



WINTER 2016 NEWSLETTER



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Additional Grants Awarded for the Hay Lake Project!

by Damien Henning, Littlefield Township Supervisor



In Littlefield Township's Summer 2016 Newsletter it was reported that Littlefield Township was awarded a \$200,000.00 acquisition grant from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund (MDNRTF) for the purchase of the Admiral's Point Marina on Crooked River. On September 30, 2016 Littlefield Township officially acquired this property.

It was also reported in the 2016 Summer Newsletter that Littlefield Township was pursuing two additional grants for redeveloping the marina. On April 1, 2016 Littlefield Township submitted a \$300,000.00 development grant application to the MDNRTF and a \$371,400.00 grant application to the MDNR Waterways grant-in-aid program. In May 2016, the Township was notified that the MDNR Waterways Grant was approved.

It is envisioned that Admiral's Point/Hay Lake Marina – Park will be redeveloped in up to four phases. The Waterways Grant will be used for Phase I. Phase I will consist of engineering, dredging the marina basin, relocating the boat ramp, installation of sheet piling, road building, etc. It is anticipated that engineering will take place during winter 2016-17.

LITTLEFIELD TOWNSHIP ROADS

by Damien Henning,
Littlefield Township Supervisor



The summer of 2016 saw the completion of the Lakeview Road project south of Banwell Rd. Reconstruction of Lakeview Road started in the summer of 2015. The road surface was pulverized and the road base was rebuilt and reshaped for proper drainage. All cross culverts and driveway culverts were replaced. The cost to prepare Lakeview Road for paving was \$144,271.00. 2016 work on Lakeview Road included 1.13 miles of asphalt paving with curb and gutter installed at the intersections of Coors Rd, McCarthy Drive and the Pickerel Lane for a cost of \$172,597.00. Total investment into Lakeview Road is \$317,868.00.

WINTER TAX DUE DATE:

2/14/2017 Taxes paid by this date accrue no interest or penalties

STATE MANDATED OFFICE HOURS

The Treasurer or Deputy will be on-site for tax collection on Tuesday, December 27, 2016 and Tuesday, February 28, 2017. Times and places will be posted at the Township Hall.

DUE DATES AND INTEREST CHARGES: The current Treasurer has chosen to accept post marks so that when taxes arrive after the due date they are not delinquent and will not be charged interest. If you are going to wait until close to the due date to mail off your payment, please make sure your letter has a legible postmark on it. Just dropping it in a mail box will not guarantee this happens so if in doubt go into your post office and have it hand cancelled. Charging interest is not an option that the treasurer can decide to waive. It is the law. This is not the treasurer's money and he or she is entrusted to handle the money according to the law. No exceptions can be made. It is a good idea to include contact information along with your payment so the Treasurer can quickly contact you in the event of a problem.

RECEIPTS: If you would like a receipt, please include an email or fax number or self-addressed stamped envelope.

PARTIAL PAYMENTS: It is the policy of the existing Treasurer to accept partial payments. If it is helpful for you to do this please feel free to make payments once your tax bills arrive. We cannot accept payments for tax bills that do not exist yet.

A Little Bit of History



Up until the 1970's there was no sewer system in Littlefield Township. We have a lot of waterfront in our Township and so for those homes, household waste was basically directly or indirectly discharged into the lakes and rivers. A few townships worked together and in the 1970's a sewer plant using a lagoon system was constructed built with a 90% grant from the Federal Government. At that time there was money available through the Environmental Protection Agency to move in that direction because of the biological overload on the lakes and rivers creating unbalanced and unhealthy waterways with lots of algae! In the old lagoon system there was a problem of untreated sewage returning to the ground too soon and not clean enough. With the new system built in 2003 the final result is cleaner before entering our sandy soil which finishes off the job really well. All deposits are then used for crop fertilizers.

Fire Department News

by Art Drayton, Alanson Littlefield Fire Chief



Late this summer the Alanson-Littlefield Fire Department, with the support of our fire board and donations of equipment, had the opportunity to upgrade our fleet by replacing our aging 1996 Jeep with a newer, more updated Chevy Tahoe. The new Tahoe gives us a secondary vehicle for standby duty, public safety at events, firefighter rehab and command at larger incidents. It is also licensed as a Medical First Response unit and serves as a secondary response truck that allows us to have a second set of medical equipment in the case that we have multiple calls at once or a large scale call that requires more equipment. The fire department extends our thanks to Rob & Anne DeYoung who donated an AED, and Reading Emergency who provided us with a backboard and portable suction unit for the Tahoe.

With help from our fire board, along with donations we also purchased a Bullard Thermal Imaging camera. This new camera allows us to search for hot spots in a building so that we can focus on quickly locating where fire may be that we can't see, while doing less damage to a building.

Soon, we hope to be able to purchase a Rhyno windshield cutter for our jaws of life unit. At a recent training, our firefighters got the opportunity to try the cutters, which resemble a pair of scissors. The electric cutters easily cut windshields for quick access to patients in a car accident. As opposed to the manual cutter we use now, the Rhyno cutters glide smoothly through the glass, creating less vibration of the vehicle and smaller glass fragments, which keeps our patients and rescuers safer.

The fire department would like to thank the community, as well as our Fire Board for their continued support. With your help, we are able to keep our equipment up to date so that we can serve our community better.

*Littlefield Alanson
Community Hall Rental*
Call: Sue Anne Curnow
906-630-0299

For more information:
www.villageofalanson.com

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
Cemetery Sexton & Sewer Clerk:
Kim Morgan 231-529-5542
Trustee: Dean Morford 231-347-0653
Trustee: Katie Derrohn 231-347-1937

Alanson Public School

A GREAT PLACE TO LEARN!

NEW THIS YEAR:

- **AVIATION PROGRAM**
- **ROBOTICS TEAM** We are looking for Mentors. Please call the school if you are interested.
- **PERFORMANCE CLUB**

UPCOMING EVENTS

- High School Boys and Girls Basketball Season kicks off in Nov/December
- Performance Club, Christmas Carols and a mini skit at the Alanson Downtown Open House.
- K-5 Christmas Concert Dec 20, 2016 Time: TBD
- Spirit Week Jan. 23-27 Pep Rally Jan. 27 @ 1
- Homecoming Game: Jan. 27
- Homecoming Dance: Jan. 28
- Spring Sports Season kicks off April 17 (Baseball/Softball/Golf)
- Prom: May 13 @ Castle Farms
- Graduation is June 9, 2017



"Enjoy the little things, for one day you may look back and realize they were big things," - author unknown

LITTLEFIELD TOWNSHIP BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL TRADES NEWS

Our town has an unusually high assortment of really useful merchants and talented crafts and trades to choose from. It is alive and thriving and making our community successful and it is very handy!

Please BUY LOCALLY!



BUSINESS OWNERS PLEASE FILE YOUR PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FORM ON TIME EACH YEAR.

Most businesses in our township qualify for exemption from the personal property tax. You must file for this every year. It is a one page simple form that accompanies the mailing to file your personal property tax from the assessor and it arrives in the first quarter of each year. Please be diligent to have it in before the due date or you will not receive the exemption.

Cemetery Information

by Kim Morgan cemetery sexton

- Expansion update: Red pines have been removed and the next step will be removal of the remaining trees on the north end.
- Dogs: Please do not let dogs run loose in the cemetery. If walking your dog thru the cemetery please keep them on a leash and clean up after them if necessary.
- For the spring clean-up we are looking for individuals that would help with the sprucing up of some of the veteran markers. No date has been set but it needs to be completed (weather permitting) before Memorial Day. If you are interested please contact the Sexton and you will be put on a list to be contacted in the spring.
- If you are the caretaker/owner of a lot and you no longer have a landline phone, please contact the Sexton with a phone number to contact you should the need arise.



SEWER INFORMATION BILLING REMINDERS

- Bills are sent out quarterly with payment due on the 15th of March, June, September and December.

Payments should be sent to Littlefield Township Sewer Dept., P.O. Box 143, Alanson, MI, 49706. Please do not send to the treasurer or deliver to the Village Office. If you need to make arrangements to drop a payment off please call Sewer Billing Clerk, Kim Morgan at 231-529-5542. As always, if you have any questions, concerns or complaints please call or write. Kim Morgan

sexton@littlefieldtp.org or P.O. Box 143, Alanson, MI 49706

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

"Christmas in Alanson"

A Downtown Open House Event

Friday, December 9, 2016

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Book Discussion Group at the Library

Meeting the 1st Wednesday of the month at 10:00am

Reading selection for December 7:

A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman

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Mark Your Calendar for Spring Clean-Up

Trash Removal - No Charge

Saturday, May 6th - Must be Littlefield Resident

This newsletter is published bi-annually by the Littlefield Township Treasurer. If you have events to advertise please call the treasurer at 231-548-2142.

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