

**PENTLAND TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
AGENDA
JANUARY 8, 2019**

Call to Order and Roll Call

Changes to the Agenda

Brief Public Comment

Approval of Minutes

Approval of Bills

Treasurer's Report

New Business:

- Board of Review appointments

Old Business:

- Wastewater agreement with the Village
- Future Hall Bookings
- Liquor Inspection Reports
- Water and Sewer Update
- Open for Other Reports
- Communications
 - Letter from DEQ about PFAS results (good news!)

Extended Public Comment

Next Regular Meeting

Adjournment

PENTLAND TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

October 9, 2018

Tonight's meeting was held at the Pentland Township Hall: 15474 M-28, Newberry, MI 49868.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Supervisor Janet Maki.

Board members present: Treasurer Jean Foley, Trustee Martin Lehto, Supervisor Janet Maki, Clerk Greg Rathje and Trustee Dawn Stephenson. Absent: none.

Also present: Utilities Superintendent Mike Richards, Deputy Clerk Caryn DeWyse, Luce County Undersheriff Eric Gravelle, Christine Rathje, and Lilly Harmon.

Under changes to the agenda, the Board added under new business the Township's bereavement policy for certain employees.

Under public comment, County Undersheriff Eric Gravelle shared several updates from the Sheriff's Department, including interesting data about how many crimes have been committed in the county over the past twelve months. Undersheriff Gravelle also reminded the Board about the upcoming vote to renew the millage that supports the Sheriff Department's road patrol.

The Board thanked Undersheriff Gravelle for continuing his excellent job keeping the Board informed, and the Sheriff's Department for their service.

The Board then turned to approval of the minutes.

Clerk Rathje presented the minutes of the September 11, 2018, meeting for the Board's approval.

Motion by Lehto, seconded by Stephenson, to approve these minutes as presented. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

The bills were presented by Clerk Rathje.

Motion by Lehto, seconded by Stephenson, to approve the following five items in one motion:

1. General Fund check number 3203, per Pentland Township's "Post Audit" policy.
2. General Fund check numbers 3204 through 3238 and EFT43 for payment today.
3. Sewer Fund check numbers 5140 and 5141 for payments approved today.
4. Water Fund check number 6097 for payments approved today.
5. Transfer \$56,892.32 from First National Bank of St. Ignace's Municipal Account to the Checking Account.

The vote on all of the above items - Ayes: All. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Treasurer Foley.

Motion by Rathje, seconded by Stephenson, to receive the Treasurer's Report. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Under new business, the Board considered amending the Bereavement Leave policy in the Employee Policies and Procedures document.

There was agreement to change the wording in the section about Bereavement Leave from "Full-time hourly employees will be permitted..." to "The administrative assistant will be permitted..." to capture the Board's intent when the policy was first written.

The Township does not have any full-time hourly employees, but the Administrative Assistant works 30 hours a week for the Township, and it is the will of the Board for this position to be covered by this policy.

Motion by Maki, seconded by Foley, to amend the Bereavement Leave policy in the Employee Policies and Procedures document as discussed. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

The Board then reviewed an updated policy about the change drawer at the Utility Office. The Board already had a discussion on updating this policy last month. Those comments were incorporated into the draft policy the Board reviewed tonight.

Motion by Maki, seconded by Lehto, to approve the updated Policy on Change Drawer at the Utility Office. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

The Board then reviewed an indemnification policy proposed by our Township Attorney.

Resolution 2018-02

Resolution to Indemnify Township Officers and Employees

WHEREAS, Public Act 170 of 1964, as amended, authorizes indemnification of public officers and employees while acting on behalf of the Township within the scope of their authority:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that whenever a claim is made or a civil action is commenced against an officer or employee or volunteer of Pentland Township for injuries to persons or property allegedly caused by the officer/employee/volunteer while acting within the scope of his or her authority, Pentland Township shall pay for, engage, or furnish the services of an attorney to advise the officer/employee/volunteer as to the claim and to appear for and represent the officer/employee/volunteer in the action. The Township Board may compromise, settle, and pay the claim before or after the commencement of a civil action. Whenever a judgment for damages is awarded against an officer/employee/volunteer of the Township as a result of a civil action for personal injuries or property damage caused by the officer/employee/volunteer while in the course of employment/volunteer activity and while acting within the scope of his or her authority, Pentland Township shall indemnify the officer/employee/volunteer, or pay, settle, or compromise the judgment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that when a criminal action is commenced against an officer or employee of Pentland Township based upon the conduct of the officer or employee in the course of employment, if the employee or officer had a reasonable basis for believing that he or she was

acting within the scope of his or her authority at the time of the alleged conduct, Pentland Township shall pay for, engage, or furnish the services of an attorney to advise the officer or employee as to the action, and to appear for and represent the officer or employee in the action.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall not impose any liability upon Pentland Township other than that herein set forth.

Moved by Foley

Supported by Lehto

Upon a voice vote, the following voted:

Ayes: Foley, Lehto, Maki, Rathje, & Stephenson

Nays: None

Absent: None

Supervisor Maki declared the resolution adopted.

The Board then turned to a discussion about renting tables from the township hall to groups that would take them out of the hall to events in the community.

There was unanimous consent to continue the Township's current practice of not renting tables for events in the community. The Board did not want to damage its tables, which have a lot of value.

Clerk Rathje reported the Board had received the first quote for possible hall improvements and repairs such as switching to LED lights and air conditioning. The Board decided to wait until several more quotes came in before proceeding further.

The Board then turned to old business, starting with the Wastewater Agreement discussions with the Village of Newberry.

Clerk Rathje reported that himself, Deputy Clerk DeWyse, and Mike Grentz, our auditor, attended the Village's meeting about its finances last week.

The Board had an extensive conversation about how the information shared at the meeting could affect the Township continues negotiations with the Village for a new sewer agreement.

Treasurer Foley reported on the events scheduled in the township hall for the next few months.

Clerk Rathje reported the township received a set of liquor inspection reports from the Sheriff's Department from last month. All of the establishments received a grade of "good".

Mike Richards gave his monthly utility report. The township's water and sewer systems continue to be in generally good shape.

The water tower on County Road 400 had a routine inspection by Dixon Engineering and the Michigan DEQ last month. All was well.

Superintendent Richards also reported that the sign by the Utility Office fell down after a recent windstorm. There was unanimous consent to ask several vendors for a quote for a new sign.

There was no extended public comment.

The next regular meeting of the township board is scheduled for Tuesday, November 13, 2018, at 7:00 pm at the Pentland Township Hall.

Motion by Lehto, seconded by Foley, to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:40 pm.

Gregory Rathje
Pentland Township Clerk

Janet Maki
Pentland Township Supervisor

PENTLAND TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

November 13, 2018

Tonight's meeting was held at the Pentland Township Hall: 15474 M-28, Newberry, MI 49868.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Janet Maki.

Board members present: Treasurer Jean Foley, Trustee Martin Lehto, Supervisor Janet Maki, Clerk Greg Rathje and Trustee Dawn Stephenson. Absent: none.

Also present: Utilities Superintendent Mike Richards, Deputy Clerk Caryn DeWyse, Luce County Undersheriff Eric Gravelle, Christine Rathje, and Jack Thomas.

There was a moment of silence to remember Linda Walker, a long time Township employee, Township resident, and friend to all.

Linda worked for the Township for many years; and passed away last month. We are all going to miss Linda's good cheer and dedication to our community.

After the moment of silence, the Board turned to changes to the agenda, where the Board added under new business BS&A software for taxes and the Board of Review.

Under public comment, County Undersheriff Eric Gravelle shared several updates from the Sheriff's Department and thanked the Board on behalf of everyone who voted to renew the millage last week for the Sheriff Department's road patrol.

The Board thanked Undersheriff Gravelle for continuing his excellent job keeping the Board informed, and the Sheriff's Department for their service.

Also, under public comment, Jack Thomas spoke on behalf of the county's Economic Development Corporation (EDC).

An official from the state's Economic Development Corporation is coming to Newberry in early December; and would like to meet with local officials about what we perceive we need to have in place to encourage economic development here in Luce County.

Mr. Thomas, as both a member of the county's EDC board, and as a Township resident, strongly encouraged this board to attend and share their thoughts about how our community can grow.

The Board thanked Jack for bringing this to its attention, and then shared several possible dates and times it could have this meeting.

Under approval of minutes, Clerk Rathje apologized for not having them ready for tonight; he will have them ready for the Board's next month.

The bills were presented by Clerk Rathje.

Motion by Stephenson, seconded by Foley, to approve the following five items in one motion:

1. There were no General Fund, Sewer Fund, or Water Fund checks issued per Pentland Township's "Post Audit" policy. (This policy explains how bills are paid between meetings).
2. General Fund check numbers 3239 through 3284 and EFT44 for payment today.
3. Sewer Fund check numbers 5142 and 5143 for payments approved today.
4. Water Fund check number 6098 for payments approved today.
5. Transfer \$24,211.16 from First National Bank of St. Ignace's Municipal Account to the Checking Account.

The vote on all of the above items - Ayes: All. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Treasurer Foley.

Motion by Lehto, seconded by Stephenson, to receive the Treasurer's Report. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Under new business, the Board already dispensed with the request from the County EDC under public comment with Jack Thomas. So, it moved on to the next item on the agenda.

The Board then reviewed two quotes it received for a new sign at the Utility Office. This sign would replace the original sign that survived over twenty years outside until succumbing to a recent windstorm.

The Board tabled a decision on this item until it hears back from of the persons who submitted a quote about several questions the Board has.

The Board then turned to the expiration of the terms for the current members of the Board of Review. Members of the Board of Review serve two-year terms. The term of the current members expires on December 31.

Motion by Rathje, seconded by Lehto, to post a notice in the Newberry News inviting Township residents to apply for the Board of Review. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Finally, for new business, Treasurer Foley asked the Board to approve proceeding with BS&A, the vendor who provides our accounting software, to secure a major upgrade to the Township's tax software. The Township's current vendor for tax collection software, Manatron, is ending their service to Michigan municipalities in 2019.

Motion by Rathje, seconded by Lehto, to have BS&A provide the Township's tax collection software. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

The Board then turned to old business.

The Board tabled until later this winter a discussion about future repairs to the township hall.

Under an update about the sewer agreement, the Board had a brief discussion about the recent goings-on inside the Village Council in light of the recent election, and how these events could impact its ability to work with our Township on the sewer agreement.

Treasurer Foley reported on the events scheduled in the township hall for the next few months.

Clerk Rathje reported the township received a set of liquor inspection reports from the Sheriff's Department from last month. All of the establishments received a grade of "good".

Mike Richards gave his monthly utility report. The township's water and sewer systems continue to be in generally good shape. The sewer pump on M-28 lost its prime, but Mr. Richards was able to restart it with a minimum of trouble. He also informed the Board that new billing statements were ordered.

Clerk Rathje shared results of last week's election, which led to a Board discussion about the possibility of marijuana establishments opening in the Township. This could be allowed under Proposal 1 (which passed last week), which changes how marijuana is regulated.

There was unanimous consent to reach out to the Township Attorney about what the Board's options are in light of the passing of Proposal 1.

Under extended public comment, Jack Thomas thanked the Board for their willingness to attend the meeting with the MEDC. He stressed how important it was for the long-term health of our community to have new businesses come here and thrive.

The next regular meeting of the township board is scheduled for Tuesday, December 11, 2018, at 7:00 pm at the Pentland Township Hall.

Motion by Stephenson, seconded by Foley, to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm.

Gregory Rathje
Pentland Township Clerk

Janet Maki
Pentland Township Supervisor

PENTLAND TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

December 11, 2018

Tonight's meeting was held at the Pentland Township Hall: 15474 M-28, Newberry, MI 49868.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Supervisor Janet Maki.

Board members present: Treasurer Jean Foley, Trustee Martin Lehto, Supervisor Janet Maki, Clerk Greg Rathje and Trustee Dawn Stephenson. Absent: none.

Also present: Utilities Superintendent Mike Richards, Deputy Treasurer Deb Burbach, Deputy Clerk Caryn DeWyse, Luce County Undersheriff Eric Gravelle, Christine Rathje, and Lilly Harmon.

Under changes to the agenda, the Board added under new business a request for a street light on the corner of M-177 and County Road 458.

Under public comment, County Undersheriff Eric Gravelle shared several updates from the Sheriff's Department, including a recent drive-by shooting in Pentland Township. Thankfully, no one was hurt in that incident, and the perpetrators have been arrested.

The Board thanked Undersheriff Gravelle for continuing his excellent job keeping the Board informed, and the Sheriff's Department for their service.

Under approval of minutes, Clerk Rathje apologized for not having them ready for tonight, and will have them ready for the Board's January meeting.

The bills were presented by Clerk Rathje.

Motion by Lehto, seconded by Stephenson, to approve the following five items in one motion:

1. There were no General Fund, Sewer Fund, or Water Fund checks issued per Pentland Township's "Post Audit" policy. (This policy explains how bills are paid between meetings).
2. General Fund check numbers 3285 through 3323 and EFT45 for payment today.
3. Sewer Fund check numbers 5143 through 5145 for payments approved today.
4. Water Fund check number 6099 for payments approved today.
5. Transfer \$29,144.44 from First National Bank of St. Ignace's Municipal Account to the Checking Account.

The vote on all of the above items - Ayes: All. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Treasurer Foley.

Motion by Lehto, seconded by Stephenson, to receive the Treasurer's Report. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

The Board then turned to new business.

Supervisor Maki presented a request from several Township residents to install a streetlight at the intersection of the corner of M-177 and County Road 458. She shared with the Board that this intersection has claimed the lives of several township residents over the years.

The Township already pays a monthly charge to Cloverland to maintain over 40 streetlights at various intersections to improve safety.

Supervisor Maki shared two options from Cloverland for this intersection. The better option (the one that would provide the most light) would cost the township \$11.17 a month, and a possible \$410 charge from the state's Department of Transportation.

It was the very strong sentiment of the Board to install a light and avoid future tragedy.

Motion by Rathje, seconded by Lehto, to approve the installation of a a streetlight at the intersection of the corner of M-177 and County Road 458 at a cost of \$11.17 a month and pay the one-time fee (if required). Ayes: all. Motion carried.

The Board then turned its attention to approval of a "Uniform Video Service Local Franchise Agreement" from Hiawatha Communications (also known as 'Jamadots').

This agreement is required by state law for Hiawatha Communications to provide internet service in the Township. The Board is aware that Hiawatha Communications has already been providing this service in Pentland for several years; and is just now finishing up an agreement that should have been done before providing their service.

After a thoughtful discussion about two options the Board had consider as part of the agreement, the Board was ready to approve the agreement.

Motion by Rathje, seconded by Maki, to approve the Video Franchise Agreement with Hiawatha Communications, and to specify the following percentages in the agreement:

One, to charge 3% (three percent) for the Annual Video Service Provider Fee under item VI, A (ii) on page four.

Two, to charge 0% (zero percent) for the Public, Education and Government (PEG) channel fee under item VII, A, (2) on page six.

The vote was ayes: all. The motion was carried.

Clerk Rathje will send the document with our charges back to Hiawatha Communications for filing.

The Board then turned to a proposed ordinance about marijuana-based businesses in the Township.

To recap – last month Michigan voters approved proposal 1, the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act. This act would not only allow citizens to have marijuana in their homes, it also gives local governments the authority to not allow "marijuana establishments" in

the township. Such an establishment could include (among other things) commercial growers or retailers.

At last month's Board meeting, there was agreement of the Board to not allow these businesses to operate inside the Township, and to ask our township attorney to provide a draft ordinance for the Board enacting this. After discussion, the Board voted on the proposed ordinance.

Motion by Rathje, seconded by Lehto, to adopt Ordinance 2018-01. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

(Note: the ordinance is attached to these minutes).

The Board then turned to old business, starting with the Wastewater Agreement discussions with the Village of Newberry.

Clerk Rathje reported that he had an initial phone call with the new President of the Newberry Village Council, Lori Stokes. President Stokes agreed to meet about both the sewer and fire agreements.

The Board also had a discussion about the various goings-on inside the Village Council the past month.

Treasurer Foley reported on the events scheduled in the township hall for the next few months.

Clerk Rathje reported the township received a set of liquor inspection reports from the Sheriff's Department from last month. All of the establishments received a grade of "good".

Mike Richards gave his monthly utility report. The township's water and sewer systems continue to be in generally good shape.

There was no extended public comment.

The next regular meeting of the township board is scheduled for Tuesday, January 8, 2019, at 7:00 pm at the Pentland Township Hall.

Since the Board had completed its business for the night, there was unanimous consent to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:40 pm.

Gregory Rathje
Pentland Township Clerk

Janet Maki
Pentland Township Supervisor

PENTLAND TOWNSHIP

COUNTY OF LUCE, STATE OF MICHIGAN

PENTLAND TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 2018-01 (proposed)

ADOPTED:

EFFECTIVE:

**ORDINANCE TO COMPLETELY PROHIBIT MARIHUANA ESTABLISHMENTS
WITHIN PENTLAND TOWNSHIP PURSUANT TO MICHIGAN REGULATION AND
TAXATION OF MARIHUANA ACT**

This Ordinance is enacted pursuant to the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act (initiative legislation approved by the voters as Proposal 1 at the November 6, 2018 general election) to completely prohibit any “marihuana establishment” as that term is defined in the Act and herein within the boundaries of Pentland Township.

PENTLAND TOWNSHIP

LUCE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

ORDAINS:

SECTION 1

LEGAL AUTHORITY

This Ordinance is enacted pursuant to the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act (initiative legislation approved by the voters as Proposal 1 at the November 6, 2018 general election) to completely prohibit any “marihuana establishment” as that term is defined in the Act and herein within the boundaries of Pentland Township. This Ordinance is also enacted pursuant to the authority granted to the Township Board by *MCL 41.181* to adopt ordinances regulating the public health, safety, and general welfare of persons and property. This Ordinance is intended to reflect and advance the previous policy position of the Township Board under the Michigan Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act (*MCL 333.27101 et. seq.*) to not allow marihuana-related facilities within Pentland Township, in the manner now required by the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act to continue that policy position.

SECTION 2

COMPLETE PROHIBITION OF MARIHUANA ESTABLISHMENTS WITHIN PENTLAND TOWNSHIP

Marihuana establishments shall be and hereby are completely prohibited within the boundaries of Pentland Township, to the fullest extent of the law.

SECTION 3

DEFINITIONS

- A. For purposes of this Ordinance the term “marihuana establishment” is defined exactly as defined in Section 3(h) of the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act, to mean “a marihuana grower, marihuana safety compliance facility, marihuana processor, marihuana microbusiness, marihuana retailer, marihuana secure transporter, or any other type of marihuana-related business licensed by the department”.
- B. For purposes of this Ordinance the term “marihuana grower” is defined exactly as defined in Section 3(i) of the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act, to mean “a person licensed to cultivate marihuana and sell or otherwise transfer marihuana to marihuana establishments”.
- C. For purposes of this Ordinance the term “marihuana safety compliance facility” is defined exactly as defined in Section 3(o) of the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act, to mean “a person licensed to test marihuana, including certification for potency and the presence of contaminants”.
- D. For purposes of this Ordinance the term “marihuana processor” is defined exactly as defined in Section 3(l) of the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act, to mean “a person licensed to obtain marihuana from marihuana establishments; process and package marihuana; and sell or otherwise transfer marihuana to marihuana establishments”.
- E. For purposes of this Ordinance the term “marihuana microbusiness” is defined exactly as defined in Section 3(k) of the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act, to mean “a person licensed to cultivate not more than 150 marihuana plants; process and package marihuana; and sell or otherwise transfer marihuana to individuals who are 21 years of age or older or to a marihuana safety compliance facility, but not to other marihuana establishments”.
- F. For purposes of this Ordinance the term “marihuana retailer” is defined exactly as defined in Section 3(m) of the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act, to mean “a person licensed to obtain marihuana from marihuana establishments and to sell or otherwise transfer marihuana to marihuana establishments and to individuals who are 21 years of age or older”.

- G. For purposes of this Ordinance the term “marihuana secure transporter” is defined exactly as defined in Section 3(n) of the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act, to mean “a person licensed to obtain marihuana from marihuana establishments in order to transport marihuana to marihuana establishments”.
- H. For purposes of this Ordinance the term “department” is defined exactly as defined in Section 3(b) of the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act, to mean “the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs” of the State of Michigan (capital letters added for proper noun correctness).
- I. For purposes of this Ordinance any other term used in any of the foregoing defined terms that is itself defined in the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act, or any administrative rules promulgated by the department to administer and implement the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act pursuant to Section 8 or otherwise of that Act, is defined exactly as therein defined.

SECTION 4

SEVERABILITY

The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable, and if any clause, sentence, word, section or provision is declared void or unenforceable for any reason by any court of competent jurisdiction, such declaration shall not affect any portion of this Ordinance other than the part declared to be invalid.

SECTION 5

EFFECTIVE DATE AND NON-REPEAL

- A. This Ordinance shall take effect the day following the date of the publication of the Ordinance as provided by *MCL 41.184*, or 10 days after the State Board of Canvassers certifies approval of the Proposal 1 initiative Act by the voters, whichever is later.
- B. This Ordinance is not intended to repeal any provision of any other existing ordinance of Pentland Township.

Greg Rathje
Pentland Township Clerk

JANUARY 2019 MONTHLY BILLS

Last updated January 7, 2019

CHECK	PAYEE	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION	General Fund	Sewer Fund	Water Fund	Liquor Fund
General Fund checks paid ahead of time: (legally known as "post audit" payments)							
	No early bills paid since the December meeting!						
	Total	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
General Fund checks to be paid today:							
Payroll:							
3324	Deborah Burbach	\$ 123.99	Deputy Treasurer - 1 mtg & zero hrs	\$ 123.99	\$ -	\$ -	
3325	Caryn DeWyse	\$ 175.69	Deputy Clerk - 1 mtg & 4.5 hrs	\$ 175.69	\$ -	\$ -	
3326	AJ Downey	\$ 299.66	Labor - Utilities	\$ -	\$ 149.83	\$ 149.83	
3327	Jean Foley	\$ 658.74	Treasurer	\$ 658.74	\$ -	\$ -	
3328	Martin Lehto	\$ 302.29	Trustee & Property	\$ 302.29	\$ -	\$ -	
3329	Janet Maki	\$ 2,241.90	Supervisor & Assessor	\$ 2,241.90	\$ -	\$ -	
3330	Gregory Rathje	\$ 887.92	Clerk	\$ 728.09	\$ -	\$ 159.83	
3331	Michael Richards	\$ 2,969.58	Utilities Superintendent	\$ -	\$ 742.40	\$ 2,227.19	
3332	Terrie Slack	\$ 1,239.69	Admin Assistant & Interim Custodian (1.33 hrs)	\$ 422.39	\$ 408.65	\$ 408.65	
3333	Dawn Stephenson	\$ 121.87	Trustee	\$ 121.87	\$ -	\$ -	
	Total	\$ 9,021.33		\$ 4,774.96	\$ 1,300.88	\$ 2,945.49	
Remittances:							
EFT46	US Government	\$ 2,892.46	Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) Fed.Tax/FICA/SocSec	\$ 1,752.93	\$ 354.73	\$ 784.80	
3334	Michigan Dept. of Treasury	\$ 475.51	State Withholding	\$ 292.84	\$ 56.30	\$ 126.37	
	Total	\$ 3,367.97		\$ 2,045.77	\$ 411.03	\$ 911.17	
Accounts Payable:							
3335	AT&T	\$ 350.20	Phone bill	\$ 131.04	109.58	109.58	
3336	Cloverland Electric	\$ 41.31	Pentland School H2O Tower - used to be annual.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 41.31	
3337	Cloverland Electric	\$ 86.77	Twp hall - used to be annual.	\$ 86.77	\$ -	\$ -	
3338	Foley, Jean	\$ 10.29	Supplies for tax filing	\$ 10.29	\$ -	\$ -	
3339	Fosters Ace	\$ 25.98	Snowmelt for water office and truck supplies	\$ -	\$ 12.99	\$ 12.99	
3340	mBank	\$ 20.00	Safety Deposit Box rental	\$ 20.00	\$ -	\$ -	
3341	National Office Products	\$ 88.06	Office supplies for Utility Office	\$ -	\$ 44.03	\$ 44.03	
3342	Pentland Utilities	\$ 3,550.00	Hydrant Rental	\$ 3,550.00	\$ -	\$ -	
3343	Rathje, Greg	\$ 7.41	Reimburse for mailing W-2s to IRS	\$ 7.41	\$ -	\$ -	
3344	Rolfe, Craig	\$ 1,294.91	Followup on pot ordinance and more	\$ 1,117.45	\$ 177.46	\$ -	
3345	Security Benefit Group	\$ 580.00	457 Plan (w/out Carmody's since his retirement)	\$ 580.00	\$ -	\$ -	
3346	Semco	\$ 145.22	Heating/hot water for utility office	\$ -	\$ 72.61	\$ 72.61	
3347	Slack, Terrie	\$ 52.32	96 miles at 54.5¢ per mile	\$ 52.32	\$ -	\$ -	
3348	Sault Ste. Marie	\$ 36.00	Water testing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 36.00	
3349	Verizon	\$ 48.24	Cell phone	\$ -	\$ 24.12	\$ 24.12	
3350	Visa	\$ 860.81	Fuel for truck, postage and more.	\$ 594.01	\$ 133.40	\$ 133.40	
	Total	\$ 7,197.52		\$ 6,149.29	\$ 574.19	\$ 474.04	\$ -
	Grand Total for Today (checks 3324 - 3350)	\$ 19,586.82	<-- This amount will be transferred from General Fund's Money Market to Checking.	\$ 12,970.02	\$ 2,286.10	\$ 4,330.70	\$ -
Sewer Fund Checks (post audit and today)							
5146	Pentland Twp General Fund	\$ 1,810.59	01/08 Repay General Fund Advance	\$ -	\$ 1,810.59	\$ -	
5147	Pentland Twp General Fund	\$ 2,286.10	01/08 Repay General Fund for today's bills	\$ -	\$ 2,286.10	\$ -	
Water Fund Checks (post audit and today)							
6100	Pentland Twp General Fund	\$ 4,330.70	01/08 Repay General Fund for today's bills	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,330.70	
End of List!							

FY 2017 - 2018 and 2018 - 2019 General Fund Repayment Status

(to repay monies advanced to the Sewer Fund)

	Date	Sewer Fund Check #	Amount	Balance	Paid back so far	Note
	11/12/2013	na	\$ -	\$ 343,000.00	\$ -	Starting balance
	3/31/2017	na	\$ -	\$ 267,669.96	\$ 75,330.04	Ending balance FY 2016 - 2017
1	5/9/2017	5090	\$ 2,012.65	\$ 265,657.31	\$ 77,342.69	For April 2017
2	6/13/2017	5101	\$ 1,842.42	\$ 263,814.89	\$ 79,185.11	For May 2017
3	7/11/2017	5103	\$ 1,926.88	\$ 261,888.01	\$ 81,111.99	For June 2017
4	8/10/2017	5106	\$ 1,940.45	\$ 259,947.56	\$ 83,052.44	For July 2017
5	9/12/2017	5108	\$ 1,927.61	\$ 258,019.95	\$ 84,980.05	For August 2017
6	10/10/2017	5110	\$ 1,798.11	\$ 256,221.84	\$ 86,778.16	For September 2017
7	11/14/2017	5113	\$ 1,917.46	\$ 254,304.38	\$ 88,695.62	For October 2017
8	12/12/2017	5115	\$ 1,676.01	\$ 252,628.37	\$ 90,371.63	For November 2017
9	1/9/2018	5117	\$ 1,795.89	\$ 250,832.48	\$ 92,167.52	For December 2017
10	2/13/2018	5119	\$ 1,984.23	\$ 248,848.25	\$ 94,151.75	For January 2018
11	3/13/2018	5122	\$ 1,722.84	\$ 247,125.41	\$ 95,874.59	For February 2018
12	4/10/2018	5126	\$ 1,846.09	\$ 245,279.32	\$ 97,720.68	For March 2018
13	5/10/2018	5128	\$ 1,740.55	\$ 243,538.77	\$ 99,461.23	For April 2018
14	6/12/2018	5130	\$ 1,888.52	\$ 241,650.25	\$ 101,349.75	For May 2018
15	7/10/2018	5132	\$ 1,882.71	\$ 239,767.54	\$ 103,232.46	For June 2018
16	8/14/2018	5134	\$ 2,037.96	\$ 237,729.58	\$ 105,270.42	For July 2018 and adjustment
17	9/11/2018	5137	\$ 1,750.65	\$ 235,978.93	\$ 107,021.07	For August 2018
18	10/9/2018	5140	\$ 1,757.79	\$ 234,221.14	\$ 108,778.86	For September 2018
19	11/13/2018	5143	\$ 1,714.34	\$ 232,506.80	\$ 110,493.20	For October 2018
20	12/11/2018	5144	\$ 1,831.33	\$ 230,675.47	\$ 112,324.53	For November 2018
21	1/8/2019	5146	\$ 1,810.59	\$ 228,864.88	\$ 114,135.12	For January 2019
Background:						

Over the years, the township's sewer fund borrowed money from the township's general fund. Starting in late 2013, most home customers pay a \$5.20 monthly charge to repay this loan (commercial customers and larger residential customers pay \$5.20 for every 4,000 gallons of sewer). The loan is expected to be paid off by 2033 (perhaps sooner). When paid off, this monthly charge ends.

PENTLAND TOWNSHIP - SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS AT MONTH END					MONTH END	
					12/31/2018	
GENERAL FUND						Notes
First National Bank of St. Ignace - Checking					\$ 2,050.00	
First National Bank of St. Ignace - Money Market					\$ 238,985.31	
First National Bank of St. Ignace - Money Market for future purchases					\$ 62,271.34	
First National Bank of St Ignace CD - Fire Truck 2015					\$ 38,430.77	CD #13005 Matures 04/12/2020 1.15% 36 months
First National Bank of St Ignace CD - Fire Truck 2016					\$ 37,993.73	CD #12993 Matures 03/31/2020 1.15% 36 months
First National Bank of St Ignace CD - Fire Truck 2017					\$ 37,993.73	CD #12994 Matures 03/31/2020 1.15% 36 months
First National Bank of St Ignace CD - Fire Truck 2018					\$ 37,500.00	CD #13178 Matures 03/30/2021 1.20% 36 months
First National Bank of St Ignace CD - General Fund					\$ 31,940.27	CD #13013 Matures 04/20/2020 1.15% 36 months
SEWER FUND						
mBank Checking - Operating					\$ 141,207.21	
mBank CD - Sewer Reserve					\$ 12,381.26	CD #24768 Matures 03/09/2020 1.14% 48 months For future repairs.
WATER FUND						
Cash in Bank					\$ 120,164.17	
mBank Checking						
Water Bond & Interest Redemption					\$ -	required by USDA loan
Equipment Reserve					\$ 91,387.17	required by USDA loan
Total					\$ 211,551.34	
First National bank of St. Ignace CD - Water Reserve					\$ 43,279.50	CD #12291 Matures 09/30/2021 1.70% 36 months
TAX COLLECTION						
mbank Checking					\$ 84,506.70	

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Happy Holidays!



The January quarterly Michigan Township Participating Plan, Board of Directors meeting is being held at Soaring Eagle Resort in Mount Pleasant, Michigan on Friday January 18th, 2019. The business meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the Ojibway Room.

The Par Plan quarterly meeting is an open meeting for members who are interested in the detailed activities of the program and it's committees that have transpired over the past months. Additionally, the Par Plan service providers will present their reports outlining their activity on behalf of the program.

Par Plan Members are Encouraged to Attend

**Save the Date — The Par Plan will see you at
The MTA Educational Conference & Expo
April 1st — 4th, 2019 DeVos Place — Grand Rapids, MI**

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Rita Evans Retires

We are dedicating this newsletter issue to Rita Evans, in recognition of her dedicated service of the past 30 years.

The Par Plan owes much of its success to the continuous efforts of Rita Evans. As the Program Administrator Rita worked diligently to ensure the needs of it's members were meet while adhering to the bylaws set forth by the Board of Directors.

"Thank you Rita for being a special part of my life for 17 years. You were an outstanding manager and a sincere mentor. The wealth of knowledge you shared with me is immeasurable. You will be missed dearly." Jackie

"Rita's professionalism was unmatched by anyone else I've ever known." Theresa

"From day one Rita made me feel comfortable in my new position. She was always available day or night to answer questions and to provide sound advice. I know that I am just one of many lives she has touched throughout her career, I'm eternally grateful for her knowledge, experience, and grace." Mike

"The City of Vassar, Fire Chief wanted a picture of us giving him a grant check which was used for bunker pants, jackets, helmets and boots. He thought it would be a great if someone other than a fireman put on the gearThis is where Rita showed her true commitment to the Par Plan and our client. Little Rita put on the fire equipment that made her look like a China doll. Every piece of gear was ten (10) times to big. Being a trooper she smiled and modeled the equipment to please the client. Just one of many instances that shows why Rita was loved by ALL in the Par Plan Family." Norm

"Thank you for all the knowledge you have passed on not only to me but to the entire Par Plan family. I do consider the "Par Plan" a family. The municipalities, administration, agents, attorneys have all been dedicated to making the program what it is today. May you continue making memories to add to those made while working for the Par Plan. Love you my dear friend." Leslie

"Rita was an inspiring leader, mentor, and friend providing me with invaluable knowledge and insight regarding the risk management process. She had a profound impact as the Vice President of Risk Control Services and the Program Administrator for the Michigan Township Participating Plan with 30 years of commitment and dedication." Mike

"Most of us were never aware of how much responsibility Rita carried and how much a part of our success she contributed to during her career. She always found time to provide individual attention and support to anyone that needed her assistance or advice (including those of us in the Risk Control department). She was a mentor and friend to many and set the bar high." Tom

"Rita inspired me to move from the Underwriting Department to the Risk Control Department in 2001 and mentored me throughout. I am very thankful to Rita for guidance and inspiring me to alter my career path. This is my lifetime favorite occupation. I will miss you dearly my friend!" Pam

"When asked if I would be interested in stepping in when Rita retired, I was apprehensive as I knew it would be difficult to follow in her footsteps. That being said, Rita was encouraging, positive, divulging of processes, information and procedures making the transition so much easier, I will be forever grateful. Thank you Rita." Karen

Best wishes in all your future endeavors ... Your Par Plan Family



Why the Par Plan? Because membership has its privileges

The Par Plan is unique in that it is run by members who are also Michigan township public officials. These officials make-up the member-elected Board of Directors and meet a minimum of four times a year to review the Plan's operation. Board members are elected by the Par Plan membership, and are responsible for overseeing the operations of the Par Plan program.

Recognition of the individual and unique needs of every member forms the cornerstone and the strength of the par Plan.

Membership and participation through the Board of Directors gives everyone an active voice in the handling of coverages, the quality of services and the future health of their public entities.

The Par Plan effectively and consistently provides affordable, tailored property and casualty coverages to small and medium sized Michigan public entities.

Members' claims are handled right here in Michigan, by dedicated service personnel they know and trust. As well as, if necessary a focused team of legal representation.

Our Risk personnel live and work where our members do, they are trained to meet the specific members' needs.

These are just some of the benefits gained by being a member of the Par Plan. If you would like further information please use the contact information listed below.

In addition to the services listed above...

The Par Plan offers additional programs to assist members in the operation of the municipalities.

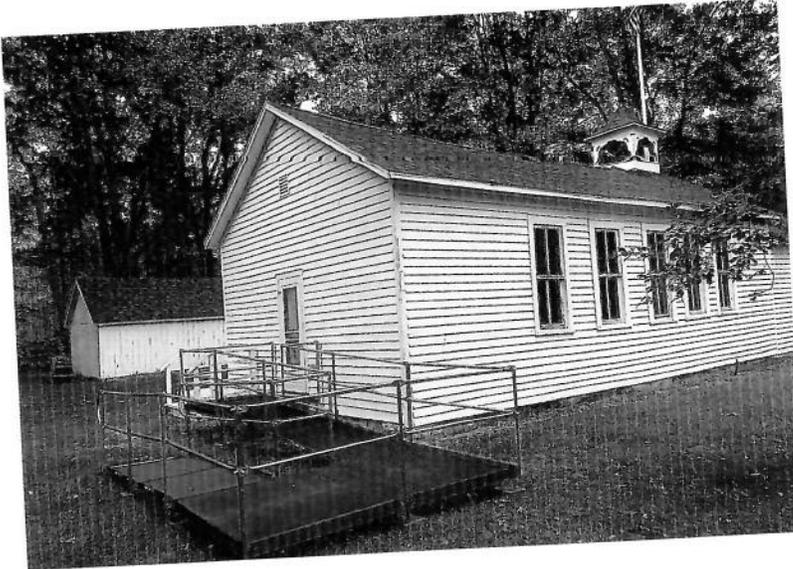
- **Risk Reduction Grant Program** was established to assist members in reducing specific risk exposures, applying effective risk management and loss control techniques for exposures the Par Plan insures.
- **Citizen Planner** Scholarship Reimbursement Program
- **Zoning Administrator** Scholarship Reimbursement Program
- **Dividend Program** distributed once a year based on criteria set forth by the MTPP

Visit us at www.theparplan.com to view the programs MTPP has to offer.

If you have any questions regarding these programs, feel free to contact your Par Plan zone director, located on page 2 of this publication, your local regional risk manager, or the Par Plan administrative office at 248-371-3100 for further assistance.

E-mail: kzielinski@tmhcc.com

Mail: Michigan Township Participating Plan
Attention: Administrator
1700 Opdyke Court
Auburn Hills, MI 48326



South Evergreen Schoolhouse has a New Access Ramp

This year the Michigan Township Participating Plan and the Coopersville Area Community Foundation awarded generous grants for the purchase and installation of the access ramp making the schoolhouse compliant with the Americans for Disabilities Act.

The ramp was installed at the schoolhouse's rear door for closer proximity to the school's adjoining parking lot. The ramp can be utilized year round and allows for easy access to the school for those with disabilities or who have difficulty using traditional steps.

Just one of the many ways the Grant Program is assisting our members.

Check future newsletter editions for more ways the Risk Reduction Grant Program can assist in your community.



Happy New Year!

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**PENTLAND TOWNSHIP
CLERK'S REPORT
JANUARY 8, 2019**

1. Catching Up

- a. Since I didn't write a Clerk's Report for the December meeting, this one catches up for last month too.

2. Fire Committee meeting didn't happen

- a. Pentland is one of three governments (us, the Village, and McMillan Township) that makes up the fire committee that has input into how the fire department is paid for and operated.
 - i. The NFD is owned by the Village government.
- b. We have a contract with the Village for fire service. In exchange for paying one-third of the cost of the fire department, we have "a seat at the table" on the fire committee.
- c. At the last fire committee meeting in May, the next meeting was set for Wednesday, November 21, at 5:00 pm.
- d. We had not heard anything from the Village to remind us of the meeting, so I reached out to newly sworn in Village President Lori Stokes the day before (Tuesday, 11/20), to ask if she had heard anything.
 - i. President Stoke had not heard anything at all about this committee. Which I don't blame her for since it was her first day on the job.
- e. On November 21st, I drove by the Village Office several times a few minutes before 5:00 pm that day, and at exactly 5:00 pm.
 - i. There were no lights on, and no cars in the parking lot. So, I assume there was no meeting.
- f. The contract requires the Fire Committee to approve the budget before it goes on to the Village Council for their approval.
 - i. This gives us a chance to look at how the money is spent, and discuss upcoming costs.
 - ii. That didn't happen...but the Village still approved the fire budget at their council meeting last month.
 - iii. This is another violation of the fire contract they signed with us.
- g. To be clear – this has nothing to do with the firefighters! God bless them for putting themselves in harms' way!

3. Hiawatha Communications (Jamadots) franchise agreement sent in.

- a. The franchise agreement with Jamadots we approved at the December meeting was sent in.

- b. Per the agreement, I asked for the map showing their current coverage area, and what kind of fees we should see, and their plans to expand services further in the township.

4. PFAS – good news!

- a. PFAS is a chemical that's been in the news the past few months. It can seep into a community's water supply.
- b. The chemical was often part of fire-fighting foam (among other things).
- c. This fall, the state's DEQ required every public water supply to be tested for PFAS. Our results came back a few weeks ago, and we're fine.
- d. A huge **thank you to Nick Derusha**, Exec Director of LMAS, for taking the time to review our test results.
- e. The letter from DEQ and the test results are on file if you'd like to see them.

5. Meeting with the Michigan EDC

- a. On December 6, I attended that meeting set up by the Luce County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) with a representative from the state-level EDC.
- b. It was a good start, talking about how to make Luce County more attractive to businesses so they move here.

6. W-2's

- a. W-2's were mailed out on Saturday, January 5.
- b. Sent by certified mail to the IRS the required form W-3 and a set of W-2's.

7. Information request from the school district

- a. TAS Superintendent Stacy Price asked us to share the lists of folks who voted in the May and November elections (the school bond was up for a vote in both elections).
- b. That information is public, so I sent it along to her.
- c. Remember – it's a public record if you voted (or not), but it's impossible to know how you voted!

8. Sewer update

- a. No news from the Village. I will contact President Lori Stokes this week to set up a meeting.

9. Facebook page

- a. The Township has a Facebook page! Just search on "Pentland Township in Facebook's search bar to find us!
- b. The page went live a year ago (1/29/2018), and has reached 280 followers.
- c. We now have a calendar of posts to share throughout the year. Let me know if you have ideas for posts.

10. Time tracking

- a. Finally, I thought it might be useful to share my time working for the township.
- b. I track my time for the various things I do (jobs, volunteering, and such).

<u>Clerk's Time December 2018</u>	Time (hours:minutes)
TOTAL TIME	14h 48m
General work (minutes, meeting prep, filing, mail...)	7h 18m
Bookkeeping (routine stuff like payroll and bills, and the audit happened!)	6h 55m
Sewer issues with the Village	0h 34m
<i>(all times rounded to nearest minute)</i>	

<u>Clerk's Time November 2018</u>	Time (hours:minutes)
TOTAL TIME	47h 21m
General work (minutes, meeting prep, filing, mail...)	5h 20m
Elections (including the Qualified Voter File)	35h 36m
Bookkeeping (routine stuff like payroll and bills, and the audit happened!)	6h 26m
<i>(all times rounded to nearest minute)</i>	

That's it!

Pentland Township Supervisor's Report January 2019

The SEV for 2018 of real & personal parcels is 48,517,179 and 2018 taxable value is 42,735,102. 2017 taxable was 42,604,657.

Personal Property Statements Mailed: The personal property statements along with affidavit for this exemption (form 5076), has been mailed to tax payers. Current legislation as written states that starting in 2014 all Commercial & Industrial Personal Property owned by a single taxpayer in a unit with a value of less than 80,000 true cash value will be exempt. An affidavit will have to be filed for the exemption by February 20, 2019. Recent changes to this law now only requires one initial filing to receive instead of annually and the business owner must file when he no longer qualifies too.

March Board of Review Dates & times: *Tentative dates*

Organizational Meeting: Tuesday, March 5th at noon. This meeting should last approximately 1 hour.

BOR with Tax Payer's:

Mon, March 11th from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m., & **Thurs.** March 14th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Building Permits:

- 18-1,3: McDonalds 004-003-013-1400 at 13921 M-28 sign, add & canopy
- 18-2: Mike Johnson 004-003-001-7400 at 6632 Center St finish house due to fire. "after the fact"
- 18-26: Steve Maki 004-002-006-3000 at 6402 CR 457 breezeway
- 18-27: Joe Crabill 004-002-017-1300 at 11539 M-28 for pole building
- 18-35: Randy Fretz 004-003-003-0700 at 1588 CR 402 for pole building
- 18-36: Northern Wings 004-003-001-0135 at 6672 CR 392 for addition
- 18-38: Jack Thomas 004-003-022-0830 at 3512 S CR 405 for garage
- 18-39: Bob Hendrick 004-001-007-0900 at 6980 M-28 for pole building
- 18-40: Lou Bennett 004-003-012-6100 at 13134 M-28 for pole building
- 18-42: Travis Freeman 004-403-000-6300 at 14226 N Cooper for deck
- 18-47: Charles Anderson 004-003-014-2400 at 4743 W CR 460 for cabin
- 18-48: Joseph Goralske 004-003-017-1000 at 17780 CR 458 for pole building
- 18-49: Luce Co Airport 004-002-008-0100 at 5316 CR 399 for 50 x 42 storage
- 18-52: Gary Smith 004-001-014-0100 at 2171 M-28 for 24 x 24 pole building

2018 Improved Property Sales:

1. Ford/Zenker, 004-003-013-1900 at 4662 E CR 460 on 8-30-18 for \$122,000
2. Shadnaw/Walther, 004-003-012-6400 at 5215 N CR 403 on 8-29-18 for \$116,300.
3. Kerr/Tuyo, 004-003-001-7500 at 6616 Center on 7-6-18 for \$64,500.
4. Geeck/settles, 004-002-020-0360 at 3870 CR 399 on 5-18-18 for \$53,500.
5. Miller/Eveland, 004-003-022-0820 at 3562 s cr 405 on 6-18-18 fot \$45,000.
6. Lahti/Engman, 004-003-012-5100 at 13469 CR 384 on 9-21-18 for \$68,000.
7. Taylor/Bolton, 004-002-007-5400 at 5793 CR 457 on 9-21-18 for \$66,000
8. Vallier/Kangas, 004-002-007-2400 at 5932 N CR 403 on 8-16-18 for \$66,000
9. FNMA/Miller, 004-003-014-0310 at 4917 E CR 460 on 6-29-18 for \$55,000. Foreclosure.
10. Fillman/Miller, 004-402-000-3600 at 14118 W Willow St on 6-25-18 for \$110,000.
11. Schroeder/Havens, 004-003-002-1700 at Willow St on 6-18-18 for \$118,000.
12. Mattson/Painter, 004-003-010-1510 at 15555 CR 402 on 5-18-18 for \$95,000.
13. McCracken/Zitnik, 004-003-013-0110 at 47935 CR 403 on 3-27-18 for \$102,500.
14. Brown/Gordon, 004-002-006-1120 at 6614 E CR 457 on 1-18-18 for \$94,000.
15. Mark/Thorton, 004-002-007-5550 at 5454 CR 457 on 1-18 for \$115,000.
16. Mark/Ingrao, 004-002-009-1120 at 10192 M-28 on 1-18 fpr \$87,500.
17. Schummer/Lindsey, 004-401-000-2500 at 14015 W Willow St for \$75,000 on 10-26-18.
18. Laroue/Klaty, 004-003-009-2000 at 5078 CR 409 for \$40,000 on 11-9-18
19. Forche/Kloe, 004-003-032-0140 at 1505 M-117 for \$125,00 on 10-30-18.
20. Brow/Yon, 004-003-010-3470 at 5346 CR 405 for \$159,000 on 11-1-18.
21. Butcher/Christiansen, 004-003-001-2730, at 13087 CR 457 on 12-26-18 for \$75,500.
22. Spencer/Erickson, 004-002-006-3200, at 6417 cr 457 On 12-20-18 for \$75,000.
23. Simon/Knafel & Fox, 004-003-032-0170 for \$26,000 on 12-20-18.
24. Sturgell/3 L's Prop LLC, 004-001-013-0300 at 1981 E M-28 for \$52,300 on 12-12-18.
25. Gill/Fieldhusen, 004-402-000-5000 at 14160 Scooper for \$94,900 on 11-30-18.
26. Held/Begala, 004-002-007-1730 at 12537 CR 408 for \$80,00 on 11-21-18.
27. Gustafson/Schubeapond, 004-003-012-2000 at 5816 M-123 for \$149,900 on 12-27-18.

2018 Vacant Land Sales:

1. Comparoni/Zellar, 004-003-008-0700 & 1000, sold on 9-12-18 for \$96,000 with 113.4 acres total in 45/10 S-8 on M-28.
2. Witer/Quest, 004-002-017-3200 sold on 6-21-18 for \$34,500 with 40 acres off CR 399 in 45/9 S-17.
3. Perdue/Perdue, 004-002-019-0500 sold on 2-14-18 for \$30,000 with 40 acres in 45/9 S-19.
4. LS Invest/McNamara, 004-002-020-300 sold on 8-24-18 for \$1,700 with 1.1 acre CR 399 in 45/9 S-20.
5. David/Vandercook, 004-003-002-4000 sold on 6-7-18 for \$16,500 with 16.43 acres in 45/10 S-2 CR 441.

6. Burlingame/Fitzek, 004-003-022-1510 & 1520 sold on 2-20-18 with 20 acres total on CR 405 in 45/10 S-20.

7. Halvorson/Schroeder, 004-003-011-2500 at 45/10 S-11, CR 402 on 10-26-18 40 acres for \$34,000. Low land.

2018 winter mileages: Total winter mills is 9.1111. Total mills summer & winter is 42.3996.

Ambulance	.9947	Extension/Parkrec	.9986	EUP ISD Voc Ed	1.000	"New for 17"
Airport	.4993	Child Oper	.4993	Library Oper	.4973	
Senior Oper	.5000	Vets Oper	.4993	Sherf oper	.9947	
EUP ISD Alloc	.2000	EUP ISD Charter	1.000	Pent Twp	.9279	
Co Ambul Equip	.5000	"New for 18"				

2018 July Tax Bills: These are the mileages that were collected on the July Tax bills for 2018, based on a total taxable value of 42,735,102. Non-PRE mills collected for summer is 33.2885.

State Ed	6.0000	Co Oper	5.2885
TAS Oper	18.000	Qual For	2.000 (QF Only)
TAS Debt 10A	.5800	TAS Debt 10B	1.4200

December Board of Review: December Board of Review is held on the Tues, following the 2nd Mon in December, which would be December 11th. That date can be changed to an alternate date during that week by resolution of the board. DBOR was held Tuesday, Dec 11 at 4 p.m. before the regular township meeting at 7 p.m. The DBOR made 5 adjustments.

Equalization Sale Studies:

101 Agricultural Class: 47.81 based on appraisal study. Adjust down.
201 Commercial Class: 50.00 based on appraisal study. No adjustments needed.
301 Industrial Class: 47.00 based on appraisal study. Adjust up.
401 Residential Class: 50.49 based on 24 month sale study. Adjust down slightly.

The Inflation Rate multiplier for 2019 is 1.024 or 2.4%. That is the amount that taxable values will go up across the state of MI.

County Commissioners Update: Meeting minutes attached.

Regular Meeting
Luce County Board of Commissioners
Tuesday, November 20, 2018 @ 4:26 p.m.
Circuit Courtroom – County Government Building
407 W. Harrie Street
Newberry, MI 49868

The meeting was called to order at 4:26 p.m.

PRESENT: Commissioners Clark, French, Morrison, Henry and Waltman

ABSENT: None

GUESTS: Gary Moulton, Josh Freed, John Cischke, Kim Moote, James Fenlon
Larry Vincent, Paul Putnam, Chad Peltier, Brian Rahilly, Mark Rivard
Jay Hollnagel, Tammy Henry, Ben Rahilly

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited at the Public Hearing held prior to this meeting.

French upon support of Morrison offered the following and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, to approve the agenda with the following addition

To add approval of airport lease.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Morrison upon support of French offered the following and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting dated October 16, 2018 as presented.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

French upon support of Henry offered the following and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, to accept the treasurer's report as presented.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Public Comment:

Paul Putnam District Director, MSU Extension. I am filling in for Erin Carter. I would like to thank you for your continued support and if you have any questions during this process I would be glad to answer them.

French upon support of Waltman offered the following and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, to approve the request to adopt the FY 2019 budget and make any amendments as approved by the board.

Ayes: Clark, French, Henry and Waltman
Nays: Morrison

The resolution was declared adopted.

Waltman upon support of Morrison offered the following and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, to approve the request from James Fenlon, Luce County Equalization Director for approval of the 2018 tax rate request L-4029 and the revised apportionment as presented and authorize the Chairperson and Clerk to sign documents.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

French upon support of Morrison offered the following and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, to authorize the continuance of charging all employees 20% of their health insurance premium complying with public act 152 effective January 1, 2019.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Kim Moote from Mazzali Agency presented proposed health insurance information. This item was tabled until the December Regular Meeting.

Morrison upon support of Henry offered the following and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, to approve the MSU 2019 annual plan of work revised copy with the removal of section B2 and authorize the chairperson to sign document.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Waltman upon support of Henry offered the following and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, to approve the request from the Luce County Planning Commission for support of a resolution to adopt ordinance number 2018-1 to amend the Luce County Zoning map.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

French upon support of Morrison offered the following and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, to approve the request to increase the Probate Court appointed attorney fees from \$40.00 to \$65.00 an hour.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

French upon support of Henry offered the following and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, to approve the amended grant between the State of Michigan, Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (MIDC) Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) and Luce County and authorize the Chairperson to sign.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Morrison upon support of Waltman offered the following and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, to approve the request from Tammy Henry Luce County EDC Director for approval of sale of lot 3 in the industrial park to Thunder Bay Tree Service.

The resolution was declared adopted. Commissioner Henry abstained.

Waltman upon support of French offered the following and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, to approve the request from Jay Hollnagel, Luce County Airport manager to re lease the Lyons hangar and authorize him to sign document.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

County Administrator Gary Moulton presented financial reports to the board. He also stated that he received 2 proposals for audit services.

Waltman upon support of Morrison offered the following and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, to accept the proposal for audit services from Anderson & Tackman for a three year term.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Department Head Reports:

John Cischke stated the following: It looks like we will break our stats from last year. I would like to thank everyone that supported the Sheriff millage. I sent out bids for replacement of one of our sheriff vehicles and I would like to do a rotation on this every 3 years. We are getting ready for the snowmobile season.

Ben Rahilly stated the following: We are getting ready for winter. The school approached us about taking care of the outside maintenance at the football field and the logging museum approached us about taking over their operations. We are looking into those matters.

Mark Rivard stated the following: We did not meet our projected revenues for the year, but we will not spend anymore so there will be no deficit. I want to announce to you all when the batch plant opens in the spring we will have a code enforcement officer and Michigan registered inspector that will inspect any concrete that comes out of a truck in Luce County. This is the law and the code, now it just hasn't been enforced before because we didn't have the personnel.

Committee Reports:

Commissioner Waltman attended the following committee meetings: EUP Transportation Authority, Regional Planning & Development, Upward talent, Luce County EDC, Judicial Council, Planning and Zoning and LMAS.

Commissioner Henry attended the following committee meeting: Regional Planning

Commissioner Morrison attended the following committee meetings: Substance use disorder meeting, Pathways strategic planning meeting, Three day conference for Pathways and a regular Pathways meeting.

Commissioner French attended the following committee meetings: U.P. Legislative committee, U.P Power committee, Commissioners conference, EUP Transportation Authority, Courthouse Security and meeting with attorney.

Commissioner Clark attended the following committee meetings: Courthouse security and Luce County EDC.

Public Comment:

None

Waltman upon support of French offered the following and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, to pay claims as previously approved by the claims and audit committee as follows:

101	General Fund	16,555.50	208	Parks & Rec.	1,073.86
211	Extension	602.98	236	Vet Serv Fund	1,285.24
265	911	229.32	266	Sheriff Millage	983.40
269	Law Library	185.59	280	Tether Prog	324.00
292	Child Care	4,800.00	295	Airport	368.88

296 Drug Court 875.00

Grand Total \$27,283.77

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Clark, Chair

Sharon J. Price, Clerk

Is your water safe? Harmful chemical found in many Michigan systems

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<https://www.freep.com/story/news/local/michigan/2018/08/22/harmful-chemical-pfas-pfos-pfoa-hundreds-public-water-systems/1067165002/>

Hundreds of municipal water supplies throughout Michigan may have unsafe levels of an emerging, persistent chemical compound once used in nonstick surfaces. But the State of Michigan, critics contend, is using outdated measuring criteria — meaning hundreds of communities have levels of the chemical that Michigan says are safe, but other studies show may be harmful.

At issue are polyfluoroalkyl substances, known as PFAS. The family of compounds was used for



decades in products such as firefighting foam, carpet stain guards, nonstick pans and other surfaces, and waterproofing. They tend to not break down in nature, so they can be found in soil and groundwater many years after their usage.

Michigan State Police troopers help hand out bottled water at Parchment High School in Parchment, Michigan. (Photo: WZZM-TV (Grand Rapids))

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality on Tuesday announced that,

midway through a check of municipal water suppliers across the state for PFAS, only one — the community of [Parchment in Kalamazoo County](#) — has levels above the state's health advisory limit of 70 parts per trillion. That limit mirrors one from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

"This first-in-the-nation study of all public water systems in the state has resulted in 3,100 Michiganders in Parchment being protected from high levels of previously unknown PFAS contamination in their water supply," said Carol Isaacs, director of Gov. Rick Snyder's multi-agency Michigan PFAS Action Response Team, or MPART, in a statement.

"Our top priority remains to protect the public."

But many contend that 70 parts per trillion standard is not safeguarding citizens.

"There is a large and growing body of evidence that shows that 70 parts per trillion is far too high to protect our health," said Lisa Wozniak, executive director of the nonprofit Michigan League of Conservation Voters.

"It's not based on current science, and it's being used to determine whether our children's drinking water is safe."

The DEQ announced that of the 341 water systems statewide it has tested for two of the primary PFAS compounds monitored, known as PFOA and PFOS, 318 municipal water systems had the compounds at between 0 and 10 parts per trillion; 22 had the contamination at between 10 and 70 parts per trillion.

A report by the federal Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry released in June finds the safety limit for PFOA and PFOS to be between 7 to 10 times too high. It recommends dropping the minimum exposure level at which no harm to people would be expected to 7 parts per trillion for PFOS; 11 parts per trillion for PFOA.

That report, [currently open for public review and comment](#), was released after being kept under wraps for months by the EPA and White House, with a White House official reportedly stating in an email that its findings could cause ["a public relations nightmare"](#) for the Trump administration.



Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder talks with American Red Cross volunteers at the water distribution center at Parchment High School in Parchment, Mich., on Sunday, Aug. 5, 2018. (Photo: Joel Bissell, AP)

Studies have shown certain PFAS compounds may affect the growth, learning and behavior of infants and children; lower a woman's chance of getting pregnant; interfere with the body's natural hormones; increase cholesterol levels; affect the immune system, and increase cancer risks. Laboratory animals exposed to high doses of one or more PFAS compounds have shown changes in liver, thyroid and pancreatic function.

Michigan officials are now taking a concerted look around Michigan for PFAS contamination, years after the discovery of the compounds persisting in the groundwater in and around the [former Wurtsmith Air Force Base in Oscoda](#), and then at other military facilities in the state, as well as in

portions of Kent County affected by the long-running operations of the Wolverine Worldwide shoe and leather company. The state estimates [more than 11,000 locations statewide](#) may have PFAS contamination: current and former fire stations, industrial sites, airports, landfills and more.

An elementary school in Alto in Kent County was discovered to have PFAS compounds in its drinking water at 23 parts per trillion, [MLive.com reported last week](#). The state's PFAS Action Response Team, according to its website, sends school officials after such findings a form letter informing them that the EPA has set a health advisory level for PFOA and PFOS of 70 parts per trillion, and "the State of Michigan is using 70 ppt for decision making purposes."

But the State of Vermont sets its cumulative PFAS in drinking water at no higher than 20 parts per trillion. The New Jersey standard is as low as 13 parts per trillion for some compounds, said Anthony Spaniola, a Troy attorney whose property on Van Etten Lake near the old Wurtsmith base in Oscoda is affected by the contamination.

"Under the Vermont standard, the water at the Alto school district would be considered unsafe for human consumption," he said. "But no one from the State of Michigan is telling that to the residents of Alto."

Harvard School of Public Health researcher Philippe Grandjean has called for a drinking water PFAS limit of [only 1 part per trillion](#) because of to serious immunological effects on children.

In December 2017, State Rep. Winnie Brinks, D-Grand Rapids, introduced legislation that would create a statewide drinking water standard at 5 parts per trillion. Her legislation has yet to get a committee hearing, she said.

MPART officials on Tuesday announced they have submitted comments to the federal ATSDR regarding its latest report on PFAS, requesting "additional information regarding the new proposed Minimum Risk Levels, as well as guidance about how" they might impact the current EPA 70 part per trillion health advisory limit.

It's a matter that can't wait, said Cody Angell, a resident of Kent County's Plainfield Township, whose Michigan Demands Action Against Contamination Facebook Page has more than 5,000 followers.

"I am beyond frustrated with how our government has responded to this growing crisis, and what they've been telling people," he said.

To see the state's results from municipal water system and school district PFAS testing completed so far, go to www.michigan.gov and search "PFAS statewide sampling."

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