

Wishing you Happy Holidays

And a Blessed New Year

December 2017

Hello Neighbors,

This newsletter has been a long time coming. The intention is to keep residents of Rome Township informed of upcoming events in the area along with general information in the township. Through the year we had many items on Newsletter list. It seems that some of the topics have lost their way, but the most important message now is to send warm wishes for a great holiday season.

Time goes too fast to accomplish all that we want to do each day, so we simply keep plugging away, moving forward and eventually we get there. There's been many changes and updates since the November 2016 election. Please read on to learn more...

November 7th Election:

Thank you to all who came out to vote in person and by Absentee Ballot. We had 147 voters come to the hall to vote. If you want to vote in future elections but you'll be out of town or simply unable to get to the township hall, let me remind you that information is available on the website on how to obtain an Absentee Ballot or you can contact the Clerk, Robin Robertson.

Board Member Training:

The newly elected Board members have taken the time to attend training seminars put on by the Michigan Township Association. Building a foundation thru education allows members to make solid decisions on behalf of the constituents in Rome Township. Education takes time but we're happy to make the effort.

Policies and Procedures:

In 2018, the township will focus on establishing a new set of Policies and Procedures. It will take time and we'll follow the lead from the Michigan Township Association. This will provide a Best Practice for the Board to follow which in turn will allow a quick turnaround to assist the Rome Township community with individual needs

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**The Public is Welcome
to attend all meetings**

Township Board

2nd Thursday each month

Planning Commission

**4th Thursday of the month
Jan- Oct**

Township Board Members

Supervisor: Al Boggs

Clerk: Robin Robertson

Treasurer: Roxann Sweet

Trustee: Jeremiah Ruttkofsky

Trustee: Leo Oswald

New Fund Accounting Software:

In an effort to meet the legal requirements in the State of Michigan following the Uniform Chart of Accounts, the township purchased new Fund Accounting software. It's a product of Cougar Mountain Software, called Denali. This software enables the township to properly report to the auditor, and the auditor to report the township financials to the State of Michigan which follows a process set forth by the state. This oversight insures confidence to the public that funds in the township are spent appropriately. The due diligence performed with researching the new financial software saved the township approximately \$18,000 in comparison of other software companies.

Medical Marijuana:

A hot topic in Michigan these days is all about Medical Marijuana. The Planning Commission, Zoning Board and Township Board has not made a final decision on zoning or ordinances because the State of Michigan has not come to a conclusion on the Final Rule of Regulations. It is just a matter of time that the law will become reality and the township will have to make decisions based on the best interest of our community. For more information visit: www.michigan.gov/lara and search Medical Marahuana Regulation. The following is a statement direct from the state:

"The Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) has been working diligently over the last several months to promulgate emergency administrative rules, which are needed to enable the Bureau of Medical Marihuana Regulation to fully implement the Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act. The rules will ensure a fair and efficient regulatory structure for Michigan businesses as well as access to safety-tested medical marihuana for qualifying patients. The emergency administrative rules – which are currently under legal review at the Legislative Service Bureau and the Office of Regulatory Reinvention - are expected to be issued this week".

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Until next time,

Robin and Roxann



Be safe this winter –

Snow Shoveling Tips:

Warm muscles before heading out to shovel by doing some light movements, such as bending side to side or walking in place.

Push rather than lift. Pushing snow with the shovel instead of lifting can help to reduce the strain on your body.

When you lift snow, bend your knees and use your legs when possible.

Winter Driving Tips:

Let the engine warm up

Pay attention to weather reports on the television or radio.

Keep your windows clear of snow and ice.

If you turn on your windshield wipers, turn on your headlights.

Keep your gas tank at least half full to prevent fuel line freeze-up.