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"Working Together To Build A Better Community"

Joint Meeting With Pittsford Township Board

On January 5, 2004 there was a joint meeting between the Jefferson Township and Pittsford Township Boards, requested by the Pittsford Township Board, to discuss the Pittsford -Jefferson Fire Department. Because of final difficulties the Pittsford Township Board discussed different options. Some of these options were to stay as is with no change if financially possible, another was to sell the whole department to Jefferson Township and contract for service. They asked the Jefferson Township Board if they would be willing to buy the fire department and stated that any changes would have to provide at least as good as service as we have at present. Gene Goering of Pittsford said his township can not afford to spend more then it spend last year on the fire department. Jefferson Township Board suggested that they hold off on that decision and hire a consultant from MSU to review finances for the fire department.

A joint meeting was set up on February 2, 2004 at the Jefferson Township Hall with Will Shields, a MSU extension consultant. Mr. Shields discussed different ways of financing the fire department. He discussed the importance of learning what the fixed costs and marginal costs of the fire department are. The fixed costs are the maintenance expenses, utilities, insurance, equipment. It's the cost of just having the fire department there ready to go on a run. The marginal costs are the cost of wages, fuel and equipment when out on a run. Mr. Shields offered consultation on how to structure our own system at a cost of \$500.

Possible Contract With Hillsdale Community Library

On January 9, 2004 the Hillsdale Community Library Board sent a letter to the Jefferson Township Board stating that they were interested in discussing a contract for library services. They asked for a meeting with members of the Jefferson Township Board to discuss the possibility of reestablishing our relationship.

On January 29, 2004 some members of the Jefferson Township Board met with the Hillsdale Community Library Board at the Hillsdale Community Library to discuss possible contract negotiations. Some different figures were discussed. Jack Vetel suggested we pay the same amount as Hillsdale Township, which is \$8,840. Lynn Schrom stated that we are already paying \$5,000 plus penal fines and state aid to Pittsford Library for services and \$8,840 on top of that was too much. She suggested that we pay Hillsdale Community Library \$5,000, the same as we are paying Pittsford Library. Jack suggest the possibility that we pay an initial \$5,000 contract fee with annual increases upon review. If a service contract could be drafted it would begin April 1, 2004.

The library board met February 19, 2004 to decide the terms of a contract. They are proposing a contract for \$5,000 for one year to be renegotiated annually or a three year contract starting out at \$5,000 and increasing 10 % each year for three years, plus half of all state aid and penal fines. Our board will now decide whether or not to accept this proposal.


Our next Jefferson Township Board Meeting will be Tuesday, March 9th

Special Meetings Coming Up In March

Board of Review: March 8th from 1 pm to 4 pm and 6 pm to 8 pm
 March 10th from 9 am to 12 pm and 1 pm to 4 pm at the Jefferson Township Hall

Annual Joint Meeting between Pittsford and Jefferson Township: Wednesday March 10th at 7 pm
 at the Pittsford Jefferson Fire Barn

Budget Meetings: Settlement Day, Monday March 15th at 9 am at the Jefferson Township Hall
 Budget Hearing, Tuesday March 30th at 7 pm at the Jefferson Township Hall

<p style="text-align: center;">Cemetery Clean Up</p> <p>UNDER SECTION VIII-GROUND MAINTENANCE of the "Jefferson Township Cemeteries By-laws & Regulations" part C. needs attention brought to it at this time of the year. It states that any flowers shall be removed by the family before April 1st of each year. Artificial flowers shall be removed by the Sexton on April 1st through the 30th when grounds are cleaned.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">News From The Pittsford Library</p> <p>The Pittsford Library has received a subscription to My Trees.com. This is another way to help you find your ancestors. The library also has access to Ancestry-Plus. This allows you to view: Actual Census Records, Civil War , Birth, and Death Records. Also this new database the library has purchased has old Plats of Hillsdale County Birth, Death, and Marriage index; with both Bride and Groom's surnames! Come in and see!</p> <p>Circulation and patrons growth has increased over the last two years. The library averages about 5 new families a month. </p> <p>Our Pizza Fundraiser— orders and money must be in by March 19th. If you don't receive a notice soon please call the Pittsford Library at (517)523-2565.</p> <p>We are still accepting empty printing cartridges of all sizes. Also Box Tops for Education , and labels for cans— partial list: Campbell Soup, Franco American Spaghetti and O's and Spartan. If in doubt— call the library for a complete list.</p> <p>The Summer Reading Program starts June 15th and ends July 27th. The theme will be "Discover New Trails @ Your Library". Story Hour is: June 23rd, 30th, & July 14th ,21st 10 am to 11 am</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sanitary Sewer Upgrade</p> <p>The Pittsford Sanitary Sewer System has improved it's record keeping. With the aid of Karen Shoemaker of Hudson, they have installed Quick Books in the computer. It will be much easier to maintain the records in an orderly fashion and speed up the office work.</p> <p>Kent Rupp is our new Sanitary Sewer Board member, replacing June Stoner who moved from our Township.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">New Window In Transfer Station</p> <p>The Transfer station now has a new insulated slider window. The window is in the office wall next to the door and was installed by G&G Glass at a cost of \$525.</p>	

Planning Commission

The Jefferson Township Planning Commission is in the final stages of completing the proposed Jefferson Township Master Plan. Beginning Tuesday, April 13th the Commission will be forwarding the Plan to the township Board, County Planning Commission, surrounding townships and others for their review. The Plan will also be available at the Township Hall for review by township residents and property owners.

The Commission will take comments on the proposed plan throughout the 90 day "Noticing Window" as is required by statute. At the conclusion of this 90 day 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.

All interested township residents are encouraged to take this opportunity to review the proposed Plan and forward their comments and suggestions to the Planning Commission in care of the Township Hall.