

WINTER 2015 NEWSLETTER

OFFICE HOURS

The office, at 405 W. Jefferson, is open daily from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

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Cemetery/Sexton

William Long or Jim Bogi 517-646-8357
Leave a message.

Fire Chief

Phil Miller: Non-emergency calls & burning permits
517-646-0893
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Library

Joy Slee 517-646-0633
Hours: M-T-TH-F: 1 PM to 5:30 PM WED 1-8 PM
SAT: 9 AM to 2:30 PM

Trustees of the Township:

Dan Blair, Kern Slucter, Curt Myers and Tony Piper

MEETINGS:

All meetings are held in the meeting room at 300 W. Jefferson (lower level).

Township Board: 2nd and 4th Tuesday – 7:30 PM

Planning Commission: 2nd Wednesday – 7:00 PM
Board of Appeals: 1st or 3rd Mondays – 7:30 PM (as needed)
Board of Review: March: Check new assessment notice in late February for specific times.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT: MARCUS BRAMAN

After giving many years of dedicated service, Mrs. Carol Sue Butler has decided to resign her position as Supervisor and begin enjoying retirement. It is with great appreciation that I would like to thank Mrs. Butler for her time both serving the township, but also in helping welcome myself to the board and eventually to fulfill her duties as supervisor.

The Township has had a very exciting year and looks to end 2015 on a good note. Although the acreage at Creyts and Lansing has not yet sold, it is being marketed with CBRE/Martin and we are hopeful that 2016 will bring better real property news.

Following up on the 2014 newsletter, we have received our citations for the public nuisance issues and have pursued some of the issues that have been brought to the Board’s attention over the last few years. Thus far, the citations seem to be a successful way to handle public nuisance issues.

Finally, the most exciting news of 2015 would be the purchase of a new fire truck. Chief Miller and his team have pushed the utility on our old truck for long enough. Furthermore, they found the Township a great deal on a new fire truck that will expand our capabilities and keep the cost down. Please stop by in December after we take delivery of the truck and see the new addition to our fleet.

As always, I will keep an open door and encourage the residents to stop by during office hours as well as attending our meetings. Have a very Happy Holiday Season and thank you for helping make Windsor a wonderful place to live.

MARCIE DAILEY, CLERK:

In 2016 we will have a minimum of 3 elections, so I will be needing inspectors. All inspectors, current and new, will be required to take a training class. If you are interested in becoming an election inspector please come down to the office as soon as possible to sign up. It is a long but fun day and you will be compensated at \$10 per hour for your help. The class will probably be sometime during the first of the year due to the Presidential Primary to be held on March 8, 2016.

MARY JANE KANDLER, REMINDERS FROM THE TREASURER:

Dog licenses are available in the Township office from December 1, 2015 thru February 29, 2016. Prices are \$15 or \$10 if spayed or neutered. You will need a current rabies certificate with an expiration date and tag number. Your “puppy” is close to your heart so if you don’t have their license by Valentine’s Day (February 14) come see us; you’ll have 2 weeks before

the deadline. 2016 dog licenses can also be purchased online at www.eatoncounty.org. After February 29th you can get a license from the Treasurer's office at the Eaton County Courthouse and prices remain the same until June 1st.

The office will be open from 9:00 am thru 6:00 pm on Wednesday, December 30, 2015 and Monday, February 29, 2016, for dog licenses and/or Property Tax payments.

Winter and any unpaid Summer 2015 tax bills are due February 29, 2016. After that date I must turn my records over to Eaton County and payments will need to be paid directly to them. There will be penalty and interest charges added to these late bills. Partial payments can be made, to help keep those charges lower, any time during the Summer or Winter tax season. If you have any questions on your tax bill please don't hesitate to call.

FIRE CHIEF PHIL MILLER:

Greetings everyone from your Emergency Services Department. 2015 was the first year of Windsor Township Emergency Services Fire Division's improved ISO rating. Effective October 1, 2014 Windsor Township Emergency Services Fire Department rating improved from an ISO class 7 to an ISO class 5. Many insurance companies utilize the ISO rating when determining what the fire insurance premium is. If you have any questions about the ISO rating please feel free to contact Chief Miller at the Emergency Services building or at EMS-Miller@twp.windsor.mi.us.

The Township Board of Trustees, in July, adopted Ordinance 41, which makes NFPA 1 of 2015 the "Fire Code" within Windsor Township as well as a Supplemental Rules and Regulations Package. The Village of Dimondale also adopted the Windsor Township Fire Code as the Village Fire Code. What this means is that we will be partnering with the business owners to identify areas of concern to make for a safer community. We will be setting up a series of questions and answer sessions for the business owners in January of 2016 to assure that all the information is out. If you have any questions, please contact either Chief Miller or Asst. Chief Bill Fabijancic, Jr.

DO YOU STILL NEED A GREEN SIGN?

They are still available at a cost of \$12.00. Contact the Township Office (646-0772) or Fire Station (646-0893) to place your order or stop into the office to fill out a form.

PLANNING COMMISSION

The Windsor Charter Township Planning Commission is about to begin the process of making plans for needed capital improvements in the Township. The job of the Planning Commission is to listen to the public about needed projects and make recommendations about possible future expenditures to the Township Board of Trustees.

We would like you to be part of the process. In the coming months, we will hold meetings to hear from our residents and neighbors about what the Township should be thinking about for the future. Do we need a new Township Office building? Should we undertake any park or recreation projects? Should we partner with our township neighbors and extend existing river

access or biking/hiking trails into the township? What would such projects cost, if we were to undertake them?

We will be holding meetings on the township's Capital Improvement Plan on the following dates: Wednesday, February 24, 2016 at 7 pm.

Wednesday, March 23, 2016 at 7 pm.

Please come to the meetings and give us your input. Township government wants to hear from you – your suggestions, your opinions, your concerns and your vision of the township's future. Our citizens are the township's most valuable resource. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

LIBRARIAN UPDATES:

Your library has books, audio books, e-books through Overdrive, paperbacks, reference materials and newly released children and adult books.

Rent the latest DVD for \$1.00 per day.

Charges are: \$1.00 per page for faxes (coming and going), \$.20 for printed/copied material and \$.25 for legal size.

Joy Slee will be retiring after 31 years of dedicated service. Joy has given very much to both our library and our township and she will be **greatly** missed.

BEST WISHES FOR A SAFE AND WONDERFUL 2016