

The Vevay Voice-Summer Edition 2017

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NEWS FROM YOUR SUPERVISOR

Road maintenance in the State of Michigan is a hot topic these days. A great deal of maintenance is needed and the State has set in place a funding mechanism so work may begin. Unfortunately, those funds will not be available for repair of our local roads. The primary roads in Vevay (College, Kipp, Tuttle, Barnes, Eden, Howell, Dexter Trail, and M36) are maintained by Ingham County Road Department at no cost to the Township. All others are considered local road and the responsibility of the Township.

This budget year we were able to find \$40,000 in our very tight budget for the repair of ½ mile of Tomlinson from Service to Jewett and ½ mile of Sitts. In all, the Township has 47 miles of local roads. The average cost of repair per mile is \$45,000. The Road Dept estimates the roads need to be refreshed every 6 to 7 years. That means we should be doing about 7 miles of road each year to keep up. The cost would be over \$300,000 a year. That is about half of our entire budget. You can take a look at our budget on the Vevay Township website at www.vevaytownship.org

This is a very serious issue staring us right in the face. The Board of Trustees has been and will continue to discuss what we are going to do about roads. We would like to hear what your thoughts are on this topic.

Jesse Ramey
Supervisor
supervisor@vevaytownship.org

CLERK'S CORNER

Welcome new Deputy Clerk Mary Ruttan!

Mary is a familiar face among many of you as well as a Vevay Township resident. She comes with more than 30 years of public service from Ingham County; Chief Deputy Treasurer and the Land Bank Director just to name a few! **Welcome aboard Mary!!**

November 2017 Election

Two possible ballot questions are being reviewed for placement on the November 2017 ballot. Ingham County and the Mason School District must decide no later than August 15, 2017 by 4 p.m. Ingham County would be asking voters to re-establish the millage rate for operating funds while Mason Schools will be putting together a \$69.7 million bond proposal for building improvements, etc. Stay tuned for more information. Once received, it will be passed on through the weekly **E-News**. To sign up, please send a request via e-mail to the Clerk's Office. Please feel free to call the Clerk's Office with all questions. **Happy voting!**

New Election Equipment

Purchased by State-appropriated and Federal HAVA (Help America Vote Act) Funds, new voting systems have been replaced throughout the state. The new equipment created **by Dominion Voting Systems, Inc.**, will be used throughout Ingham County and will maintain the safety and security of Michigan Elections. As required by law, Michigan voters must still mark a paper ballot for processing. The Bureau of Elections is assured that this new equipment will provide a better voting experience for all involved. The new equipment will be ready for use for the November, 2017 Election.

JoAnne Kean, CMMC
Township Clerk
clerk@vevaytownship.org

Keep a Watchful Eye - A word of caution now that summer is here, keep your car, house, and any accessory buildings locked. If you see anything suspicious going on in your neighborhood, call the non-emergency Ingham County Sheriff Department number (517) 272-6026. If you see an active break-in or any illegal activity, call 911. We all need to look out for one another so be alert! Sgt. Josh Treat is the liaison between Vevay Township and the Ingham County Sheriff's Department and can be reached at: jtreat@ingham.org

Vacation Property Checks Available - Property checks are now being done by the Sheriff's Office. If a homeowner goes out of town for any number of days they can complete a property check form (available on our website or at the Township Office). Return completed form to the Sheriff's Office and/or Sgt. Josh Treat at: jtreat@ingham.org

FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Vevay Township will continue the process of re-examining properties. This is to assure the accuracy of the assessing records and to comply with the State of Michigan requirement to periodically re-inspect. Assistant Assessor, Jill Schliep, will be conducting the inspections. The re-examination generally consists of taking measurements and photographs of buildings and land improvements, like sheds and driveways. Township signage will be visible on her vehicle. If you have questions about this or any other assessing related matter you may call or visit me at the Township. My office hours are Tuesdays, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Jeff MacKenzie
Assessor
assessor@vevaytownship.org

**Vevay Township Burning Permits
 Issued by the Mason Fire Department
 517-676-9155**

For large brush burning please contact the City of Mason (676-9155) for a burning permit. **Campfires are allowed without a permit (requirements: 3 foot ring, 2 foot high and done by midnight).** Copies of brush burning regulations are available at the Township office or on our website (www.vevaytownship.org). When burning, be responsible. Unlawful burns could result in an unexpected visit from the Fire Department and an unwanted invoice.

Need to Contact Your Township Trustees?

John Lazet @ trustee1@vevaytownship.org
Richard Lacasse @ trustee2@vevaytownship.org

THE TREASURER'S OFFICE

The Treasurer's office will be busy processing your tax payments the next few months. Some things to keep in mind are that if you are paying your taxes with a personal check, it is very important to remember that the written out amount on your check needs to be the exact amount of your taxes. This is what the bank looks at to process your check. If the amounts are not written correctly your check will not be accepted for payment. I will have to contact you immediately so that this may be corrected to avoid any late payments. Your contact information would be most helpful in these situations. Please use the bottom left side of your payment coupon to get me any updated contact information.

Some other helpful information to know would be that if your mortgage company holds an escrow to pay your taxes chances are that a request has been sent to me by a **Mortgage Servicing Company**. This servicing company works for your Mortgage holder and we do not always know the mortgage liens on your property.

Summer Tax deferment forms are available on our website. If you feel you might qualify for a summer tax deferment. Those forms need to be completed and returned to my office **by Sept 14, 2017**. If you would like more information on deferments or have any further questions please contact my office.

Shaun Sherwood, MiCPT
Treasurer
treasurer@vevaytownship.org

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Ingham County Health Department
 5303 S. Cedar Street, Lansing, MI 48911
 Tuesdays and Thursdays through September
 2pm to 6pm
 Hotline for information: 517.887.4312

Weekly Vevay Township E-News

Our electronic newsletter continues to be a popular resource for residents to stay updated on what is happening in the Township. To sign up, please send a request via email to Township Clerk JoAnne Kean at clerk@vevaytownship.org or call our office.

2017 Vevay Township Calendar

Tuesday, July 4 Office CLOSED Independence Day
 Monday, July 10Board of Trustees Mtg.
 Monday, August 14Board of Trustees Mtg.
 Wednesday, September 6. . . Planning Commission Mtg.
Thursday, September 14 Summer 2017 Taxes are due
 Monday, October 9 Board of Trustees Mtg.
 Wednesday, November 8Planning Commission Mtg.
 Monday, November 13Board of Trustees Mtg.

Wednesday, July 5 Planning Commission Mtg.
 Wednesday, August 2 ... Planning Commission Mtg.
 Monday, September 4 Office CLOSED Labor Day
 Monday, September 11 Board of Trustees Mtg.
 Wednesday, October 4Planning Commission Mtg.
Tuesday, November 7.....Special Election Day
 Friday, November 10 Office CLOSED for Veterans' Day
 November 23 & 24 Office CLOSED for Thanksgiving