



# MILLEN TOWNSHIP WINTER 2024 NEWSLETTER

## TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS:

- **Supervisor**  
R. Dennis Smith (231) 357-2426
- **Clerk**  
Mary Somers (928) 304-3109
- **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**  
Scott Kosal (608) 322-8210
- **Planning Commission Chairman**  
Richard Gillies (989) 736-6203
- **Barton City Park Manager**  
Karen Sutton (586) 960-4737

### MILLEN TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETINGS:

The 1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://MillenTownship.com)

### **BARTON CITY PARK RENTAL OPENS MAY 1, 2025:**

- Great for graduations, family reunions and celebrations!
- Pavilions/Cook Shack/Horseshoe Pit/Ball Field/ Basketball/ Pickleball
- ❖ Contact BC Park Manager

## A YEAR IN REVIEW

### ROAD COMMITTEE PROJECTS COMPLETED ON BUDGET

- Bean Hill Rd - 23A Limestone; Place, Shape & Compact \$23,311
- Stout Rd - Single Sealcoat; \$32,433

**GRANT RECEIVED**  
**Community of Northeastern Michigan = \$5000**  
 Used for Baseball Field Fencepost Replacement and Tree Removal from Fence Line

**ARPA GRANT PROJECTS UPDATE**  
 Recall, the Federal Government awarded Millen Township an **ARPA Grant totaling \$40,774.42** to be utilized during 2022-2024 budget years. As previously listed, Millen Township has successfully completed several infrastructure projects in the BC Park and Maple Ridge Cemetery during that time period.

### **Major Projects Recap:**

- Lower Pavilion Electrical Removal
- Lower Pavilion Demolition/Removal
- Upper Pavilion New Shingled Roof
- Upper Pavilion Painting
- Outhouse New Roof Shingles
- Lighting Upgrades -Pavilion, Playground & Flagpole
- Cemetery North Expansion
- Cemetery Burns Road Excavating/Grading
- Cemetery Markers
- Cemetery Sign Updates/Painting/Flowering Shrubs
- Cemetery Tree Removal & Stump Grinding

The Board will continue to seek alternative funding sources to assist with community improvements at the Cemetery & BC Park.

## COMMUNITY SUPPORT:

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

### **Township Flower Barrels:**

- BCIA
- Hammer & Nail
- Jewell Lake Dental
- Jewell Lake Resort
- VFW 8135
- Missy Cordes
- Christine Cox
- Ken Kosal
- Cathy Ostrander
- Terry & Debbie Scott
- Sheryl Smith
- Tegan Spehar
- Debi Sutton
- Karen Sutton
- Tim Wnuk

### **BC Park Donations**

- BCIA

### **BC Park Seasonal Plumbing:**

- Cox's Plumbing & Heating

### **BC Park Grounds Repairs and Maintenance:**

- FOE 4141
- BCIA
- Denny & Sheryl Smith

### **BC Park Trunk or Treat**

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

### **Jewell Lake Fish Stocking**

- Joe Miller & FOE 4141 Fund Raising Event

### **Cemetery Flag Pole Solar Light Donation**

- Stu Kosal

## A MESSAGE FROM SUPERVISOR R. DENNIS SMITH

Greetings:

Yet another year is coming to an end. The Township continues to be busy with scheduled and some un-scheduled projects. Updates have occurred with the BC Park ball field fence posts and the removal of the fence line dead trees. Trees that could have been a potential liability for the Township.

We had an excellent summer with the 4th of July events in the park. During the fall season, we also had great support for the annual Halloween Trunk or Treat at the BC Park. Thank you to all that made this year's events at the park successful.

Again, two road projects were completed in 2024 with the assistance of the Alcona County Road Commission. The expense of these projects continues to increase with additional costs of the raw materials. We will continue to do our best with what funding we have available to address Township road issues in the future. Thanks for the community's continued support by voting in favor of the recent of the Road Millage Renewal.

Please continue to be vigilant with blight issues on your individual properties. 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.

I encourage all to join us at our Township meetings on the first Monday of each month. We appreciate the input from everyone in the Township.

Please join me in thanking Cathy Ostrander for her four years of being our Township Clerk, and let's welcome Mary Somers as our incoming Clerk.

Wishing everyone Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.

Sincerely,

R. Dennis Smith, Supervisor

