

BENGAL TOWNSHIP NEWS

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Clinton County, Michigan

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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 an annual burning permit by submitting an online or in-person application to the **City of St. Johns Police Dept.** New applications will need to be submitted annually. Online applications can be found at this web address: www.cognitofirms.com/SJForms/stjohnsfiredpartmentannualburnpermit. As of a January 1, 2023, three day permits are no longer being offered. Questions can be directed to City of St. Johns Police Department at **989-224-6721.**

Fire and Rescue Runs

In the event of a fire run within the township, **\$1,000 is charged when a fire truck is dispatched and/or \$450 when a first responder is dispatched.** Bengal Township is charged \$1,000 for the first two hours and \$500 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 was 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. A small increase in your premium could save you money!

Winter Tax Bills



Winter property taxes are due by **February 16, 2026**, and can be mailed to Bengal Township 1211 Hampshire Dr., St. Johns, 48879 or can be paid in person at:

Township Hall on M-21:

- Fri. December 26, 2025: 9am-5pm
- Mon. February 16, 2026: 9am-5pm

5720 W. Townsend Rd., St. Johns, on:

- Mon. March 2, 2026: 9am-5pm (past due)

By appointment:

- Call Deputy Treasurer, Denice Schultheiss at 517-927-9273

You should 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. Note: There is no cash on hand to make change. Thank you. ☺

Did you know you could print your own TAX BILL copy and/or payment RECEIPT? Property info and historical tax payments can be viewed by the property owner online at the **new web address:** www.bsaonline.com. BS&A provides technical help using this webpage (1-855-BSA-SOFT).

Need a receipt mailed? Receipts for tax payments are sent out only upon request. If you need a receipt, please call 517-927-9273.

Questions about your taxes? Contact Deputy Treasurer, Denice Schultheiss directly at the number listed above.

Board of Review

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 9, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

If you have questions about what can be addressed during this meeting, please contact Dr. Mark Holley, Township Assessor, at mholley4444@gmail.com.

Supervisor	Treasurer	Clerk	Trustee	Trustee	Township Assessor
Nick McDonald 517-819-6127	Nolan Solomon 219-743-7759	Sharon Bassette 989-640-4750	Stanley Sillman 989-640-0419	Nick Tipper 517-449-1564	Dr. Mark Holley 989-834-5611

Township Participation

Periodically, Bengal Township has positions available on the Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, the Planning Commission, Board of Review and for elections. We would like to have a list of interested people to contact if a position becomes available. If you are interested, please contact Clerk Bassette at 989-640-4750.

Clinton County Commission News

Hello Bengal Township!

This is Zach Rudat, proudly representing our community on the Clinton County Board of Commissioners.

As your County Commissioner, my goal is to make sure our county government works for you. If you need help navigating a county resource, if you have an idea that could streamline county services, or if are looking for help advocating for a need in our community, please contact me at any time.

I can be contacted directly by phone or email at the information below. I also post regular updates on my Facebook page, "Zach Rudat, Clinton County Commissioner," if you'd like to stay up to date on the latest activity in Clinton County.

I'm honored to serve our community and work on your behalf!

Thank you,

Zach Rudat

Clinton County Commissioner

Email: Rudatz@clinton-county.org

Cell: 989-640-8140

Road Projects in 2025

Culvert replaced on Essex Center between Walker & Kinley Rd.

Gravel: Walker Rd from Wacousta to Essex Center

Chloride: 3 applications

Chip Sealing and Spot Gravel: Various roads

Various Roadside: Mowing & Spraying

Field Mud

If you experience excessive field mud on your road, contact the Clinton County Road Commission at 989-224-3274 or report online at:

<https://ccrc-roads.com/contact-us/report-a-road-issue>.

Planning & Zoning

Questions regarding Zoning: You may contact Planning Commission Chairperson Brandy Solomon at bengaltownshippl1@gmail.com or 810-705-7229.

Monthly Meeting: The Planning Commission meets on the last Wednesday of each month. Meeting dates as well as cancellation notices are posted on the notification board in front of the hall and on the Township's website.

If you are considering renovations, new construction, or splitting land, you must fill out a Zoning Compliance Application which can be found on the Township's website. Additionally, these actions require ESCROW funding as outlined in the Fee Schedule which can also be found on the Township's website.

Inspections: Please note that all Township projects, including Ag Buildings, must be inspected by the Township Inspector. A preliminary site inspection **AND a final inspection is required.** If your application is approved, you will receive a letter from the Township's Planning Administrator, McKenna Associates, instructing you to contact Forrest Thurston at 989-640-1890 to set up the inspections. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in fines and project delays.

Hall Rental

The Township Hall is available for rent March through December each calendar year. Please note that the maximum capacity is 70 people and can be rented by residents for \$150 or non-residents for \$200. A security deposit is also required. Please see the rental agreement and other rental information on the Township's website.

BOARD MEETINGS

The Board meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

Have a Safe and Happy Holiday Season!

