

MILLEN TOWNSHIP SUMMER 2025 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 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 Township website:
MillenTownship.com

BARTON CITY PARK RENTAL:

- Pavilions/Cook Shack/Horseshoe Pit/Ball Field/Pickle Ball
- Picnic Table Rental
- Contact BC Park Manager



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

**To all the brave men &
women of our Armed
Forces that served our
Nation**

**"THANK YOU FOR OUR
FREEDOM!"**

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, 2025. P.O. Box 292, Barton City, 48705

The Township continues to seek out grants that will benefit the residents of Millen Township. We seek grants that do not require matching funds. The following grants have been received by Millen Township in the past year:

- * Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) Housing Readiness Incentive Grant \$50,000 for the update to Millen Township Master Plan and Zoning Ordinance
- * Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan (CFNEM) \$3,000 for Solar Radar Speed Limit Sign
- * Michigan Township Participating Plan (MTPP) Risk Reduction Grant Program \$1,406 for rubber mulch around playground equipment

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS:

Thank you to all the volunteers!
We appreciate your donations, time and commitment to make this a nicer place to live.

BC Park Spring Cleanup:

- Barton City General Store (Gary and Mo Somers)
- Jake Brown
- Tom Davis (Leave Vacuum & Dump Trailer)
- Tommy Hallett & Marissa
- Sammy Lusk
- Mark Malanyan
- Trish Miller
- Brian & Lori Mortenson
- Dennis & Sheryl Smith
- Jeff & Mary Somers
- Roy Somers & Tractor
- Ron, Jr. & Mandy Stout
- Karen Sutton
- Tony Uikic

Sundance Hunt Club

- Park Donation

BC Park Seasonal Plumbing:

- Craig Kilbourn

BC Flag Placement:

- Rodney Cordes
- Rob Sutton
- FOE/Aerie 4141

Cemetery Flags - Memorial Day:

- Alan Bartlett
- Barbara Bartlett

Cemetery Cleanup:

- Alan Bartlett
- Barbara Bartlett

Ball Fielding Fencing

- McFadden Contracting
- Dennis Smith

2025 TAX SEASON – BARBARA BARTLETT

As a reminder current year 2025 summer property taxes will be mailed by 07/01 and past due after 09/16. The current year 2025 winter property taxes will be mailed by 12/01 and past due after 02/14. All 2025 township taxes are payable to the township treasurer by or on the last day of February. After the past due dates for the current year summer and winter bills, there is a late fee added to your tax bill. You will need to contact the township treasurer for a payoff. After the last day of February your unpaid bill will be considered delinquent and you will need to contact the county treasurer for the amount due.

All checks must be received by the township treasurer by 5 p.m. the last day of February for the current tax year. Any checks received after that day and time will be returned to the sender. USPS date stamped envelopes before the last day of February but received after the last day of February will not be accepted and will be returned to the sender.

If you have a change of address request and/or a name change request, please download the form from the www.millentownship.com website or contact the township treasurer for the form and return it to the township treasurer. You can also find other township and county forms by clicking on the forms tab in the website.

BARTON CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT – CHIEF RODNEY CORDES

The Barton City Volunteer Fire Department Inc. would like to thank the residents/property owners of Millen Township for their continued support.

The addition on the building is 99% complete. We have been waiting for the flooring company to come and finish up some floor molding work. We have to now work on the older part of the building, sprucing it up with fresh paint and removal of some items that we don't use and/or are obsolete. We did get a \$2,200.00 grant to retrofit all of the old lighting in the building to LED.

We continue looking for and applying for grants that we are eligible for. In 2023, we received a grant in the amount of \$4,376.00 towards the cost of new air pack spare bottles which had a total cost of \$11,432.00. In 2024, we received a grant for the amount of \$3,750.00 towards a structural helmet replacement project and a lighting (flashlights, scene lighting, roadway cones) update for a total cost of \$7,600.00. Hawes Township was able to use there ARPA funds towards fire related projects to assist the 3 departments in Hawes Township. The 3 Chiefs decided to place the equipment in Barton City. We have received a CPR machine (\$22,500) and a new set of Jaws of Life (\$52,500). We continue to look for grants that will fund new trucks. Trucks today cost extremely more than they did 20 years ago. A New Pumper today cost around \$750,000.00 compared to \$175,000.00 in 2001.

We please ask that you place smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors in your home and replace those batteries a couple times a year. Smoke detectors save lives. We ask that you have them on all floors of your home. Also, we encourage you to not burn when the danger is high. It only takes a couple of seconds for a fire to escape. If your fire escapes, you may be charged from the State or Forest Service for suppression cost. Please keep yard debris away from your buildings and keep your roofs cleaned also.

We continue to look for volunteers for Medical First Responding and volunteer firefighters. We are in need of someone to do grant writing and are always in need of folks who are willing to do community service work.

Have a Great Summer. Travel Safe.

A MESSAGE FROM MILLEN TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

Greetings: I wish to again 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 again this year, slowing the process, however when things dried out the leaves were removed along with debris from this spring's ice storm. We were very fortunate with the minor damage we sustained in our township.

Again, thank you for a great effort by all to keep our township park and cemetery looking very nice.

You may have noticed the solar powered "speed signs" have been installed along with up dated speed limit signs in Barton City. This is a result of requested speed study conducted by the Michigan State Police with assistance of the Alcona County Road Commission. The speed was raised from 25 MPH to 35 MPH as the results of the 85th percentile of vehicles (speeds) traveling Trask Lake Road through Barton City. The increased speed was the recommendation of the speed/traffic study.

Blight! Please take a look around your home/property, if you have un-registered vehicles, and other "blight" items please remove the articles, it is a good time to take a load to the scrap yards. Please do your part to keep Millen Township looking presentable. Do not be surprised if you receive a letter from our Zoning Officer addressing blight issues in your yards if you fail to address these issues.

Just a reminder to those of you having family functions, graduations, ect. The pavilion and cooking facility are available for rent. Contact our Park Manager Karen Sutton for information.

God Bless and have a wonderful summer.

Sincerely,
R. Dennis Smith, Supervisor