

MILLEN TOWNSHIP SUMMER 2021 NEWSLETTER

TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS:

- **Supervisor**
R. Dennis Smith (231) 357-2426
- **Clerk**
Cathy Ostrander (989) 335-5847
- **Treasurer**
Barbara Bartlett (989) 736-0700
- **Trustee**
Scott Kosal (608) 322-8210
- **Trustee**
Jeff Somers (928) 304-3098

APPOINTED OFFICIALS:

- **Assessor**
Randy Thompson (989) 724- 5603
- **Cemetery Sexton**
Barbara Bartlett (989) 736-0700
- **Planning/Zoning Administrator**
Mike Davio (989) 736-6694
- **Planning Commission Chairman**
Richard Gillies (989) 736-6203
- **Barton City Park Manager**
Naomi Cox (989) 724-5188

Barton City Park Rental

Pavilions/Cook Shack/Horseshoe Pit/Ball Field

- Contact Naomi or Andy Cox
989-724-5188

MILLEN TOWNSHIP agrees to reimburse 50% of the cost of C & S Dust Control up to 300', maximum of \$141.00, for any owner/resident of a parcel of property bordering a county gravel road of Millen Township. Private roads and driveways are EXEMPT. Paid receipts must be submitted by August 31, 2021 to Millen Township Clerk – P.O. Box 292, Barton City, MI 48705

MILLEN TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETINGS:

The 1st Monday of every month at 7:00 pm, meetings are held at the F.O.E. Aerie 4141, 671 N. Sanborn Rd, Barton City, MI 48705.

Everyone is welcome!

Check out our new Millen

Township website:

MillenTownship.com

- ❖ Let's keep our township free from blight. You can find the complete **Millen Township Zoning Ordinance** on the website.
- ❖ **Maple Ridge Cemetery Ordinance** has been revised including a focus on grounds maintenance. See the posting at the cemetery, on the website, or contact the cemetery sexton.
- ❖ We appreciate any cemetery volunteer work. Please coordinate with Barbara Bartlett, cemetery sexton.



We hope to see you at the
"Biggest Little 4th in the North"

- Barton City Parade
- Activities at the Park
- Fire Dept. Pancake Breakfast
- Fireworks

**Watch the website for additional details*

Thank you to all the volunteers in our community. We appreciate your donations, time and commitment to make this a nicer place to live. We couldn't do it without you!

American Flags Purchased & Placed along Trask Lake Rd:

- Tom Davis
- Rob Sutton
- FOE/Aerie 4141

BC Park Seasonal Plumbing:

- Andy Cox

Christmas Lights/Decorations:

- Rodney Cordes
- Missy Cordes
- Jeff Sutton
- Rob Sutton
- BCIA

BC Park Spring Cleanup:

- Jeff Anderson
- Tina Anderson
- Rodney Cordes
- RuthAnn Couperwaite
- Tom Davis
- Mark Keller
- Paul Lauth
- Trish Miller
- Cathy Ostrander
- Denny Smith
- Sheryl Smith
- Roy Somers
- Ron Stout
- Karen Sutton
- Rob Sutton

Maple Ridge Cemetery Memorial Day Cleanup & Flag Placement:

- Jim Dorr
- Marva Dorr
- Cathy Ostrander
- Barbara Bartlett

Maple Ridge Cemetery Tree/ Brush Cutting & Cleanup:

- Larry Wohlfeil

ROAD COMMITTEE REPORT – 2021 ROAD PROJECTS

Trask Lake Rd. – Apply single sealcoat with fog seal from Stout Rd. west (.99 miles), to O’Donnell Rd. section 6, R7E and (0.55 mile) west from O’Donnell Rd. sections 1, 2, R6E

Bean Hill Rd. – Apply single sealcoat from Proconier Rd. south (.995 miles) to township line.

Stout Rd. – Apply single sealcoat from Fowler Rd. south (2.06 miles)

Cordes Rd., Barton Rd., Lake St. – Apply single sealcoat with fog seal on Cordes Rd. from Trask Lake Rd. south west, Lake St. from Cordes Rd. to dead-end; Barton Rd. from Lake St. to Trask Lake Rd. (0.42 miles)

Walker Rd. - Apply recycled asphalt millings, light drainage improvement, from Sanborn west (1.16 miles)

BARTON CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT - FIRE CHIEF RODNEY CORDES

- On behalf of the Barton City Volunteer Fire Department Inc. Board of Directors & Firefighters/Medical First Responders, thank you for your continued support.
- The new addition to the station is moving along. It will be a great addition to the community and we will host an open house when it is completed.
- We are awaiting the arrival of our turnout gear for fighting fires. We acquired a \$5000 grant towards the purchase, which in total will be close to \$35,000. Also, we are working on acquiring a new ATV for use on the trails, for other emergencies, and to support other emergency agencies. This was supported by a \$29,000 grant received, which will also include some new hand held radios.
- We continue to work to provide our First Responders/Firefighters with the tools they need to protect life and property within our community. We are always looking for volunteers.
- **Please think responsibly. Have a safe and happy summer!**

MESSAGE FROM SUPERVISOR DENNIS SMITH

Greetings:

To begin, I would like to take a moment to thank the previous Millen Township board members for their years of dedicated service to the Township. The transition of newly elected members of the board has been for the most part smooth. However, Covid-19 presented a bit of a challenge with new restrictions and virtual meetings for our first few months in office. We are now back to in-person Township Meetings held at the Township Hall. Please join us for a Township meeting if you have a few hours on the first Monday of the month at 7 PM.

Blight seems to be a common topic of discussion at the Township meetings. Please take a moment and do a self-evaluation of your property. See if there are things that could be cleaned up, organized or disposed of that would make your property look a bit more appealing. I have been told that scrap prices are on the rise, so it may be a good time to relocate some of the “old iron” to a new location.

Thank you to all of the volunteers in the Township that have taken time to join us with improvement projects at the park and the cemetery. Volunteerism is at the core of Township government. If you see something that you think should be improved, please do not hesitate to lend us a hand or bring the issue to our attention. We are all members of the community. Let’s work together to make Millen Township a community that makes us all proud!

Respectfully,

R. Dennis Smith, Supervisor

P.S. It is great seeing our baseball field being utilized by the area “T” Ball and Coach Pitch leagues again this spring. These are our young athletes of tomorrow!