



Newsletter

Winter 2023

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Supervisor **Brian Shelby**
Clerk **Kimberly Gonczy**
Treasurer **Susan Burek**
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From the Supervisor

- With the Board of Trustees (BOT) support, American flags were placed in the villages of Willis and Whittaker for July 4th. We also held a Fourth of July parade through downtown Willis ending at Willis Baptist Church on June 24. Thanks go to Willis Baptist Church for the refreshments.
- We received a grant from the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) to fund the collection of 3,000 tires. This was a very good community effort for our Township on Saturday, July 1, and thank you to all those who came out to help.
- Lori Little, our former zoning administrator, headed up the township car show on Saturday, July 29 and did an excellent job of organizing the event which led to a great turnout. The Supervisor's Office will head up the 2024 car show.
- We recently had a new fence put up at Stony Creek Cemetery with no cost to the taxpayers. This project was managed with the help of Kathleen, our cashier and cemetery coordinator. She was very meticulous in finding the right style of fence for this cemetery, which the BOT approved.
- We participated in the annual Washtenaw County clean-up on Saturday, July 22 at Lincoln High School, which had a very good turnout.
- Our township has never been cleaner, because of the efforts of BOT members and residents who volunteer to pick up trash around Augusta Charter Township.
- We've been very aggressive with getting the roads back up to grade. There are still some smaller roads that need some attention. For the road budget of 2024, the focus will be on those smaller roads and cleaning out ditches.
- To reduce high-speed traffic, electronic speed limit signs were placed to draw attention to the actual posted speed limit.
- We have two Christmas events planned this year, which involve both Willis and Whittaker villages. One will be on Friday, December 8 in Whittaker, while the other event will be in Willis on Saturday, December 9. For more particulars, see our website augustatownship.org or the Facebook pages.

Brian Shelby, Supervisor

Allan Cassell, Deputy Supervisor

<https://augustatownship.org/supervisor/>

Clerk's Corner

Democracy gives citizens the right to influence important decisions over their own lives and allows them to hold their leaders accountable. The Clerk's office provides peaceful conduct within and between elected officials and citizens of Augusta Charter Township. Democracy helps citizens choose their leaders to run the government by free and fair elections and helps maintain law and order with the concept of power sharing. By voting, citizens are participating in the democratic process. The Clerk's office encourages Augusta Charter Township residents to vote.

Government accounting refers to the process of recording and the management of all financial transactions incurred by a government entity. Augusta Charter Township Quarterly financial statements are presented fairly, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, quarterly, and can be found on the website

for public viewing, at AugustaTownship.org. The Clerk's office will continue to maintain an excellent level of financial accounting and reporting.

Augusta Charter Township Annual Audit was approved for Fiscal Year ending March 31, 2023. Auditors evaluate whether Augusta Charter Township elected officials are doing what they are supposed to do, spending funds for the intended purpose, and complying with laws and regulations. The principals of auditing include integrity, objectivity, independence, documentation, accounting system, internal control, and audit reporting.

The Clerk's office appreciates the ongoing accounting services provided by The WoodHill Group. The WoodHill Group navigates the complex government accounting, finance, and Michigan Treasury reporting requirements for Augusta Charter Township. The Clerk's office appreciates the Augusta Township Deputy Supervisor, Allan Cassell, for preparing the Augusta Charter Township's Annual Budget.

Respectfully,

Kimberly Gonczy, Clerk

Belynda Domas, Deputy Clerk

Michael Bartley, Election Manager

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From the Treasurer's Office

The treasurer's office takes the opportunity for education and collaboration whenever it is available. We attend the bimonthly meetings of the Washtenaw County Treasurer Association to learn best practices and share concerns. An increasing problem is check forgery and fraud. We use our bank's Positive Pay system to prevent checks from being cashed for something other than what they are issued for. We also encourage use of the payment drop box on the porch of the Township Hall to avoid the possibility of mishandling.

The treasurer's office drop box at the township hall is in the works of getting refurbished. This will improve the capacity for collection and eliminate paper jams that can occur over long weekends. We appreciate your continued use of the drop box as it facilitates the efficiency and timeliness of money collection.

The treasurer's office would like to give Kathleen Venzke recognition for the hard work assisting the clerk and supervisor to secure new fencing for Stony Creek cemetery. In addition to working as the main cashier for the treasurer's office, she has been part of the cemetery team for the last year and a half. The old fencing was removed and replaced due to heavy damage and rusting. Here are some pictures of this much needed improvement in our township.

With best regards,

Susan Burek, Treasurer

Joanne Wade, Deputy Treasurer

Kathleen Venzke, Cashier

Marsha Zavitz, Utility Billing Coordinator

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