

*If at first you don't succeed, Try, try, try again. - Thomas H. Palmer*

## SUMMER 2018 NEWSLETTER



# Littlefield TOWNSHIP

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Emmet County, P.O. Box 188 Alanson, Michigan 49706

## Admiral's Pointe/Hay Lake Waterfront Access – 2018

by Damien Henning, Littlefield Township Supervisor



*Pole barn being dismantled and moved.*

Littlefield Township continues to make progress on the redevelopment of Admiral's Pointe/ Hay Lake Waterfront Access. After acquiring the site in September 2016, the township went on to the design and engineering phase of the project. This phase aids in developing cost estimates which ultimately moves on to the bidding process. During 2017, this process was hampered due to the fact the State of Michigan did not appropriate funds until August of that year. Bidding will take place during summer of 2018.

In the meantime, the largest structure on the site will be deconstructed and moved to Keystone Commercial Park. This structure is a pole barn and measures 144'X30'. It will be moved in three (3) pieces. Deconstruction started in May 2018 with a completion date of July 17, 2018. Moving this structure is extremely important because of the room required for the dredging operation and site work.



### Notice of 2018 Elections

#### AUGUST PRIMARY ELECTION

- July 9, 2018 – Last day to register for August Primary.
- August 6, 2018 – Primary Election

#### STATE GENERAL ELECTION

- October 9, 2018 – Last day to register for General Election.
- November 6, 2018 – General Election

#### ABSENTEE VOTING

Absent voter ballots are available to registered voters for all elections. They provide a convenient method for casting a ballot when a voter is unable to attend the polls on election day. See the website for eligibility.

#### AUGUST PRIMARY ELECTION

- August 4, 2018 – Absent Voter Ballots can be received from Township Clerk or Authorized Representative – up to 2 pm.
- August 6, 2018 – Absent Voter Ballots available – up to 4pm.\*

#### STATE GENERAL ELECTION

- November 3, 2018 – Absent Voter Ballots can be received from Township Clerk or Authorized Representative – up to 2 pm.
- November 5, 2018 – Absent Voter Ballots available – up to 4pm.\*

*\*must vote in person.*

**You can register to vote at any of Michigan's Secretary of State Offices or visit online:**

**<https://www.littlefieldtwp.org/departments/clerks-officeelections/>**

**Print the Registration Application, complete and mail the application to the township clerk:**

Sondra Festerling  
7898 Crump Road, Alanson, MI 49706

## Dan Placensia Retires From 13 Years of Public Service to Littlefield Township



### Goodbye Note From Dan:

I started on the Littlefield Alanson Management Authority board in November 2005 as the president and treasurer. Through the years we were able to accomplish many improvements to the community building with the help of Tom Kuchnicki, the village representative. Tom and I were able to update the interior with increased insulation, new ceiling, flooring throughout, more efficient lighting, remodeled restrooms, all new windows and front doors, and carpeting in the reconfigured offices. As treasurer I was able to revise most processes of the office to "automate" the handling of hall rentals, invoicing, bill paying budgeting and preparing the books for bi-yearly audits. I decided to resign a few months ago in order to free up some time to enjoy our granddaughter and the rest of the family. I am grateful to have been able to serve the community in this capacity for so long.

*When Dan first started coming to our Township meetings he quietly started taking jobs. No job was too little or too big. From answering emergency calls for repairs at the Littlefield-Alanson Community Building including but not limited to the park restrooms, all the way to driving down to Lansing to get grants to help us all out and everything in between. He attended almost every meeting looking for something to do and some way to help. I remember specifically asking him for his help in writing an article for the newsletter about the newly paved recycle center that he got us help for and he titled it "No more muddy feet at the Recycle Center". Although we didn't always agree on every subject, I sure was inspired by his cheerful love of service and I would just like to thank him for everything he has done for us. - Kim Shomin, Treasurer*

*Dan came into office without an agenda and worked hard on behalf of not only Littlefield Township residents, but also Emmet County. I will personally miss him not being on the Planning and Zoning Committee. - Katie Derrohn, Trustee*

## Alanson Littlefield Fire Department 2017 Fire and EMS Run Statistics

### FIRE DEPARTMENT INCIDENT REPORTS

- 14 Building fire
  - 1 Cooking fire, confined to container
  - 1 Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney or flue
  - 1 Mobile property (vehicle) fire, other
- 2 Passenger vehicle fire
- 2 Road freight or transport vehicle fire
- 1 Camper or recreational vehicle (RV) fire
- 1 Forest, woods or wildland fire
- 1 Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire
- 1 Medical assist, assist EMS crew
- 6 Vehicle accident with injuries
  - 1 Motor vehicle/pedestrian accident (MV Ped)
  - 7 Motor vehicle accident with no injuries
- 3 Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle
- 4 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)
- 3 Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other
- 34 Power line down
  - 1 Smoke or odor removal
  - 4 Unauthorized burning
  - 1 Dispatched & canceled en route
  - 3 Authorized controlled burning
  - 6 False alarm or false call, other
  - 1 Smoke detector activation due to malfunction
  - 1 CO detector activation due to malfunction
  - 2 Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional
  - 1 Detector activation, no fire - unintentional
  - 1 Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO



Total fire runs for 2017 was 101

### EMS RUNS

- |                               |                           |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 3 Allergic Reaction           | 39 Medical Emergency      |
| 4 Altered Mental Status       | 25 Motor Vehicle Accident |
| 2 Assault/Domestic            | 10 Pass Out               |
| 1 Canceled Enroute            | 6 Psychological           |
| 2 Cardiac Arrest              | 5 Poss. Attempt Suicide   |
| 18 Chest Pain                 | 4 Poss. Stroke            |
| 1 Choking                     | 5 Seizure                 |
| 8 Diabetic Emergency          | 21 Shortness of Breath    |
| 3 DOA                         | 2 Snowmobile PI           |
| 1 ETOH (patient intoxication) | 7 Trauma                  |
| 19 Fall with Injury           | 4 Unknown Medical         |
| 2 Gone on Arrival             | 4 Unresponsive            |
| 13 Lift Assist                | 2 Vehicle-Pedestrian      |
| 2 Medical Alarm               |                           |

Total EMS runs for 2017 was 212

### SEWER DEPARTMENT NEWS:

Our billing software has been updated and it doesn't like our present account numbers. You may notice a change in your account number on your September bill. Please call if you have any questions or concerns about this. Kim 231-529-5542

#### 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

#### 4th of July Celebration Alanson Parade!

**Starts at 11:00 a.m.**  
Line up starts at 9:30  
on Banwell Road  
Contact: Art Drayton, 231-548-5646

#### ALANSON RIVERFEST

August 10 - 12, 2018  
See schedule at:  
alansonriverfest.com

#### Littlefield Alanson Community Hall Rental

For more information: [www.villageofalanson.com/services/other-services/](http://www.villageofalanson.com/services/other-services/)

*You have not failed until you've failed to try.*

*- A line from an old hymn*



Oden Gazebo Park has property updates this summer. An old house has been removed and new topsoil brought in will create a grassy area. Also, flower beds will be planted around the park's gazebo. The North Western State Trail runs next to Oden Park, which has a "doggie" fountain and three flowing spouts of artesian well water.

The township plans to make further upgrades that include adding public bathrooms to make the park a trailhead for bikers and other non-motorized users. The white building seen in the background of this photo is a space for storage at this time. The history of the building is that it was used by local farmers to house potatoes waiting to be picked up by the train.

Ownership of Woodruff Park, on U.S. 31, has recently been acquired by Littlefield Township from MDOT. The township has maintained the upkeep of the park and will now make improvements such as removing some trees.

### FROM THE TREASURER'S OFFICE

Perhaps you have noticed from reading this newsletter, I highly value local business. It is something that is a top consideration in my decisions as a Township Board Member and reflects in the decisions I make personally. I believe that if small family owned businesses are healthy and thriving so will our country be. I began sending out the Littlefield Township newsletter with the tax bills shortly after I took office in 2002. In the winter of 2008, I began having the newsletter printed at a newly opened copy and print shop, owned by Ray and Julie (nickname "Julie") Peurasaari. After her husband's death in 2012, Julie Peurasaari closed the storefront but has continued to provide graphic design to local businesses and organizations under the name of Key Design. Due to increased responsibilities as Littlefield Treasurer, I will be turning over the newsletter's writing and editing to Key Design. Please contact Julie with any ideas or content you would like to see included.

#### RECEIPTS & INCLUDING CONTACT INFORMATION

If you want a receipt please include a self addressed stamped envelope with your payment or a note with an email or fax number where I can send it to you. It is also a good idea to include contact information with your tax payment.

#### LATE PAYMENTS WITHOUT POSTMARKS

Remember that all late payments without post marks will be charge interest with no exceptions. If you think your payment may not make it in time please have the post office hand stamp the post mark.



### Cemetery News

The Boy Scouts replaced 240, yes that's 20 dozen, flags on the graves of the Veterans in our cemetery in time for Memorial Day. The breakdown of Veteran graves is:

**Civil War, 22 Spanish-American, 2**  
**WWI, 54 WWII, 114**  
**Korean Conflict, 13 Vietnam, 12**  
**Peace Time, 4 Unknown Service Veterans, 19**

If you've not driven thru the cemetery, the flags are a sight to see.

#### PLEASE NOTE:

1. Dogs should be kept on a leash if in the cemetery. Please clean up after them.
2. No solar lights of any kind are allowed.
3. If your lot has any statuary on it, please make sure it's in good condition and if you remove it, you must take it off cemetery property to dispose of.

**SUMMER TAX DUE DATE: September 14, 2018**  
*Taxes paid by this date accrue no interest or penalties*