

DAFTER TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER MAY 2022

Supervisor Update – Bob S. Brown

Hello everyone,



Spring has finally sprung, and I hope it is finding you well! As some of you may know, our wonderful Township Trustee Mr. Robert (Bob) St. Peter has retired from the Board. There are not words to describe Bob that will give his dedication, friendship, and love for the community proper justice. I am not certain of Bob's next endeavors but whatever it is, I have no doubt he will be loved and appreciated. I truly will miss his knowledge, enthusiasm, and friendship. The Board is required to appoint a new Trustee to fulfill the remainder of Bob's term. We have received interest in the position and are setting the deadline for submission of letter of interest to the Township Clerk no later than May 20, 2022, 5:00 PM.

Once again it is time to clean up. As discussed in prior newsletters, the most common concerns the board receives from citizens are regarding derelict vehicles, pallets, furniture, and general debris in yards which are all contrary to our Zoning Ordinances. I ask that everyone please survey their property and remove the aforementioned items. By doing so, it will certainly ease neighbor tension, help property values, and will keep our area an attractive and enjoyable place for all our Dafter taxpayers. It should be noted, most of our property owners certainly do their diligence when it comes to maintaining their property and structures. On behalf of the Board and taxpayers, we send our sincerest gratitude.

The Township is funding another cleanup day on June 18th, 2022, 8:00am – 1:00pm. As in the past, we will be accepting one truck or normal trailer load of debris from each property in the township. Please bring valid identification so that we can verify each owner. We will also have a scrap metal dumpster to offset some of the cost to the township.

The township is working on the brining scheduled for this year along with some road maintenance on Maple and 11 Mile. The current estimates we received for 11 Mile between the tracks and Mackinac Trail, Maple Road between 10 and 11 Mile and Maple Road between 6 Mile and 9 Mile are approximately \$2,647,100 and township cost of approximately \$1,564,300. We just received the quotes and are working through them. Further, we are working on estimates to remodel/repair the main Fire Hall. We will keep you informed as things progress with these projects.

In closing, please be reminded that a Zoning permit is required for any new construction including additions, barns, garages, and such. If you are planning any building projects this year, please do not hesitate to contact me to help facilitate your project.

Enjoy what you have and be safe! ☺

Bob Brown,
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Clerk's Update – Marcella Reattoir

Hello to you all. I hope you are all well. I am coming up on almost one year of being your township clerk. It has definitely been challenging at times as I am learning many new things. I appreciate your patience with me as I learn the ins and outs of this position. As you know, elections are coming up again. Our township did not have anything for the May 3, 2022 election. We are gearing up for the upcoming Primary Election on August 2, 2022 and also the General Election on November 8, 2022. Due to changes with redistricting, you may be receiving a new voter ID card once all the updates are done.

Please welcome our new deputy clerk, Terri Hill. I am excited to have Terri as my deputy clerk and look forward to working with her. Even though I have been on the Board for a short time, it has been a pleasure to work with Bob St. Peter. His many years of experience on the Board will be greatly missed. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. My email is daftertownshipclerk@aol.com.



Treasurer Update – Kareen Brown

At the April Board meeting, it was decided we would have a spring newsletter. Immediately, panic moves in because we are all supposed to write an article for it. We just finished our fiscal year and am happy to announce that we stayed within budget...so that is exciting. Then it was suggested that I write something about the trustee that retired from the Board. This trustee, Bob St. Peter, and I have been on the Board together for 21 years. The night that Bob mentioned he was retiring, sadness filled me. He and I have sat on the opposite ends of the table looking at each other all those years. This made me sad because he was on the Board when I got elected. Bob was the last of my original Board. Through the 21 years, I have seen Bob take on many tasks. He very seldom said no to anything asked of him. The one summer he took it upon himself to strip the hall floor and resurface it. He put many hours into it. But when he finished, it looked beautiful. Bob is very artistic as well, making many signs announcing events. You could see these signs on many corners in our region. Bob St. Peter, enjoy your free time. You deserve the slower life now. I will miss you down at the opposite end of the table.





Thank you for your many years of service, Bob!!

Trustee Update – Frank Mongene

Happy spring! I am pleased to announce the Township is moving forward with building a pavilion. It will be located near the ball field behind the hall. The board has decided the pavilion will be named the Bob St. Peter pavilion in honor of Bob's many years of service to the Township. We are also working on improving our failing roads, funding is always a challenge, but we will continue to make improvements as funding allows. As always, feel free to contact me if you have any issues or comments.

OPEN POSITION

Dafter Township has a position open for a Trustee on our Board. Please submit your letter of interest so it is received by 5 pm on Friday, May 20, 2022, to the following address:

Dafter Township Clerk
PO Box 129
Dafter, MI

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