

PLEASANTON TOWNSHIP

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The Township Board meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7PM.

Supervisor: Carol Merrill 231-864-2587
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The Planning Commission meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 6PM

Chairman: Tony Merrill
Vice-Chair: Marv Peska
Secretary: Brenda Monk
Member: Bob Peterson
Member: Ed Monk

The Recreation Committee meets the 3rd Monday of the month at 6PM

Members: Carol Merrill
Brenda Monk
Chuck Wolverton
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Jacque Erdman

Township News:

The board has formed an authority with three other local units to explore the possibility of a sewer around the lake. At this time the Authority has received a \$30,000 USDA RD application grant. We have signed a contract with Wade Trim for the completion of the Rural Development Preliminary Engineering Report. This report will give us 3 options on moving forward. Each unit is working on a sewer district map. This grant application will give us the cost figures so we will be able to decide if we can move forward or if we will pull out. The most current information on the progress of the sewer project can be found at www.onekama.info, schools and government, Onekama Township and Two Lake Sewer Collaborative Authority tab on the bottom of the page.

Park News:

The Board received notice that our grant request for the acquisition of the May Buell property had been approved. An appraisal is required by a DNR approved appraiser and this came in much lower than the agreed price. The Parks Committee has appealed the appraiser's price with the DNR because they feel he used unequal sales to arrive at his figure.

Cemetery News:

The cemetery is having problems with theft. If anyone notices anything that looks suspicious please contact the police. We realize that artificial flowers are necessary, but please remove when they are faded. The township keeps the cemetery mowed but we do not have someone to take care of individual graves. Also please remove Christmas wreaths in the spring.

Transfer Station:

Please look at the sign at the transfer station as to what can be recycled. When people place things in the recycle container that can't be recycled the entire container ends up in the landfill. The more we can recycle the better for everyone but we have to have everyone's cooperation.

Fire Department News:

Pleasanton Township has a contract with Bear Lake Township to provide fire and rescue protection for our township. At this time we are exploring options as to the future. One possibility is a two township fire district. This would have a fire board made up of members of the two boards to make decisions on the oversight of the department. Another options is to leave things the way they are, but in either case it looks like we may have to pay a higher millage.

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Zoning News:

The planning commission has been working on updating our zoning and the zoning map. Please be aware that some changes have been made. We are seeing some issues with property owners not getting the proper permits. If you are planning to change the footprint of a structure, add a building, or making a structure change, please check with the zoning administrator to see about a land use permit. Changes made without the proper permits are subject to a fine of \$300 plus the cost of the permit.

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Web Site:

We have a new web page and we are trying to keep it updated to keep everyone informed as to what is going on in our township. Please check it out.

Plat Books:

If anyone is interested in purchasing a 2017 plat book, they are \$35 including sales tax, postage and handling. Mail your check to 4-H Advisory Council, 385 Third St., Suite B, Manistee, MI 49660.