

MILLEN TOWNSHIP WINTER 2023 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**
Karen Sutton (586) 960-4737

MILLEN TOWNSHIP BOARD

MEETINGS:

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

Visit the Township website:

MillenTownship.com

2024 Election Voting Proposal 2 Updates

- Absentee Voting (AV) Ballots available by single permanent ballot request
- AV Ballot Drop Box now located outside Millen Township Hall Door
- Pre-Paid Postage for AV Voting
- 9 Days of Early Voting located at Alcona County Clerk's Office per Millen Twp. agreement

A YEAR IN REVIEW

ROAD COMMITTEE:

❖ Projects completed on budget:

- Stout Rd. Single Seal Coat w/Fog Seal, M-72 South to Fowler Rd (\$34,191.00)
- Trask Lake Rd. Single Sealcoat w/Fog Seal; Stout Rd East 0.92 miles and from Cordes Rd east 0.72 miles to Sanborn Rd (\$20,399.00)
- Walker Rd Recycled Asphalt Millings Sanborn Rd. to Bean Hill Rd. (\$34,461.00)

PLANNING & ZONING:

- ❖ Updated Zoning Manual Published (see website and Clerk's Office for a copy)

ARPA GRANT PROJECTS UPDATE:

❖ Completed Projects

Barton City Park

- Lower Pavilion Removed
- Old Pavilion Cement/Fenced Area Repurposed into Pickle Ball Court
- Upper Pavilion Painted
- Upper Pavilion Roof Re-shingled
- Outhouse Roof Re-shingled
- LED Lighting Updates to Pavilion & Playground Area
- Ball field bleacher repairs

Maple Ridge Cemetery

- Upper Cemetery Expansion - Stump Removal, Grading and Grass Seeding along Burns Road
- Damaged Planter Removal
- Sign Enhancement, Painting & Shrubs Planted

❖ Projects in Process

Barton City Park

- Ballfield fence posts repairs

Maple Ridge Cemetery

- Storage Shed Roof & Door Replacement
- Upper Cemetery Expansion - North Lot Layout & Marking

COMMUNITY SUPPORT:

Thank you to all the volunteers in our community. We appreciate the donations and service!

Township Flower Barrels:

- BCIA
- Jewell Lake Dental
- VFW 8135
- Missy Cordes
- Olivia Davey
- Ken Kosal
- Cathy Ostrander
- Lauren Riberas
- Terry & Debbie Scott
- Sheryl Smith
- Jeff Somers
- Debi Sutton
- Karen Sutton
- Tim Wnuk

BC Park Well Repair:

- BCIA
- FOE 4141

BC Park Seasonal Plumbing:

- Cox's Plumbing & Heating

BC Park Pickle Ball Court:

- Dave & Patty Duquette
- Pete & Cathy Ostrander
- Denny & Sheryl Smith
- Scott Kosal
- Dana Marie Suicide Prevention

BC Park Grounds Repairs and Maintenance:

- FOE 4141
- BCIA
- Rick's Tree & Stump Removal
- Dave & Patty Duquette
- Denny & Sheryl Smith
- Naomi Cox

BC Park Trunk or Treat

- BC Bar & Grill
- F.O.E. 4141
- Cox's Plumbing & Heating
- Stout Lawn Service
- Many individual community members donating treats

Jewell Lake Fishing Tournament

- BC Bar & Grille
- BCIA

A MESSAGE FROM SUPERVISOR R. DENNIS SMITH

Greetings:

Yet another year is coming to an end. The Township continues to be busy with many scheduled and some unscheduled projects. This fall, one such unscheduled project was the well at the park developing an issue which required it to be re-built with a new pump and drop pipe. The repair was completed and we have water once again at the park. Thanks to the FOE 4141 and BCIA for joining with the Township to make donations to help fund the rather costly repair. Hopefully, this well will last as long as the last pump (50 years).

Again, three road projects were completed this year with the assistance of the Alcona County Road Commission. The expenses of these projects continues to increase with additional costs of the raw materials. We will continue to do our best with what road funding we have available to address Township road issues in the future.

Please continue to be vigilant with blight issues. If you have something that is not needed in your yard, please dispose of it properly. We can work together to keep our Township looking respectable.

Please join us at our Township meetings on the first Monday of each month. Your input is important to us.

Wishing everyone Happy Holidays and a blessed New Year.

Sincerely,

R. Dennis Smith, Supervisor

