

MILLEN TOWNSHIP SUMMER 2024 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**
Scott Kosal (608) 322-8210
- **Planning Commission Chairman**
Richard Gillies (989) 736-6203
- **Barton City Park Manager**
Karen Sutton (586) 960-4737

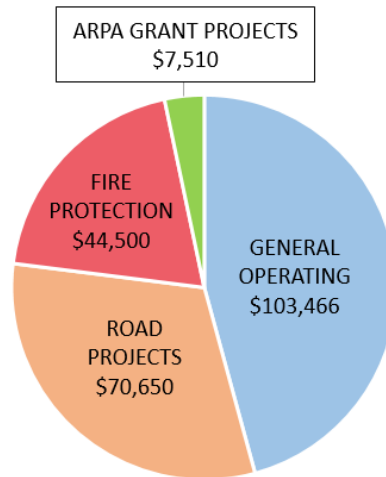
MILLEN TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETINGS:

The 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!**

MillenTownship.com

Need to change your name or mailing address on your property tax bill? A change of address and/or name change form will be mailed with the tax bills and is available to download at millentownship.com. The assessor requires that all changes and/or corrections must be completed on this form for legal purposes with the property owner's signature and contact information. Follow the form instructions and return to the Treasurer. Contact the Treasurer with questions.

2024-2025 BUDGET



** Full Budget details available for review at the Clerk's Office*

STATE PRIMARY ELECTION AUGUST 6

Millen Township Millage Renewals on the Ballot:

- ❖ **Fire Protection Renewal** - Purpose of Fire Protection Services from The Barton City Fire Department
- ❖ **Road Renewal** - Purpose of maintaining Township Roads

** Renewal Millages – Renew Expired Millages to the Original Millage Rate.*

Please vote!

C&S Dust Control

Millen Township agrees to reimburse 50% of the cost of **C & Dust Control**, *up to 300' or maximum of \$141.00 for any owner/resident of a parcel of property bordering a gravel road of Millen Township. **Private roads and driveways are EXEMPT.** Receipts must be submitted to the Township Clerk by August 31, 2024. P.O. Box 292, Barton City, 48705

Did you Know -The BC Park has a Pickle Ball Court? Bring your paddles & ball or borrow them from the BC Park. Give it a try!

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS:

Thank you to all the volunteers! We appreciate your support.

BC Park Spring Cleanup:

- Barton City General Store
- Rod Cordes
- Tom Davis (Leaf Vacuum)
- Ken Kosal (Alcona Parks and Rec.)
- Stu Kosal new flags for the park
- Lauth Lawn Care, Jeff Lauth
- Paul Lauth
- Mark Malanyn
- Trish Miller
- Brian and Lori Mortenson
- Devin Shepard
- Dennis and Sheryl Smith
- Stout Lawn Service, Ron Stout
- Jeff Sutton
- Rob Sutton

Cemetery Flag Pole Repairs:

- Ron Burns, Jr.
- Scott Kosal
- Stu Kosal
- Denny Smith

Cemetery Flags – Memorial Day:

- Alcona County Veterans Affairs
- Alan Bartlett
- Barb Bartlett
- Larry Wohlfeil

Cemetery Cleanup:

- Cathy Ostrander
- Barb Bartlett

Park Donations:

- Sundance Hunt Club
- BCIA
- FOE/Aerie 4141

BC Park Seasonal Plumbing:

- Andy Cox - Cox Plumbing & Heating

BC Flag Placement & Holiday Decorations:

- Rodney and Missy Cordes
- Brandon Cordes
- Bill Lossing
- Travis Lossing
- Jeff Sutton
- Rob Sutton

MAPLE RIDGE CEMETERY - SEXTON BARBARA BARTLETT

Projects completed this past year include:

- Removal of the old broken brick planters and concrete slabs in front of the sign.
- Painted and added lattice trim around the main sign; Planted flowering shrubs in front of the sign.
- Cemetery expansion on west side to Burns Road including tree removal, stump removal, grading, and grass seeding.

Project to be completed this year include:

- Shed roof replacement and door updates.
- Expansion north of the shed. Layout and lot marking planned by the end of 2024.

Reminder to all please follow the Ground Maintenance rules to enable proper mowing and cleanup

Article XXXIV, Millen Township Ordinance 1466, for the Millen Township Maple Ridge Cemetery:

1. Ground maintenance, including burial site care, shall be completed by Millen Township. Any grading, leveling or excavating requires the permission of the Sexton.
2. Planting of shrubs or trees on burial spaces shall not be allowed.
3. All live, artificial, cut, dried, or potted flowers are permitted to be placed by the grave marker or headstone. Winter wreaths and grave blankets are allowed from October 1 and shall be removed by May 1.
4. Mounds which hinder the free use of lawn mower, weed whipping or other gardening apparatus are prohibited. Fences, railings, cornerstones, chipped stones, or other obstacles to lawn mowers, weed whipping or other gardening apparatus are prohibited. Surfaces other than sod or earth are prohibited. Solar lights, small mementos, etc. outlining a grave site will be removed. These items prohibit the free use of lawn mowing, weed whipping or use of other gardening apparatus.
5. The Millen Township Board has the right and authority to remove and dispose of any and all growth, emblems, displays, or containers, therefore, that through decay, deterioration, damage or otherwise become unsightly, a source of litter or maintenance problem.

If you have any questions or need assistance in caring for a burial site within the cemetery, please contact the Sexton, Barbara Bartlett, at 989-590-0238 or by email at treasurer@millentownship.com.

A MESSAGE FROM SUPERVISOR DENNIS SMITH

Greetings:

I wish to thank the community volunteers that assisted with the park and cemetery clean up this spring. The clean-up was hampered a bit by rain and wind this year, but when things dried out the leaves were removed. Again, thank you for a great effort by all to keep our township park and cemetery looking very nice.

It is my goal to continue with small projects in and around the township park to keep it looking good. We re-purposed the cement under the old (removed) pavilion into a "pickleball court". Thank you to those in the community that volunteered their time to power wash and paint the lines on the cement of the pickle ball court.

We will be replacing the cement that had to be removed around the well that was repaired last fall. The project is planned for this spring.

Over the winter, Trustee Kosal wrote and received a grant for the replacement of the infield cedar fence posts in the ballfield. This project should be completed by summer's end if all goes well.

We are working with the Alcona County Road Commission on two or possibly three road projects this year. However, the bids have not been received as of the writing of this newsletter. As we know, the price of materials that contain petroleum products have been continually increasing over the past few years. As a result, road projects have been reduced that we can accomplish with our Road Millage dollars.

Just a reminder to those of you having family functions, graduations, or other events, the pavilion and cooking facility are available for rent. Contact our park manager Karen Sutton (586-960-4737) for information.

One last thing, please take a look around your home and property. If you have un-registered vehicles or any other "blight" please remove the articles. Please do your part to keep Millen Township looking presentable.

God Bless and have a wonderful summer.

Respectfully,
R. Dennis Smith, Supervisor