

Garden Township Newsletter

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FY19/20 Township Board
Meetings are held the second
Tuesday of every month at
7:00PM at the Township
Community Building.

Board Members:

Supervisor:
Richard Pichette
644-2049

Clerk:
Brenda Lester
450-5185

Treasurer:
Mary Ann LeBresh
644-2897

Trustees:
Lisa Pichette
644-2049
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450-0531

Assessor: Joe Maki
Asst. Coleen Maki
280-4372
jmaki4215@sbcglobal.net
with text and voice mail

Transfer Station: 644-7139
Hours: 9AM to 5PM
Mon. Wed. Sat.

Fire Chief: Keith Farley
906-450-7036

Transfer Station:

Metal: Coplan Iron and Metal now charge the township \$500 per trip to pick up the metal. We have switched to A&L for metal recycling as they do not charge per trip.

Substitute Driver – Gary Plante no longer has a valid CDL. The Township is looking to hire a substitute driver with a CDL.

For non-residents the following fees apply (residents do NOT have to pay):

- All appliances with Freon will cost an extra \$25
- TVs 30" and smaller are \$25 each
- TVs over 30" are \$35 each
- Computers, printers, and other electronics are \$10 each
- Mattresses & Box Springs - \$20. If you bring mattress for family and friends that are not from the Township, please ensure you pay the non-resident fee.
- Please call Bill with any questions – 644-7139

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Township Hall:

Point of contact: Garden Township Treasurer

- Mary Ann is working on a list for people to sign when they want to use the Hall. The list would indicate who is responsible if there are any damages to the Hall.

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Cemetery:

Point of contact: Garden Township Clerk

- A motion was made and approved to buy a Leaf Blower for Archie to assist him in the upkeep of the Cemetery and Park.

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Fire Department:

Point of Contact: Garden Township Fire Chief

- Submitted an application for a 2% Sault Tribe grant in the amount of \$6,500 to be used for new lighting at the Fire Hall.
- Working with other Fire Departments on the issue with dispatch not paging out information requests.
- Fire Fighter Frank Sakowski passed away. His number, 21, will be retired.

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Parks and Recreation:

The Ozzie Hazen Park will open on Memorial Day

Garden Township Meeting Overview:

GARDEN TOWNSHIP HAS A WEBPAGE: gardentwp.com – please visit and make recommendations! You can view all the minutes, newsletters, and Township Board Meeting dates.

911/Fire Signs: We are looking for volunteers to help with updating addresses and roads for the 911/Fire signs. Steve Lenaker from CUPPAD will instruct our volunteers on what we are asking them to do. These volunteers will be given a grid of an area within the township. This grid will

have the addresses and roads known to CUPPAD. These grids will need to be updated with any new structures or roads. We are recommending teams of two. Once we have updated the grids (small sections of the township area), Steve will go back to CUPPAD and update the entire map of Garden Township with this information. This information will be given to the contractor who will install the signs. Please come to the meeting on **Thursday, July 11, 2019** at 6:30 PM in the Garden Township Hall and bring anyone who you think might be interested in volunteering. We need your support. For more information, please call Richard Pichette, Garden Township Supervisor. 906-450-6010.

Town Hall Septic System and Drain Field: Ian Nelson, Delta County Health Department, said the septic system and the drain field would have to be replaced. The Village of Garden agreed to let us continue using the existing drain field as long as the Township puts in a three cornered fence that would surround the drain field and the septic tank. The septic system will have to come up today's Health Department Standards. The Township is working with Jacob Allison, Village of Garden President, Ian, and Jason Desjarden of DesJarden Excavating to find out what will need to be done for the septic system and the drain field to come up to Delta County Health Department standards and what it will cost.

Lighting: New inside lights installed at the Township Hall. Motion lights (outside) were installed at the Township Hall and at the Fire Department.

Job Descriptions: for the Transfer Station and Cemetery/Parks positions were approved.

Marijuana Ordinance: The board approved the ordinance to prohibit marijuana establishments within Garden Township.

Heritage Lease: Heritage has been requesting and receiving monthly extensions on their lease with the Fire Hall. Their plan is to move out once their new building is completed. They agreed to a 60-day notice to the Township Board and have agreed to convert the furnace back to the way it was before they installed a LP gas tank.

Assessor Contract: for period June 1, 2019 – 31 May 2021 was approved.

Wind Energy Resolution: was approved and sent to the Delta County Planning Commission for consideration for inclusion in the updated Delta County Master Plan and Zoning Ordinance.

If you have any questions about the newsletter please call Lisa Pichette @ 644-2049