



# NEWSLETTER

## June 2021

12050 Old Belding Road Belding, MI 48809 616-691-8450  
Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00AM - 4:00PM

TOWNSHIP BOARD	
Supervisor:	Frank Force
Clerk:	Michelle Alberts
Treasurer:	Sabrina Freeman
Trustee:	Dennis Heffron
Trustee:	Paul Knoerl

### *From the desk of Supervisor Frank Force....*

Grattan Township offices are now fully open to the public. After a difficult year, all of us here look forward to some normalcy in 2021 and 2022. To date, Senior Meals are still not able to meet, but as things improve, we hope to begin seeing more of our residents faces again. Though we may see more of you, we unfortunately had to say good-bye to two exceptionally dedicated staff members. With 50 years of combined service to the Township, Zoning Administrator Gregg Converse and Web Master Gloria Burns are now enjoying retirement. If you happen to see them, thank them for their many years of commitment. We are ever grateful for their service.

The long-awaited completion of the Cowan Lake sanitary sewer project has finally arrived. After more than 3 years, from petition to finalization, the residents are now able to connect to the brand-new sewer. The Township was fortunate to have received grant dollars to fund up to 2 million dollars of this project through EGLE and looks forward to reducing the assessment costs of this project for the Cowan Lake residents by the Winter tax bills.

Landscaping for the Mac Drive pump station has been approved and will likely be completed by fall. The air scrubber and sound muffler have also been installed at this station and are efficiently reducing the sound and the smell. The Township Board has also approved the purchase of two new on-site generators for pump stations #1 and #2 on the Grattan/Vergennes system. These units are expected to be online during 2021 and will be a great asset when the Township loses power during storms. These generators are funded by the Capital Improvement fee.

In observance of Independence Day, the Township offices will be closed on Monday, July 5, 2021.

### *From the desk of the Clerk Michelle Alberts....*

For those on the Permanent Absentee voter list, you have received your application to receive ballots via mail for the August and November elections to be held in 2021. The ballot for August includes the Primary race to fill the Michigan State Senate seat previously held by Pete McGregor and a road millage for the Township. If you receive your absentee application at a post office box, please note that ballots CAN NOT be delivered to a post office box. If you are interested in working an election and are willing to travel to Grand Rapids for training, please contact my office at 616-691-8450.

In other news, the Township would like to thank Troop #264 of Rockford for their hard work in cleaning up the Grattan Cemetery on Old Belding RD. This work is in preparation of a three-year project to clean and repair over 60 stones in that cemetery.

Though we missed the Memorial Day celebrations, the Township wants to thank Troop #228 and Pat Nugent for their flag placement on veteran's stones at Grattan, Mason, Ashley, and St. Patrick Cemeteries.

*From the Treasurer Sabrina Freeman and the Sewer Billing Department..*

**SEWER BILLING DUE DATES**

**TAX DATES**

**7/31/21**  
**10/31/21**  
**1/31/2022**  
**4/30/2022**

If you would like to receive your sewer bill via email- contact the Deputy Treasurer with your request at [deputytreasurer@grattantownship.org](mailto:deputytreasurer@grattantownship.org).

*Hall rentals will resume beginning on July 10, 2021*

July 1, 2021 - 2021 Summer tax bills mailed  
September 14, 2021 - 2021 Summer taxes due  
December 1, 2021 - 2021 Winter tax bills mailed  
December 30, 2021 - Township Office will be open to collect taxes only 9:00am - 5:00pm  
February 14, 2022 - 2021 Winter taxes due without interest or penalty  
February 28, 2022 - Last day to pay 2021 Summer and Winter taxes at the Township OFFICE will be open 9:00am - 5:00pm to collect taxes

Please direct all complaints to the Supervisor:  
[supervisor@grattantownship.org](mailto:supervisor@grattantownship.org)

Please direct FOIA requests, voter and cemetery questions to the Clerk's office:

[clerk@grattantownship.org](mailto:clerk@grattantownship.org)

Please direct questions regard taxes, hall rentals , specials, and sewer billing to the Treasurer's office:

[treasurer@grattantownship.org](mailto:treasurer@grattantownship.org)  
[deputytreasurer@grattantownship.org](mailto:deputytreasurer@grattantownship.org)

For permits and to schedule inspections, contact the Building and Zoning Administrative Assistant:  
[Zbaa@grattantownship.org](mailto:Zbaa@grattantownship.org)

For assessing and property questions, contact the Assessor:

[assessor@grattantownship.org](mailto:assessor@grattantownship.org)

For zoning questions, contact the Zoning Administrator:

[zoningadmin@grattantownship.org](mailto:zoningadmin@grattantownship.org)

***FACTS ABOUT ROADS IN GRATTAN TOWNSHIP***

- 79% of the local roads in the Township are gravel.
- The Township project cost share with Kent County Road Commission is 55%.
- Kent County Road Commission gravel road projects can include; applying 4” of gravel over existing, extensive tree removal, drainage improvements, widening and limestone coverage.
- A .5 millage rate would equal \$50.00 per \$100,000.00 taxable value.