



JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP Newsletter

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Proposed Master Plan

The Jefferson Township Planning Commission held a Special Meeting on April 22, 2004 at 10:00 am at the Jefferson Township Hall to go over the corrected pages from Gove Associates for the **PROPOSED** Master Plan. These were reviewed and accepted. The completed **PROPOSED** Master Plan was then turned over to the Jefferson Township Board for their approval and/or changes on May 11, 2004, their last regular meeting. Once the township board approves the document for distribution, the Planning Commission will take comments on the proposed plan for not less than 75 days or more than 95 days "Noticing Window" as is required by statute. At the conclusion of this comment period the Commission will review all comments and suggestions as they pertain to the Plan, and then schedule a Public Hearing before the Plan can be approved by the commission and sent to the Board for adoption. Then copies will be sent out to other Township Boards.

Anybody requesting a copy should contact the Township Clerk, Mark Marino, at the Township Hall at 523-3165.

The next regular meeting of the Jefferson Township Planning Commission is Tuesday, July 6, 2004 at 6:30 pm at the Township Hall.

The next regular meeting of the Jefferson Township Board is Tuesday June 8, 2004 at 7:30 pm at the Township Hall. **The public is urged to attend each of these meetings**

Planning Commission Costs

Recent discussion about the overall cost of the Township Planning Commission prompted me to do some research and draw up a list of the actual expenses year by year. These are the numbers I came up with; they are based on the Township's annual audits:

1997-98	\$6,516
1998-99	\$2,010
1999-2000	\$894
2000-2001	\$2,058
2001-2002	\$2,423
2002-2003	\$8,184
2003-2004	\$14,224

Proposed expenses in 2004-2005 are \$4,400. Therefore the total projected cost over the eight year existence of the planning commission is approximately \$40,709. This total includes \$4,581 spent on the digital parcel mapping, a service that has benefited the township as a whole, and not merely township planning. Additionally, Jefferson Township hired Gove Associates, Inc. late in 2002 to assist the commission in completing the land use plan. The total cost of this contract was \$11,135; a small balance yet remains. I hope that this information will answer some questions about the planning process. If you have further concerns please call the Township Clerk, Mark Marino at 523-3165. Mark Marino

Our Local Government Candidates

Do you know who your elected officials are who represent you on the Jefferson Township Board? They are: Steve Wismar - Supervisor & Blight officer

James Lockwood - Treasurer

Mark Marino - Clerk

Joyce Cox - Trustee

Lynn Schrom - Trustee

Email the township Hall at jeffersontownship@frontier.net and let them know how you feel about different issues going on in Jefferson Township.

These are the candidates who will be running on the August 3rd primary:

Steve Wismar - Supervisor

James Lockwood - Treasurer

Mark Marino & Sharon Keiser - Clerk

Lynn Schrom - Trustee

Ken Cross - Trustee

Hallis Gray - Trustee

Roger Keller - Trustee

Barbie Keiser - Trustee

Marilyn Hurley - Trustee



For 2 trustee positions

All candidates are running on the republican ticket.

If you need an absentee voter ballot please contact Mark Marino at 523-3165. **REMEMBER- TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR PRIVILEGE TO VOTE- PRIMARY AUG. 3, GENERAL ELECTION NOV. 2.**

Our next Township Board Meeting will be Tuesday, June 8th at 7:30 pm
Mark your calendars- July's regular Township Board Meeting has been changed to
Thursday, July 8th at 7:30 pm

Pittsford -Jefferson Fire Department

Your Pittsford-Jefferson Fire Department has been very active this past year. To date as of 4-22-04 there have been a total of ninety-one medical or fire runs.

The Fire Department received ten portable radios and a scene light through the Sheriff Department. They also purchased two radios with money budgeted for radios.

The mock disaster drill held on the grounds of Pittsford High School a few weeks ago was a success.

The people of Jefferson Township have a crime to solve. One of our cemeteries, Black Cemeteries on Tripp Rd, has suffered some serious vandalism recently. War veterans graves were disturbed. Unfortunately your tax dollars will be spent to repair the damage. The Hillsdale County Sheriff's office has been notified and their investigation continues. The vandalism occurred between Wednesday May 12 and Saturday May 15.

We urge anyone to report any information they might have to 911 or call the Township Hall at 523-3165 if you wish to report anonymously!

Steve Wismar

Transfer Station News

There will be a separate box for "Junk Mail" at the Transfer Station. Tires are accepted any time-\$1.00 for each. (If you have several- please call before coming) The phone number is (517)523-3019 and talk to manager, Ron Hylop.

A new list is to be out to patrons using the Recycling Center telling what is being accepted. Ask for one.

Also be aware that the center is open from 8 am to 5 pm, on Mondays now, as well as on Saturdays.

Road Work

Jefferson Township has signed 6 agreements with the county road commission for road projects this year. County road crews have spread 2500 cubic yards of road gravel throughout the township at an estimated township cost of \$8,125. About half of this gravel was spread on newly de-bermed roads, namely Tripp Rd. north of M34 and Lake Pleasant south of Reading. Now the county's graders will begin to grade the roads for the first layer of mineral will brine. They hope to have the brine spread either before or after Memorial Day, weather permitting.

There are 2 paving projects this summer. The largest one is the paving of Rumsey Rd. between Reading Rd. and M-34. They hope to pave Rumsey Rd. in mid or late June. This will cost the township an estimated \$63,750. The second paving project is to simply pave an asphalt overlay on 1/2 mile of Skuse Rd. west of M-99. The township's estimated cost is \$13,800. They hope to pave this in June.

Finally, the narrow small bridge on Nichols Road over the Bird Lake outlet will be replaced with a longer corrugated metal culvert. The township share of this culvert project is \$9,900. The other project is to have a contractor perform some concrete repairs to the old concrete arch that is under Beecher Rd. west of Blackridge Road. The township's share of this work is \$1,800. Both projects will likely be done in late summer.

All in all, Jefferson Township has committed \$112,375 towards road work for 2004-2005.

Pittsford Library Summer Program

The summer reading program will start June 8th and go until July 27th. With a party on July 31st for those who successfully complete the program. This year's theme is "Discover New Trails at the Library". Last year they started a new teen reading program and will continue to have it this year.

Story hours for this summer will be held on Wednesday's. They will go from 10:00-11:00 am. Children who are able to sit still on up are more than welcome to join them for this adventure. Dates for the story hours are: June 23rd, June 30th, July 14th, and July 21st.

Also, on June 12th the library will be having a carnival. This is to kick off the summer reading program, and hopefully be a fundraiser for the library. There will be games, food, and a good time for everyone that comes. The rain date for the carnival is June 19th; hopefully they won't need that.

No Hillsdale Community Library Contract Yet

The Jefferson Township Board offered Hillsdale Community Library \$5,000, but was unable to give them half of state aid and penal fines without breaking their 3 year contract with Pittsford Library. Our board is hoping to renegotiate for a contract with Hillsdale Community Library in two years when our contract is up with Pittsford Library.

Absentee ballots can be obtained by mail until July 31st or you can fill out an absentee ballot at the Jefferson Township Hall up until 4 pm on August 2nd for the primary election.