

# Garden Township Newsletter

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[Deltacountymi.org](http://Deltacountymi.org)  
Click on "townships":  
Go to the map and click on  
"Garden"

FY18/19 Township Board  
Meetings are will be held the  
second Tuesday of every  
month at 7:00PM at the  
Township Community Building  
except May.

**Board Members:**

**Supervisor:**  
Richard Pichette  
906-644-2049

**Clerk:**  
Brenda Lester  
450-5185

**Treasurer:**  
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906-644-2897

**Trustees:**  
Lisa Pichette  
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**Transfer Station:** 644-7139

Hours: 9AM to 5PM  
Mon. Wed. Sat.

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

**Transfer Station:**

**Recycling:**

Household garbage only  
No construction material  
No tires

Plastics - Everything possible is recycled – #1 and #2 plastics, tin cans, newspapers, and magazines, cardboard.

**(Glass is NOT recycled).** Do not mix glass with plastics.

Oil and Anti-Freeze in clear containers. NO Mixtures

Some items are set aside for resident to reuse

Ensure cardboard boxes are broken down and flattened

No brush until further notice

Waiting for Cloverland to get approval from Miss Dig to put in electric poles for the Maintenance Building

Mike Turan and Andrew Holub have been hired as substitute workers

DEQ completed their evaluation of compliance with Part 115, Solid Waste

Management, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994

PA 451 and it was determined that the Transfer Station is in compliance with the

requirements of Part 115 that were evaluated

**For non-residents the following fees apply:**

TVs 30" and smaller are \$25 each

TVs over 30" are \$35 each

Computers, printers, and other electronics are \$10 each

Mattresses - \$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

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**Cemetery:**

Point of contact: Garden Township Clerk

Gary Plante donated an aluminum Flag Pole to the cemetery as the old one had rotted.

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**Fire Department:**

Point of Contact: Garden Township Fire Chief

The John and Melissa Besse Foundation donated \$20,000.00 to our Fire

Department. The Fire Chief bought the following with the funds: 3-sets of

Turnout Gear, 8-DCBA Bottles, a Honda Generator with light, 2-Echo Chain Saws,

a Portable Ground Monitor, 2 1/2" Nozzle, 1 1/2 " , 2-5 pack LED Lighted Safety Cones, 2-Battery Power Scene Lights, a Gas Detector, 2-6' Drywall Hooks, 5' New York Hook, 10-pairs of Extraction/Fire Gloves, 2-Fire Helmets, 3 pairs of Fire Boots, and 5-Normax Hoods. Our thanks again to the Besse Foundation for this wonderful gift.

- Approved the purchase of two batteries and two antennas for two 800 radios.

### **Parks and Recreation:**

**CUPPAD Grant** – DEQ disapproved the children’s rustic playground and the volleyball court and Horse Shoe Pit at the Garden Township Park as the whole park is considered Wetlands. The DEQ did provide permission to groom the beach from the water shelf on up. The Monarch Bench, created by Jenna Borasko, is now at the park.

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### **Garden Township Meeting Overview:**

- Approved replacement cooler for Township Hall.
- Anderson Tackman completed the required bi-annual and F-65 Report audit. Everything is in order.
- Separate accounts have been created at Auto Value for the Transfer Station and the Fire Department
- It has been determined that the Township Hall Septic and Drain Field need to be replaced. Ian Nelson from the Health Department explained that the Township would have to have the Drain Field approved first and then get the tank replaced. He “highly doubts” that they could issue just the septic tank permit due to the water table. As the tank is probably on Village property, the new tank may need to be moved to a new location. A survey was completed to show the Garden Township and the Village of Garden property lines. The Garden Township Supervisor is working with the Health Department and the Village of Garden President to ensure proper compliance.
- The Royalty Pool Agreement for Supervisor Tatrow and Trustee Lucas was found to not be a Conflict of Interest by the Township attorney.
- A discussion is in process to provide policy regarding Garden Township Attorney contact.
- Delta County passed an ordinance pertaining to solid waste. The ordinance was created so that the waste that is generated in Delta County is kept in Delta County and is used to keep the landfill operating and functioning. The rates have not changed, but how Delta County does their billing has changed.
- A letter was sent to the Delta County Road Commission, MDOT, Delta Soil Conservation District, U.S. Forest Service, Representative B. LaFave, and the Delta County Township Association asking what is being done about the invasion of wild parsnip in our community. Wild Parsnip is an invasive plant from Europe and Asia that can cause painful, localized burning and blistering of the skin.
- Marq6 Broadband is considering using the Fire Tower for an antenna for broadband that is being installed in the area. If they do, they will offer the Township Office and the Fire Department free Wifi service.
- A recommendation was made to put a road millage request at the next election. An Introduction to Township Millage Questions package was given to each board member.
- The Township Hall will stay with U.P Propane for this winter season as they met the lower cost being offered by other propane companies.
- A new laptop for the Clerk has been approved and received.
- The Transmission Line Ordinance was approved.
- The Township has renewed their membership with the Michigan Townships Association.
- Heritage’s request to cross Garden Township Right-of-Way was approved at six sites.
- The Garden Township Supervisor sold raffle tickets to raise money for the fire/9-11 signs.
- Approval was granted for the agreements for dust control, double seal of N-18 Road (Van’s Harbor/17<sup>th</sup> Road), and new gravel for N-17 (PP Road). Per Jody Norman, road Commission, they will repair N-17 with whatever money is left in the Road Fund and the apron at the end of 16<sup>th</sup> Road will be done as well.
- New lighting was placed at the front exterior door of the Town Hall.

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