



Elections 2014
Primary Election, August 5
General Election, November 4

ALANSON • ODEN • PONSHEWAING

Your Local Township Government Newsletter

Littlefield Township Facts: Established on March 22, 1877 • 1877 Population: 267 • 11 miles of water frontage

A COMMUNITY ASSET

ALANSON-LITTLEFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT



The Alanson-Littlefield Fire Department was dispatched 245 times in 2013. These calls included medical emergency service as well as for fire.

The local department includes the following personnel and volunteers:

Chief/EMT Art Drayton; **Asst. Chief** Scott Granger; **Capt.** Gene Greenacer; **Capt./EMT** Jim Cantrell; **Capt.** Tom Ball; **Capt.** Rob Schneider; **Lt.** Wade Williams; **Engineer** Fred Lichius; **Firefighter/EMT:** Brian Drayton, Ron Wolford, Jason Losey, Glen Pemberton; **Firefighters:** Larry Williams, Lloyd Swadling, Todd Ledingham, Nick Reid, Fred Hollerback, Garrett Page, Shawn

Swenor, Mike Hall, Michael Becker, Brad George, Brian Capozzoli, Brian Gorney **EMT:** Tina Losey, Rachel Reid, Dianne Wolford, Austin Hill, and Ben Webber.

In the seven years since our new fire hall was built, seven volunteers have left the department, mostly due to age. New volunteers are needed. *If you can help, please contact the Fire Chief, Art Drayton at 231-548-5646.*

GRANT FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT TURNOUT GEAR

A revenue sharing grant was obtained through the efforts of Fire Chief Art Drayton, Littlefield Township Supervisor, Damien Henning and with help from our representative on the Board of Emmet County Commissioners, Dan Plasencia. The grant for \$15,000, along with the township making up a balance totaling \$28,000, enabled the department to replace the oldest turnout gear.

Turnout gear is the term used by firefighters to refer to their system of protective clothing. The gear is specifically made for each volunteer and is necessary to preserve their life. The Alanson-Littlefield Fire Department has twenty-three sets of turnout gear that includes a body suit, with an outside and inside portion, boots, gloves, and helmet. The overall average age of the local department's gear was fifteen years. The suggested time for replacement for the inside portion of the suit is ten years, with the outside portion being every five years. Clearly, there was a need for updating the gear. However, due to the expense, complete replacement will not take place all at once.

ODEN GAZEBO PARK

The Township of Littlefield, spurred on by the energetic enthusiasm of Trustee Katie Derrohn, is committed to the ongoing development of the Oden Gazebo Park. The location of this old park will make a pleasant stop on the Northwestern State Trail, a new seven-mile paved recreation trail that runs from M-119 in Petoskey to Alanson. There is hope for the site to be placed on the historic register and also have the park designated as a trail head. This summer there will be construction to shore up the gazebo, and paint it, until grant monies or volunteers, or both, are able to completely renovate it. The flowing well, that once was part of the historic site, hopefully will be restored and a public fountain installed. The Emmet County Road Commission is allowing use of the adjoining lot for parking while the Littlefield Township is in process of clearing and cleaning the area.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Township Phone Numbers

Emergency: 911

Fire Department: 231-548-5646

Supervisor: Damien Henning 231-548-5443

Clerk: Sondra Festerling 231-348-8464

Treasurer: Kim Shomin 231-548-2142

Assessor: Jim LaPeer 231-238-9606

Sewer Clerk: Avis Granger 231-548-2830

Cemetery Sexton: Kim Morgan 231-529-5542

Trustee: Dean Morford 231-347-0653

Trustee: Katie Derrohn 231-347-1937

Alanson Public Library: 231-548-5465



Alanson-Littlefield Fire Department Calls in 2013

Total Number of Calls: 245 Total Number of Fire Incidents: 77

RESPONSE TIMES

(in minutes)

0	15.8%	5	2.6%
1	1.3%	6	6.6%
2	2.6%	7	9.2%
3	6.6%	8	5.3%
4	6.6%	9	6.6%

Over 9 minutes 36.8%

RUNS BY MONTH

JAN - 26	JULY - 27
FEB - 15	AUG - 30
MAR - 13	SEPT - 24
APR - 22	OCT - 17
MAY - 19	NOV - 18
JUNE - 16	DEC - 18

NUMBER of FIRE CALLS by INCIDENT TYPE

13	Building fire	2	Chemical spill or leak
1	Fires in structures other than in a building	8	Power line down
3	Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney or flue	1	Arcing, shorted electrical equipment
1	Fire in motor home, camper, recreational vehicle	2	Service call, other
2	Passenger vehicle fire	1	Animal rescue
1	Road freight or transport vehicle fire	1	Assist police or other governmental agency
1	Grass fire	5	Unauthorized burning
5	Outside equipment fire	1	Dispatched and canceled en route
2	Motor vehicle/pedestrian accident	1	Authorized controlled burning
10	Motor vehicle accident with no injuries	8	False alarm or false call, other
1	Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	1	CO detector activation due to malfunction
1	Hazardous condition, other	1	Alarm system sounded, no fire - unintentional
1	Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	1	Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO

NUMBER of MEDICAL CALLS by INCIDENT TYPE

59	Medical emergency, misc.	18	Fall with Injury	12	Pass out	6	Cardiac Arrest
27	Shortness of breath	16	Lift Assist	8	Seizure	48	Assorted
18	Chest pain	13	Trauma	7	Poss. Attempt Suicide		

ATTENTION ALL LITTLEFIELD TOWNSHIP BUSINESSES

The state of Michigan is making an effort to do away with the business personal property taxes. This last year businesses were allowed to sign an affidavit declaring the amount of personal property they have. Those that qualify will now not owe any personal property tax for the tax year of 2014. It is our understanding that this initiative will be voted on this year. If it is supported by the people of Michigan, there will be an option for businesses to sign an affidavit every year to be exempt from paying the business personal property taxes. If you have questions about your business being eligible or how to obtain the affidavit to sign, please contact the Littlefield assessor or treasurer.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

JULY

Alanson 4th of July Celebration Organized by Friends of Alanson

Boy Scout Breakfast 7:00 - 11:00 a.m. in Community Building

Independence Day Parade! Starts at 11:00 a.m. Line up on Banwell Road at 9:00

Contact Number: 231-330-3188 (leave a message)

Children's Games, Parade Awards, Music, Hotdog Stand in the park after the parade.

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AUGUST

ALANSON RIVERFEST

August 7, 8, and 9 For more information: www.alansonriverfest.com

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Top 'O Michigan Marathon Boat Race, August 16 and 17

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SEPTEMBER

Crooked River Firefighter's Antique Truck and Classic Car Show: September 14th

Crooked River Locks 2014 Summer Hours

Recreational Boats: \$10 per day
Seasonal Pass: \$30

Until June 29 8 am to 9 pm

June 30-August 17... 8am to 10pm

Aug. 18-Sept. 21 8 am to 9 pm

Sept. 2 - 7 9 am to 8 pm

Sept. 8 - 30 9 am to 5 pm

Oct. 4 - 5 9 am to 5 pm

Oct. 11 - 12 9 am to 5 pm

Oct. 18 - 19 9 am to 5 pm

Oct. 25 - 26 9 am to 5 pm

**Littlefield Alanson
Community Hall Rental**
Call Dan Plasencia 548-5656

SUMMER TAX DUE DATE: September 14, 2014

Taxes paid by these dates accrue no interest.

Please include contact information along with your payment. If you want a receipt please send a fax number or email address or self-addressed stamped envelope.