

# Branch Communicator

February 2008

## Supervisors Meeting Notes

### Telephone Numbers

#### Supervisors:

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### Township Offices

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### Police Report

The Police officers traveled 5694 miles in patrolling the townships using 4 police vehicles. 112 Incidents, Assists or Complaints were handled by 3 officers. They attended 7 hearings at District Judges offices.

This is a combined report covering the period 12/1/07 to 1/31/08

### Timbering Application

An application for a timbering permit on a 60 acre plot was received by the supervisors. The area to be timbered is the Buglia property along the Phoenix Park road. The Supervisors had questions about "clear cutting" and road usage that were turned over to the solicitor for investigation.

### Insurance Review

A representative of H.A. Thomson met with the Supervisors to review the township's Insurance coverage.

### NIMS Training

All three supervisors will be attending a National Incident Management System seminar at the end of February.



### Property Sale question

Pat Naradko of Phoenix Park questioned the Supervisors on her previous request to start the bidding process for a piece of land adjoining a home she is interested in buying on Carnish street in Phoenix Park. The property is owned by the township as a result of a demolition project. Naradko wants the property to be used to build a garage. The township will advertise the property for bidding after a review by the solicitor.

### Water Line Extension

The Good Intent Hose Company of Llewellyn requested the support of the supervisors in obtaining a grant to extend the water line to the Hose Company building in Llewellyn. A motion was made and seconded to

submit a letter of support for the grant.

### Marks Junk Yard

The DEP is looking into a possible grant to continue the clean-up of the Marks junk yard. There are some funds available through the DEP which may be available when ownership of the property is determined.

### Voting Machine Demo

There will be a demonstration on the use of the new voting machines held in the Township Building Tuesday April 8th from 4 PM to 7PM. Anyone unfamiliar with the voting procedures is invited to attend. Remember, The primary election is April 22nd.



### Annual Fund Drive

The annual fund raising drive of the Good Intent Hose Company of Llewellyn will start in April. Return your donation as quickly as possible to help the Hosey help you. There will also be a Hosey Chicken BBQ will be Sat April 12th at Kane Steel.

September will be the 100th Anniversary of the Good Intent Hose Company. This will be marked with events, banquets and parades during the period 25-27 September. Watch for further details.

# Sewage Authority

## Balanced Budget

The presidential candidates and members of Congress talk about a balanced federal Budget. What this means is they figure out what they are going to spend and guess how much revenue will come in. The difference is called the deficit and is added to the nation's credit card. Then they pride themselves on achieving a "balanced budget". Since the government seldom if ever pays anything on its credit card debt the interest grows each year. If you did that, the credit card company will stop your borrowing. But since the government operates on the "full faith and credit of the United States" the rulers just pass the debt onto our grand children. They call this financial discipline. Economists call it national suicide!

## Secretary Position

As a cost cutting measure, the board acted to cut the secretarial position from full time to a part-time position. Donna Kroh was let go and Tina Williams will fill the part-time position. Health Insurance for Donna will terminate in March and as a part timer, Tina will not be eligible for health care benefits.

## No February Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Authority for February was canceled. There was a lack of a quorum. Several members of the Authority were unable to attend due to other commitments. Also, Cass Township has been unable to fill a vacancy.

Given the candidates for President on both sides, I was kind of hoping for a military coup. Particularly since the Army's new training manuals makes "nation building" missions equal to the combat mission. However, given the fact that the US Military has been at war for more than a quarter of a century and is stretched so thin a coup doesn't seem possible. Also the Army's nation building successes in Bosnia, Somalia, Haiti and Iraq don't leave much hope for success in a coup. Besides, most local police forces are better armed with newer equipment than the Army.

Since no nation can continue to wage unending war without increasing its revenue the tax burden leads to its demise. Every President since Reagan has

increased the national debt by at least a trillion dollars until it now stands over 9 trillion dollars; more than three times the proposed budget for 2009. Russia by contrast is virtually debt free and has huge oil revenue to fund programs.

To continue to fund military adventures the US would have to increase revenue or decrease spending. With military equipment being outsourced to France and China there is little chance of increased revenue. That leaves spending cuts that would likely come from veteran care and senior citizens, the two groups less likely to resist.

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available  
[544-6583](tel:544-6583)

**Don's Classis Restoration & Auto Body Inc**  
[544-8209](tel:544-8209)

## Phoenix Park Happenings

5th Annual Easter Egg Hunt  
Will be held Saturday March 15th starting at 1PM. Children 10 and younger are invited. Register by 3-9 by calling Joe or Sheri at 544-9523. Donations are also welcome.

## Free Concert

The Union Church will sponsor a free concert by the Miller Family on March 8th at 6:30PM.

**Up Coming Events** : The next supervisors meeting will be *March 31st* . Planning Commission March 4th. Public meetings start at 7PM . Sewage Authority meeting will be Thursday March 20th 4:30 PM.

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