

# Garden Township Newsletter

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FY20/21 Township Board Meetings are will be held the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00PM at the Township Community Building except May 2020.

**Board Members:**

**Supervisor:**  
Gerard Tatrow  
450-0157

**Clerk:**  
Brenda Lester  
450-5185

**Treasurer:**  
Janet Daasch  
644-2175

**Trustees:**  
Craig Potvin  
450-5622  
Sue Rochefort  
450-2458

**Assessor:** Joe Maki  
Asst. Colleen Maki  
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[jmaki4215@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jmaki4215@sbcglobal.net)

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

**Fire Chief:** Keith Farley  
906-450-7036

**TRANSFER STATION:**

The Transfer Station is looking for a part-time on-call employee.

Always check with Bill whenever you are leaving items anywhere on the grounds. This will ensure Bill knows what is at the Transfer Station.

Please call Bill with any questions – 644-7139

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**Township Hall is closed to the public until further notice:**

Point of contact: Garden Township Treasurer – Janet Daasch  
Winter Taxes will be going out on December 1, 2020.

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**Cemetery:**

Point of contact: Garden Township Clerk – Brenda Lester  
Garden Township's amended cemetery ordinance states flowers, pots, urns and grave blankets MUST BE REMOVED NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 1ST OF EACH YEAR. Decorations are allowed for holidays outside of these dates but must be removed in a reasonable time following the holiday. Veteran flags and holders are permitted all year long." So please, if you have not already removed items from your loved one's grave(s), do so now. Also, no trees, shrubs, or in-ground plantings are allowed and Garden Township reserves the right to remove them at the owner's expense. Snow plowing is not allowed and we ask everyone not to drive in the cemetery once the snow comes. Copies of the amended ordinance can be obtained at the township office or emailed to you.

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**Fire Department:**

Point of Contact: Garden Township Fire Chief - Keith Farley

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**Parks and Recreation:**

Point of Contact: Garden Township Trustee -  
The Murals are up on the Township Hall building and we have received many compliments on them! Special thank you to Rebecca Tatrow, Marie Pichette, and Carolyn Winter for the use of their historical pictures!  
The snow fence is up at the Park. The park will officially close on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

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**General Information:**

**The following is a list of accomplishments by your Township Board from November 2018- November 2020:**

- **TOWNSHIP HALL:**
- Replaced fluorescent light and added LED lights in ceiling and kitchen/bathrooms
- Hall painted outside (Grant monies paid for over \$11,030.00 of the cost)/Rail painted

- New Drain field/Septic
- Agreement for checking and cleaning new septic twice a year from A-1 Septic for \$50.00 that can be renewed each year.
- Added Fencing around Drain field/Septic per Village request
- Moved Propane Tank to other side of Township Hall to accommodate the Drain/Septic Tank
- Moved the Marquee off the Township Hall building and installed it near side of building
- Serviced both furnaces two years in a row.
- Serviced the hot water heater in 2019
- Murals of historic & present day Garden added to Township Hall (Grant Monies)
- Replaced three entry doors as they were rotting
- Added shelving units in Voting room for better storage
- Updated and serviced the PA system
- Started the Garden Township website & Domain that has been paid for the next three years using Wix.
- Instituted a Drug testing program for CDL drivers at the transfer station as required by law
- Updated hall rental policy/rules/fees/lease for township hall

- **TRANSFER STATION:**

- Replaced siding on main building and painted door frames
- Bought a 2019 Semi-Roll-Off Trash Truck to replace the old 1999 Sterling Roll Off with 318,874 miles. We were able to sell it for \$29,650
- Bought a new 2021 Pickup/Plow truck to replace the old one that was considered too dangerous to drive
- Emptied Hazardous waste tank
- Cleaned out septic tank
- Serviced space heater
- Serviced hot water tank
- Replaced water storage tank as well as piping
- Cleaned the out-building that houses the Semi-trash truck
- Eliminated ant infestation in and around Semi out-building
- Cleaned up around out-buildings
- Installed new tile flooring in office
- Both fuel tanks were brought up to code with barriers
- Updated job description for Transfer Station (Bill Harris) and Cemetery (Archie Gleason)
- New Toilet installed
- New Vent pipe installed
- Put up box for Township Newsletter distribution
- Bought a new tool socket set/vice for bench/battery charger
- Cleaned out drain and area where trash roll out container is located
- Installed garage door opener in out-building where tractor is stored

- **FIRE HALL:**

- Installed new Fire Hall sign
- Replaced florescent lights with LED lights to main garage/bathroom/office
- Replaced one Overhead space heater main garage
- Serviced space heaters overhead as well as in the office and bathrooms
- Serviced hot water heaters
- Removed two 500 gallon propane tanks
- Upgraded and put in use the 1000 gallon propane tank
- Cleared out brush on north side of building
- Pumped septic
- Serviced generator-2019 & 2020
- Agreement signed between Tri-Star and the Fire Department on use of rented space
- Tried to get driveway seal coated but Road Commission (Jody Norman) said cannot be done as driveway would need to much work to bring up to where it could be sealed coated
- Submitted paperwork for Title III Funds for a Bush Truck - Still in process -

- Created To Do List.
- Conducted an Energy Use Inspection to see how we could save energy and was able to receive a small refund
- Bought a new High Pressure hot water sprayer that will be shared with the Transfer Station
  
- **TOWNSHIP PARK:**
- Garden Township Park sign was redone
- A new "Swim at your own risk" sign has been added
- Added posts with nautical rope to keep vehicles off the grass as they create ruts
- Cleaned up the beach area after the last big storm with volunteers
- Added bathroom signs
- Had both toilets pumped
  
- **ROADS:**
- N-26 Road repaired August 2019
- N-22 Road repaired from PP road North 1.2 miles July 2020
- N-12 Road graded (Gratis)
  
- **MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:**
- Signed an agreement between the Village of Garden and Garden Township that resulted in a Septic Field Variance
- Hosted a joint government meeting between Garden Township and the Village of Garden
- Signed Resolution of the Garden Township Wind Energy Ordinance, March 12 2019
- Cleaned out brush on 17th Road ditches with volunteers from Township and Village residents
- Fire Signs - In process, Started mid-September. Two phases - first 500 signs with numbers installed. Second phase: Any numbers missed plus range signs to be completed. Have a running list of those who have called and will pass on to new Supervisor to control. This project may not be completed until next spring. Paid for by Delta County Township Association funds and a \$5,000.00 contribution by each township
- Created a Maintenance Schedule for the Township
- Supervisor provided Memorandums to Township Board members after attending any meeting for the Township
- Updated Supervisor's Computer
- Supervisor sends agenda to Board Members the Friday before the meeting for any input from the Board
- Created new binder for Board of Review meetings
- Created new binder for new drug testing program
- Have working folders for ongoing projects
- Passed Marihuana Ordinance that Garden Township opted out
- Removed old cable line hanging to ground from pole off side of M183 near Lucas Farm
- Removed telephone line hanging to ground on 16th road just passed PP road