from First Responder class, and I have appointed Steve Becker as Lieutenant.

Spaulding Township Fire Department has been very involved over the last month assisting flood victims. We had the National Guard, a multitude of fire department agencies, along with resident volunteers that assisted us. The community really came together to help fill sand bags with a load of sand donated by Stephens Tile late in the evening and the following day. Red Cross provided flood cleaning kits, and a variety of supplies were donated by Holy Family Catholic Church and Lions 11-D1 District. Our local Fastway Party Store provided food and drinks for rescue personnel, the National Guard, and other community volunteers. We commend all those who dedicated their services for our residents during this crisis. Our township and its people are something I am proud to be a part of.

We are always looking for women and men to join the Fire Department. If you or someone you know is over 18 yrs. old and interested, you may obtain an application on our township's website, or visit the office.

– **Thomas Fortier, Fire Chief**

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**SPAULDING TOWNSHIP D.P.W.**

We are pleased to announce that Don Ackerman is once again serving our township part-time as DPW Superintendent, overseeing and training Dan Kross, DPW Assistant Superintendent.

**Drop Box:** The township has a drop box outside our main door. Please use this for payments when possible instead of entering the lobby.

**Water Wasters to Check:**

**Toilets:** The flapper is the most common source of problems. Turn the water supply valve off at the toilet and watch the water level. If the level drops, replace the flapper and clean the flapper seal. Check the level in the tank after flushing; the water should shut off when the water is 1/2 to 1 inch below the overflow. If it doesn't, adjust the float in the tank. You can use a dye test or food coloring to confirm a toilet leak.

**Water Softeners:** After the softener has regenerated, check if water is still running down the drain. If it is, the softener needs to be repaired.

**Faucets:** **Make sure** all faucets are fully turned off. If it continues to drip, repair or replace it.

**Overnight Leak Check:** Find your water meter. Read and record it in the evening when done using water for the day. Pick a day that your softener will not be regenerating. Read it the next morning before using water. If the meter read changed overnight, you have a leak.