# SPAULDING TOWNSHIP UPDATE Summer 2022



# News from our Supervisor .....

We welcome new members to the Spaulding team! Matt Tanner, DPW Director, has been with us since February. Matt came to us with an S-4 water license and has quickly become part of our township family. We also are excited to recently welcome **Deputy Clinton** Keene. He arrived to us highly recommended, is dedicated to serving our residents and we are fortunate to have him with us. Our previous officer, Deputy Frank Martinez, accepted another position, we will miss him and we thank him for his excellent service over the past few years. Please be sure to welcome our new Spaulding members next time you see them.



Wednesday Nites in the Park is ready to welcome you to fun, FREE evenings with live entertainment on stage, a variety of food vendors, professional sand sculptures, face painting, petting zoo, pony rides, balloon twisting for the kids, and a car & tractor show. Of special note, the July 27 entertainment will feature Bob Seger, Kenny Rogers, Elvis Presley, and Johnny Cash impersonators. Then, on the last night, Aug. 10, there will be fireworks! Bring your friends and families to join these events which has drawn around 300-400 visitors over the years. If you are interested in sponsoring events such as this, please contact the township office.

Our annual **Cleanup Day** was once again a success. We had around 20 volunteers who gathered trash along the roads of S. Washington and M-13. A dumpster was once again donated by Waste Management for our cause. We also held our first **Food Give Away** at the park on June 18. Volunteer Dewey Burke speared the event with a semi-truck full of over 21,000 lbs. of food. We were able to serve 167 drive-thru recipients which fed approx. 689 individuals.

I wish to thank everyone that serves with me on **Spaulding Township Event & Action Committee**. We are making a positive impact. When attending events, you will notice the members in red t-shirts. If you are interested in joining our community efforts, please speak with one of them personally, or you may contact the township office. Any of your time or ideas for the betterment of our township will make a difference.

Dollar General on M-13 plans to open their doors this September, and current scheduled road improvements include chip and sealing most all of our main roads.

Please contact us to express any concerns. We, the Board, are here to serve you. - Ed Masters, Supervisor

#### 2022 SUMMER TAXES

Enclosed is your 2022 Summer Tax bill which is **due September 14, 2022** without penalty.

If you qualify for a summer tax deferment, forms are available in the township office or on our website. Forms must be submitted by Sept. 14.

You may pay your tax bill by credit/debit card (including access fee) on the township website. You may also mail a check/money order, place payment in the locked drop box outside, or in person at the township office with credit/debit card, check, money order, or cash.

#### NOTE:

Property Taxes and Water Dept. are individual entities so you must write separate checks for each when making a payment.

Please have your statement with you and if paying by cash, attempt to have correct change. Your consideration is appreciated.

Office Hours: M, T, Th, F from 10:00am-3:00pm and W from Noon-5:00pm.

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

- Tiffany Fortier, Treasurer

#### **BOARD OF REVIEW**

Pursuant to provisions of MCL 211.53b, the Spaulding Township Board of Review will meet on **Tuesday, July 19, 2022 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.

## A word from our Clerk...

2022 is an election year. August 2 is the date of the primary election and the general election will be held on November 8.

As you may have heard, many district lines throughout the state have been altered using 2020 census data. This has caused a change in the Michigan State House of Representative districts in Spaulding Township. All residents who live north of the Cass River are in the 94<sup>th</sup> district while residents who live south of the Cass River are in the 93<sup>rd</sup> district.

All Spaulding Township voters will continue to vote at the one polling location, Spaulding Township hall located at 5825 Cole Rd.

If you are not able to vote in person at either election, you may request an absentee ballot by submitting an application to the township office. Applications are available on the Secretary of State website mvic.sos.state.mi.us and on our township website www.spauldingtwp.com or you may contact our office to receive a form.

– Mark Seamon, Clerk

### ++ <u>FIRE DEPARTMENT</u> ++

With dry conditions that occur at times, please be sure to check the township website's homepage posts, office signs, and the Spaulding Township Fire Department's Facebook page for burn bans and current updates.

Josh Emeott successfully completed exams and is now a State Certified firefighter. We also welcome back certified firefighter Kris Kolomak to our team.

After 22 years, the department is finally able to replace the old air packs/breathing tanks with new equipment, and also acquired a new air compressor to fill the new air packs.

We hope you will continue to support our fire department in the upcoming elections so we may protect and serve you to the best that you deserve, and we look forward to seeing you at Wednesday Nites in the Park where we will be conducting 50/50 raffles.

We are always looking for women and men to join the Fire Department. The township pays for all training and education. If you or someone you know is over 18 yrs. old with a valid driver's license and interested, you may obtain an application on our township's website, or visit the office. – Thomas Fortier, Fire Chief

### **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

We welcome Matt Tanner as our new DPW Director. In addition to the demands of operating the water department, he is responsible for sexton duties, maintaining the office complex, cemetery, and park. We are happy to have Matt join our township staff.

The installation of the mandatory new water meters is nearly complete with approximately 25 households still needing the upgrade. We thank those that participated, for those that remain outstanding, please contact our office immediately for an installation appointment in order to avoid the additional \$75 service read fee.

It is very important that we have current contact information for our water customers. The office staff constantly updates records for correct telephone numbers, mailing addresses, and email contact information. Please update your information by emailing Christine at clerical@spauldingtwp.com, or call us at (989) 777-0950. Having this information will assist you and our office, especially if we notice high water usage at your service address or if we need to contact you for any type of water issue that may arise.

In order to better assist you with planning your monthly expenses and to avoid late fees or disconnection of water service due to nonpayment, please mark your calendar with the quarterly water bill **DUE DATES**.

First bill mailed is due on or before the following dates in order to avoid late fee penalties:

> February 10 May 10 August 10 November 10

Second bill – Final Notice mailed is due on or before the following dates to avoid disconnection of water service; disconnection would take place on the 11<sup>th</sup>:

March 10 June 10 September 10 December 10

When making water payments, please include your bill. If you misplaced it, be sure to write the correct water service address and the current account number on your check or money order. Utilizing one of our secure drop off boxes is an excellent way to pay your bill. If you prefer to pay by credit/debit card, go to <u>www.spauldingtwp.com</u> and on the left side of the home page you will see a link to pay your bill. This is a quick and simple way to make payment, however, G2G Cloud Solutions will assess a fee for processing a card payment.

Our office hours are Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. from 10:00am – 3:00pm and Wed. from Noon – 5:00pm.

For questions or concerns please call the office or email Christine at clerical@spauldingtwp.com.