



Newsletter

Summer 2021

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Supervisor Brian Shelby
Clerk Kimberly Gonczy
Treasurer Susan Burek
Trustee Linda Adams
Trustee Deborah Fuqua-Frey
Trustee David Hall
Trustee Christopher Ortiz

From the Supervisor

- Lighting project on Willis (Bunton to Rawsonville) complete.
- Repainting of interior of old Fire Station in progress, Utilities to move into the north side and new BOT meeting room will be on south side.
- Hitchingham bridge replacement to start in July after the fish spawning season per Washtenaw County.
- Washtenaw County to start trimming trees hanging over the road this fall.
- Several blacktopped roads have been seal coated, the county adds gravel to the seal coating to protect it and for safety of drivers. This seal coating extends the life of the road 3-5 years.
- Augusta Spring Clean-up is July 24, 2021 at Lincoln High School. Volunteers needed contact Brian Shelby 734-307-5072 Information to be posted on the Township website.

Brian Shelby

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Clerk's Corner

Transitioning Kimberly Gonczy from Deputy Clerk to Clerk during a pandemic has been quite an adventure! Zoom, email, phone calls and mail have replaced face to face interactions. Having a team that you can count on is how Augusta Township has made it this far! In addition to Kimberly Gonczy, the



Save the Date! The dedication for the new Fire Station will be held on Saturday, July 31st. We are planning a community celebration including a flag ceremony, tours, refreshments and a raffle. Details will be posted on our web page.

Clerk (Con't)

new Clerk, we have two other new board members. Trustee's David Hall and Trustee Deborah Fuqua- Frey have joined the team. The Clerk's office congratulates and welcomes the two new Trustees.

The Clerk's office would like to write about a few things; the Augusta Township Website, the Annual Audit and the Elections Department.

The Clerk's office posts all relevant information on Augusta Township's website. With the help of Carol Zimnie, we inform residents of all pertinent information. Everything from Board and Committee Meeting Minutes, Resolutions, Ordinances, Forms, and upcoming Events can be found here. If you haven't visited the website, please do. The Clerk's office is the official record keeper and is reminding residents, the official source of Augusta Township information is the website;

<https://augustatownship.org/>

Clerk (Con't)

Augusta Township's Trial Balance Sheet for year ending 3/31/2021 is being sent over to the Augusta Township Auditors in a few days. We are so pleased that we are efficient, timely and transparent with our financial information. The honest, hard work speaks for itself when you have excellent annual audits.

One goal for the Election Department is to update the State of Michigan Qualified Voter Files for the voters of Augusta Township. In 2020 we discovered that our voter data was missing phone numbers and email addresses. Updating the records will help us continue to serve the residents of Augusta Township during the next election to the best of our ability.

Thank you to all the residents who have understood the COVID-19 ongoing challenges. The volume of work at Augusta Township has remained the same. Processes and procedures have adapted to accommodate everyone's safety. Change is constant, nobody knows what the new "normal" is going to be. While our building may have been closed to walk in traffic, everyone worked in person or remotely, throughout the entire pandemic.

Please feel welcome to attend a Board of Trustee's meeting. We are open to public comment at the beginning and the end of every meeting. It has been nice to see more participation during our Zoom Board of Trustee's meetings.

Respectfully,

Kim Gonczy, Clerk

Belynda Domas, Deputy Clerk

Michael Bartley, Election Inspector

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From the Treasurer's Office

I am pleased to report that the Utility Billing Department is now established in house. I have taken on the additional responsibility as Utility Billing Manager and Carol Zimmie as support as the Utility Billing Coordinator. Together the money spent on our salary towards this effort has saved the township a substantial amount of money instead of sourcing these tasks to an outside vendor. Improvements in data base accuracy has found errors that will recover lost revenue totaling in the thousands of dollars. The newly updated and accurate database will help our operations work more efficiently, saving us money as well. The treasurer's office is looking forward to a fourth consecutive clean audit later this summer. I am happy my office has continued to provide full accounting of the township's revenues and building a history of faith and trust with the residents. That is what my office strives the most for, and I hope these excellent audits continue to do that.

The number of utility customers taking advantage of the automatic utility payment program managed by my deputy continues to increase and numbered 276 residents this past billing cycle. This saves a substantial amount of processing time, which saves money for the township. Sign up forms are online but please don't hesitate to contact Joanne at deputytreasurer@augustatownship.org if you have any questions.

There will be a new policy for tax and utility payments once our hall re-opens again. The treasurer's office will only accept cash payments (exact change) inside the hall. All other payments we request that you pay using the drop box on the outside of the hall, by mail, or online. We appreciate your cooperation!

With best regards,

Susan Burek, Treasurer

Joanne Wade, Deputy Treasurer

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