

# Sherman Twp News

News from the Board

June 2015

## 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Twp Picnic & 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Tire Clean-up

**Y**ou are INVITED! Yes, you and your family are invited to join in the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Township Picnic **Sunday, July 19, 2015, from 1 to 3PM** at the Township Hall.

The Picnic will begin with food, so **please bring a dish to pass!** Table service, hot dogs, and water provided! There will be presentations, games, and of course, door prizes for **all ages**. It won't be nearly as much fun if YOU don't come, so make plans now to come out and enjoy a good old fashioned fun time with your neighbors.

The Township does not spend any funds to support this picnic. (Only the use of the Hall and grounds is provided by the Twp.) All funds for the tent, food provided, and door prizes are donations of money or items from citizens and businesses like you and yours, so if you or your business would like to support this community event, please **contact Beth Eggle at 231-775-7416**. A box for donations will be available at the picnic.

### Board of Review

**B**oard of Review will be in session Wednesday, July 22, 2015, 1 to 4PM (or until all items have been addressed) at the Twp Hall. Members are Ken Neuman, Flo Nye, Al Peterson, David Eggle, and alternate Pat Kochanny. This session is to rectify mutual mistakes of fact, PRE issues, and Qualified Ag. The Board will not be accepting any other petitions at this session.

#### Sherman Township Officers:

Supervisor. . . . . David Eggle 231-775-7416  
Treasurer. . . . . Sharon Black 231-829-3826  
Clerk. . . . . Bethany Bolduc 231-829-3707  
Trustee. . . . . Don Akers 231-775-4320  
Trustee. . . . . Pete Nemish 231-920-8424  
The Twp website is a subpage of the Co page:  
[http://www.osceola-county.org/residents/townships/sherman\\_township/index.php](http://www.osceola-county.org/residents/townships/sherman_township/index.php)

**C**alling all leftover, worn out, abandoned tires to participate in a **FREE Tire Clean-up**. Thanks to Peggy Hoard of Middle Branch Twp we can once again participate with other Osceola Co. Twps in this **FREE Tire Clean-up**. The tires go to a recycling center and are chopped up and remade into all sorts of useful items. Sherman Twp's scheduled drop off time is Thursday, July 23, 2015, from 11:30AM to 2:30PM at the Middle Branch Twp Hall, 2163 15 Mile Rd. located just "behind" Chuck's Corner Gas Station near the intersection of M-115 and M-66 South of Marion. If that time won't work, call the Sherman Clerk for information on alternate times.

Citizens will be allowed to bring an **unlimited number of tires**, but there are **STRICT** rules about the tires being clean, as in free of mud and excessive dirt, and the size of the tires accepted. Nothing over 4 foot. Tractor, Airplane, Skidder, or solid tires – **NOT ALLOWED**. Please understand. These rules are not arbitrary. The recycling plant machinery is built to handle car/truck/van tires **ONLY**, so anything else can damage the machine. If a wrong size tire gets into the load, the recycling plant will charge \$75 per. These guidelines will be strictly enforced. Thank you for understanding.

For further information please contact the Supervisor or Clerk.

A full article by the Marion Press can be found at <http://www.marion-press.com/2015/06/middle-branch-coordinates-tire-collection/>

### Notes from the Treasurer

**I**t is, once again, Summer Tax Time. The tax bills are to be in your hands by the 1<sup>st</sup> of July. Payment is due by Tuesday, September 15, 2015, without penalty. I will have office hours Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> from 9AM to 5PM. After September 15, 2015, there is a State mandated 1%

penalty per month.

If you need a Summer tax deferment, please call me BEFORE September 15, 2015, at 231-829-3826.

If you have questions about your tax bill, please call. We can take care of most errors at the July Board of Review (see article). Thanks, Have a Great Summer. – Sharon Black, Treasurer

## EMS Ground Breaking in Tustin

**O**sceola County Board of Commissioners held a ground breaking ceremony for the Tustin EMS bulding on Thursday, June 25, 2015. What a monumental moment! For many years, the Twp officials of Burdell, Rose Lake, LeRoy and Sherman have worked hard to see an EMS base station in the NorthWest quadrant of Osceola Co. The first victory was the locating of an Echo unit in Tustin during weekend and peak need hours. Over the past Fall and Winter land was located and secured in Tustin to build a garage and staff quarters. It is located between the Library/Community building and the Fire Station. This project is moving in a direction we can all be proud of. The building should be completed sometime in the early fall. The final victory will be having full time EMS units in all four corners of the county!

## Twp Roads

**H**ere’s an update on the road improvements scheduled for the remainder of our millage funds. This year, 150<sup>th</sup> Ave. had a bituminous overlay from 22 Mile North 3700 feet with gravel also being put along the shoulder. It is expected that sometime in July the 19 Mile and 130<sup>th</sup> Ave. overlay project will be completed. By contract it is to be done by August 13<sup>th</sup>. After all the bills are submitted by the County Road Commission, only then will we know how much, if any, funds remain. We have many areas that need attention, and we will prioritize the needs to utilize the remaining funds and submit our recommendations to the Twp Board. Thank you for your patience and support. – Ed Morton, Chair Twp Road Comm.

<b>Regular Monthly Meeting Schedule:</b>	
Road Committee.....	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday 7pm
Planning Commission.....	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday 7pm
Twp Board.....	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 7pm

## Twp Parks

**T**he pine tree thinning has been completed in the Grove Hill Twp Park. Part of the contract called for them to take away the leftover tops and majority of debris. The health of the trees was at stake and the remaining trees stand a better chance of growing tall and straight now that they have more “elbow” room and sunlight. It has been suggested that the monies, over \$9000, received from the logging company be earmarked for Twp Parks and used for improvements at either Center Lake Park or Grove Hill Park in the coming years.

## Clean-Up Household Hazards

**T**he Osceola-Lake Conservation District Household Hazardous Waste clean-up day will be Saturday, October 10, 2015, at the Osceola Co. Road garage **North** at 13353 20 Mile Rd. between 9AM and Noon. Donations appreciated to help defray the costs. For a brochure listing accepted and not accepted items, please contact the Twp Supervisor or Clerk.

## Presidential Primary Election

**S**ave the date! The State of MI has determined that the statewide Presidential Primary will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2016. Since that is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, when the Twp Board would usually have its monthly meeting, an alternate date for the Twp meeting will be chosen and published when we are closer to that date. Check our website for updates.

## Twp Website

**C**hanges, changes something is always changing. More and more citizens are relying on the Internet and mobile apps to get information. The Twp is working to be cost conscious, use staff time wisely and be sensitive to the information needs of citizens. Our website is part of the County website because the County offered to host, update, and maintain a website for Twps at \$50 per year. Extremely cost effective! See contact box for the address of our website, or do a search in any search engine for Osceola County MI. From the Co. site ([www.osceola-county.org](http://www.osceola-county.org)) choose menu, then townships, then Sherman.