

## Township Election Results

Following the November 3 election, the township board welcomes our two newly elected Trustees, Stanley Sillman and Eric Boak. Nick McDonald will assume the duties of Township Supervisor.

The Board would like to thank Deb Schafer and Bill Kushmaul for their long and dedicated service to Bengal Township and wish them all the best in their future plans.

### KUDOS

To the election inspectors who worked this year's election. The unprecedented turnout and hard work needed to count all ballots this year was a job done incredibly well! Thank you for your dedication and time devoted to our Township!

## 2019 Road Work Completed

**Chloride:** All 3 Applications Applied

**Overband Crack Fill** - Francis to Forest Hill SB

### Chip Seal:

Parks Rd – Wacousta to Forest Hill SB  
Francis to Lowell  
Grove to Lowell

### Gravel:

Thelen Rd – Townsend to Parks  
Lowell Rd – Townsend to Parks  
Bauer Rd – Taft to Parks  
Grove Rd – Townsend to Parks  
Taft Rd – Lowell to Grove  
Wacousta Rd – Townsend to Taft  
Various spot gravel

## Winter Tax Bills

Winter property taxes are payable December 1 to **February 16, 2020**, by mail to 2801 S Forest Hill Rd St Johns, or in person at:

The Township Hall on M-21 on:

- Mon. December 28, 9am-5pm
- Tues. February 16, 9am-5pm

2801 S Forest Hill Rd St Johns, on:

- Mon. March 01, 9am-5pm (past due)

...or by appointment (call 517-927-9273).

Review your tax bill for interest/penalty information on past due taxes. Checks or money orders are preferred; however, cash payments for the exact amount owed will also be accepted (there is no cash kept on hand to make change). Thank you. ☺

**Need a receipt?** Receipts for tax payments are sent out only upon request. If you need a receipt, please let us know and we will gladly mail one to you. **Did you know you could print your own receipt?** Go to [www.accessmygov.com](http://www.accessmygov.com) further explained below.

**REMINDER:** Property info and historical tax payments (only those paid **directly** to Bengal Township) can be viewed by the property owner online at [www.accessmygov.com](http://www.accessmygov.com). BS&A provides the technical help using this webpage (1-855-BSA-SOFT).

<i>Supervisor</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Clerk</i>	<i>Trustee</i>	<i>Trustee</i>	<i>Township Assessor</i>
Nick McDonald 989-819-6127	Denice Schultheiss 517-927-9273	Sharon Bassette 989-640-4750	Stanley Sillman 989-640-0419	Eric Boak 517-449-4283	Dr Mark Holley 989-834-5611

## Burning Permits



**REMEMBER: Burn permits are required by residents.** When either the Dallas Township or St. Johns Fire Department responds to a fire, the **PROPERTY OWNER** is billed.

- Bengal Township residents living **West of Francis Road** can obtain a burning permit by contacting the **Dallas Township Fire Dept. at 989-593-3146**. Residents will be asked to leave their name, address, and phone number, what they are burning, and which days they wish to burn. Please call at least 24 hours in advance. If residents have any questions, call Vern Feldpausch, Dallas Township Supervisor, at 989-593-2768.
- Bengal Township residents living **East of Francis Road** can obtain a burning permit by contacting the **City of St. Johns Police Dept. at 989-224-6721**. You will be asked your name and address, what you are burning, how much you are burning, and when you wish to burn. Here, it is best to actually speak with someone to confirm your permit is approved. You are also able to apply to them for annual burn permits.

## Fire and Rescue Runs

In the event of a fire run within the township, **\$1000.00 is charged when a fire truck is dispatched or \$450.00 when a first responder is dispatched.** Bengal Township is charged \$1000.00 for the first two hours and \$500.00 for every hour thereafter for fire service. **When Bengal Township gets billed for these services, the property owner and/or person upon whom the service is provided will be billed.** Please check your insurance to see if Fire or First Responder services are covered. Typically, basic home-owners insurance only covers up to \$500.00. A small increase in your premium could save you hundreds!!

## Planning Commission Updates

The Planning Commission has put together a list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and they have been posted to the Township's website under "Ordinances & Policies". Take a look!

If you are considering construction, making an improvement or diving land, please consult the Township's Zoning Ordinance for guidance. Questions regarding the ordinance can be directed to the Township's Zoning Administrator, Christopher Khorey at [ckhorey@mcka.com](mailto:ckhorey@mcka.com) or (248)596-0920.

The Planning Commission meets the first Wednesday of the month @ 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall. Please check the notification board in front of the hall for more information.

## Notes from Clinton County

"Clinton County has been operating under a Local State of Emergency Order since March 9<sup>th</sup>. This order will likely be extended until circumstances justify a change. Considerable work is being done by county employees from home.

The Drain Commissioner, Phil Hanses and Spicer Group gave an update on their review and analysis of FEMA floodplain maps for Clinton County. Spicer Group found some discrepancies between the FEMA flood map boundaries and the boundaries based on current LiDAR elevation data. By law, mortgage companies must require flood insurance on properties within FEMA's floodplain boundaries. With the soon to be available data, there should be better information available to help determine whether a structure is within the floodplain. If your Mortgage requires flood insurance, information should soon be available to more accurately determine the real need to purchase flood insurance. Please watch the Clinton County website <https://www.clinton-county.org/> for more information as it becomes available.

The 911 upgrade project is progressing very well and is on target to move to the new system before year end 2021.

Just some stats to ponder: Currently the US has 4.25% of the world's population and 21.6% of COVID-19 cases. Roughly 10% of the cause of death rate in the US is COVID-19. We are experiencing about 30,000 deaths per month. Total US traffic deaths in all of 2019 were 36,560."

---David W. Pohl, Clinton County Commissioner

*The Bengal Township Board wishes everyone a Safe, Healthy and Happy Holiday Season!!*