

Moffatt Twp 2024 Newsletter

From the Desk of the Supervisor



As 2023 nears the end I'd like to give you a report on things that have happened this past year.

PARKS AND REC: The first thing I'd like to do is pass along our condolences to the family of Gary Kernstock as he passed away this past summer. Gary helped with maintenance around the park and his wife Janet serves on the park board. The township is fortunate that Stuart Windy has come forward and is currently doing some of the duties that Gary had previously done. We did a few updates at the Township Park with the electricity to make it more user friendly by adding more electrical outlets. Parks and Rec recently planted a tree in the small park in Alger and plan to decorate it in December. They are currently busy gathering for the community food basket drive. The Park Fund balance currently is \$34,545.

FIRE DEPT: In November of 2022 the fire department received a grant from the Saganing Chippewa Tribe in the amount of \$20,142 to purchase a John Deere Gator that can be used for rescue efforts if necessary. They also received another grant in May of 2023 in the amount of \$12,946 for racks that allows the firemen to store their equipment in an orderly fashion. The residents of Moffatt Township wish to thank the Saganing Indian Tribe for all their contributions this past year and in previous years. A special thanks to the fire fighters for all they do to make our community safe. The fire department also received a \$10,000 grant from the state of Michigan

for 2 new sets of Turnout Gear. They also recently received a pallet of 12oz cans of drinking water from the National Volunteer Fire Council who partnered with Anheuser Busch to help keep our firefighters hydrated. The fire department has partnered with the Red Cross and Emergency Mgt. and received a \$1,500 grant so that the Fire Hall could be used as a shelter. The money will be used to purchase cots and other eqpt that can be used to create a "Warming/Cooling Shelter" in case of an emergency. We recently added 2 young Probationary Firefighters to our roster. They are currently enrolled in *Firefighter 1&2*.

As of 11-06-2023 the balance in the Fire Fund is \$237,605 along with a CD valued at approx. \$54,000.

SPONGY (GYPSY) MOTH: In May we sprayed approx. 948 acres at a cost of \$75,468. In August we entered into a contract for \$3,350 to have a survey done to determine the results of the spraying. We have not received the report yet. We currently have \$61,150 in the account.

MOSQUITO FUND: We paid \$31,500 for spraying the Township in 2023 and have entered into a contract for 2024 for the same amount. The fund balance is currently \$178,107.

SPRING CLEANUP: On the 1st Saturday of June a township wide cleanup was held. We collected approx. 115 yds of trash. Thank you to the volunteers who helped. The cost for the dumpsters was \$1,950 and this money was taken from the *General Fund*.

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INFORMATION & RELATED LINKS

Please visit our updated website for info regarding the cemetery, maps/plats, news, property taxes, rentals, reports, resources regarding local, county, and state links, voting and more.

www.moffatttownship.org

RECYCLING: On June 10th the township partnered with the Arenac County Soil Conservation District and collected 324 car tires, 22 Semi Truck tires, 4 Tractor Tires and 1233 lbs of electronics. There was no cost to the township.

ROAD WORK: Ditching and brush cutting on Campfire Trail. \$2,909. 2400 tons of crushed concrete on Roseburg Rd. \$36,000. Brushing on Roseburg Rd. \$3,917. Paving 1 mile on Wilderness \$171,686.

The total was \$214,500 with the Road Commission contributing \$70,000 for a balance of \$144,500 coming from voted township Road Millage.

Brining 2 times a year for a total of approx. \$13,800 Roadside mowing twice a year cost approx. \$4,800

The Saganing Indian Tribe contributed \$1,000 that we put in the Road Fund.

When all the bills are paid we will have about \$11,000 left in the road fund to end the year.

ZONING: From Sept 30th 2022 through Sept 30th 2023

The Zoning Administrator issued: 35 Land Use Permits

Sent out 25 letters regarding Blight, dangerous Buildings and other zoning issues. Three Violation letters were sent by Certified Mail.

1 variance was issued.

Help was given in getting 1 RV and 2 Blighted Mobile Homes removed from the Eymer Subdivision.

GENERAL INFORMATION: A \$2,500 grant was received from the Michigan Par Plan and will be used for security cameras. As of 11-06-2023 Savings \$146,544. Checking \$41,296, ARPA Fund \$116,058, CD's \$94,000 and \$54,000. At the request of the Township Treasurer in June an account was opened called the Michigan Class Fund. A deposit of \$250,000 was made and that fund currently has a balance of \$255,956, thank you. A wise investment I believe.

CEMETERY: Robbie Jenkins has been doing a good job keeping the cemetery looking nice, Thank you. A watering tank is there in the summer and available for anyone wishing to water plants.

ELECTIONS: Long time resident Lee Chard who previously served as Township Supervisor and is currently serving as a Trustee has decided not to run for re-election in 2024. Thank you for serving your community Lee, a job well done. I will also not be running for re-election in 2024 so 2 seats will be vacant on the board. Please take time to consider running for a position. The deadline to file to be on the August Primary Ballot is April 23rd.

Raymond Daniels Township Supervisor

