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TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETINGS ARE HELD THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 7:00PM AT THE TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY BUILDING

BOARD MEMBERS:

SUPERVISOR GERARD TATROW 450-0157

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Take The Recreation Plan Survey

Garden and Fairbanks townships and the Village of Garden have signed a contract with CUPPAD to update their joint Recreation Plan. Before goals can be set, we need to hear from our residents. CUPPAD has created a survey that if you have not already taken, please go to the township website and complete the survey. Last date to do so is December 8th. Click on the survey banner at https://www.gardentwp.com/

Winter Taxes Due February 14, 2022

Winter taxes will be sent out by December 1st. Winter taxes are due by February 14, 2022. If taxes are paid between February 15-February 28th, a **3% penalty is added** to the original bill and payable to the township treasurer. **If paid on March 1st, 2022 or after, the original tax bill will be paid to the county treasurer plus 4% county administrative fee plus 1 % interest per month plus any additional fees required by law.**

The Garden township treasurer is required to be in the office one day between Monday, December 27 and Thursday, December 30, 2021 from 9am to 5pm to collect winter taxes. You can call the office the week before to find out what day the treasurer will be in the office.

The treasurer will be in the Garden Township office on February 28, from 9am to 5pm, the last day to pay taxes before they are turned in to the county as delinquent. Remember that a 1% penalty will be added if paid after February 15th.

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Fire Department Purchase: The new brush truck has been delivered.

Fire Sign Update: The second phase request was submitted and the township is currently waiting for delivery and installation.

New Dropbox Coming: A dropbox has been ordered for the front of Township hall which can be used to drop off township taxes, ballots and other items.An installation date has not yet been set but will be soon.

American Rescue Plan Application: The township completed the necessary steps in order to receive the ARP funds. There will be a direct payment to Garden Township for approximately \$54,218.00 - 50-60% during the fiscal year 2021/2022 with the remainder 12 months later. A set of guidelines was received from the Michigan Township's Association but they are still being developed. The money must be spent by December 31, 2024. The township needs to figure out where to spend the money and then set priorities.

CATCH UP ON THE FULL 2021 MEETING MINUTES AT <u>https://www.gardentwp.com/2021</u>

