

Treasury Department

Treasurer: Josh Bice (ext. 304)
Deputy Treasurer: Sharon Grech (ext. 305)
Hours: Tues and Thurs 9AM-12PM & 1PM- 4PM

The 2021 Winter Tax Bills will be mailed on December 1, 2021, and payments are due by Monday, February 14, 2022. On December 30, 2021 the Treasurer's office will remain open until 5:00pm. Postmarks are now accepted as payment date. The Treasurer's last day for local Township unit to collect 2021 property taxes, before they are turned over to Hillsdale County as delinquent, is February 28, 2022. The Treasurer's Office will be open on Monday February 28, 2022 from 9:00am to 12:00pm and 1:00pm to 5:00pm.

The Treasurers Department purchased new software called Invoice Cloud. Invoice Cloud provides a secure, private, and third-party certified Payment Card Industry compliant solution to electronically present bills from our tax system and accept payments using all major credit and debit card brands, including Visa, MasterCard, Discover, and American Express; eChecks; digital wallet methods such as Apple Pay, Google Pay, PayPal and Venmo. We recognize that everyone uses the internet and, more importantly, pays their bills differently.

Invoice Cloud also offers registered customers the option to create their own payment schedule through FlexPay, making any number of payments before a payment is due. Customers choose the first and last payment dates and then number of payments. Invoice Cloud generates a corresponding number of payment fields so that the customer can set the exact date and amount for each payment. This software will also provide the capability to pay tax bills in person using a debit or credit card.

Dog Licenses will be available through the local Treasury Department from December 1, 2021 through February 28, 2022. You must reside within our Township and provide current rabies

Vaccination certificate. Dog Licenses must be purchased separate from your tax bill.

A drop slot is available during regular Township office hours and is located inside the Township building under the Treasurer's window. Receipts mailed only when a self-addressed stamped envelope is provided. Taxpayers must keep the Township updated on Name/Address changes and/or corrections. Failure to receive a notice does not negate the responsibility for payment. For additional Treasury information, please visit www.somersttownship.org.

Library

Librarian: Cathy Burke
Hours: Mon-Thurs 9AM-12PM & 1PM-5PM
Fri 9AM-12PM

2021 has been a very exciting year from continuing on the pandemic rollercoaster and changing of librarians.

The Pandemic, as we all are familiar with, may be here to stay but with everyone's continued understanding and cooperation, I feel we can get through this and hopefully remain open and continue to support your library and township needs.

Please allow me to introduce myself as your new Librarian/Facility Coordinator. My name is Cathy Burke and I am a lifetime resident in the Addison Community. With my experiences; raising a family, working with the ISD school system, and owning a business, this has provided me a sense of compassion, respect and empathy for others. With that being said, I look forward to being of assistance to you.

Happy Holidays and may the New Year be full of blessings and great health!! - Cathy

Fire & Rescue

Fire Chief/EMT: Scott A. Friess
Asst Chief/EMT: Richard W. Sleeman Jr.

With COVID on the rise again, hopefully, everyone will stay safe this holiday season and wear your mask and make sure to wash your hands often.

A little reminder if you happen to get transported by our ambulance and receive a bill, don't panic and please give the Chief a call as you pay a mileage and do not owe anything that you're insurance does not cover.

On a final note the support the residents have shown to the Somerset Twp. Fire Dept. in the past is heartwarming and greatly appreciated by our firefighters and we hope it will continue for years to come.

Assessing Office

Assessor: Max Griffin / MMAO-PPE
Deputy Assessor: Anthony Stockdale
Hours: MON/THUR 9AM-12PM & 1PM-3PM

Fall 2021 has been a busy and productive few months for the assessing department. The building department has kept us busy with new permits and the amount of new sales/transfer of ownerships has increased. As the end of the year approaches, the assessing department would like to remind all residents that have had a building permit(s) pulled the assessing department will be conducting inspections. This is to determine Percentage of completion of the project as of December 31, 2021. All assessing staff will be in marked cars and identify themselves before doing any field inspections. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to either Max or Anthony in the assessing department via phone 586-467-0477 or via email at assessor@somersettownship.org.

Police Department

Chief of Police: Keith Bancroft
Officers: John Gessner, Chris Mccann, Jay Niles

A focus for the Police Department over the last two years has been to be available when the residents of Somerset Township need us. One way we have accomplished this is through data driven scheduling. Another way is through visibility, proactiveness and being known within the community. Technology allows us to complete most task from our patrol cars. This means more time on the roads and less time in the office.

Most of the time police officers are only called upon when things have gone wrong. We would like to get to know you before a need arises. If you have yet to meet Officer Chris McCann, Officer Jay Niles, Sergeant John Gessner or me, please flag us down when we are patrolling your neighborhood. By allowing us to get to know you and your concerns, we can better serve you.

Thank you for your support! – Keith Bancroft
Chief of Police

Clerk's Corner

Clerk: Mike Bohnet
Deputy Clerk: Sharon Uyttenhove
Hours: Mon 9AM-12PM & 1PM-5PM
Wednesday 1PM-5PM
Thursday 9AM-12PM

The Township had 3 school millage elections. August 3rd, for Hanover Horton; November 2, for North Adams/Jerome and Columbia schools. All 3 millages passed. Townships will be billed for elections.

BS&A payroll and payables module up and running eliminating duplication of effort between Clerk and Treasurers offices.

The 2022 Schedule of Somerset Township meeting dates will be posted on the web site and on the Township bulletin board after approval by the

Board of Trustees at the December 16th Board Meeting.

2020/21 Audit of Somerset Township Financial activity has been completed.

Crystal Lake/ Perch Lake Special Assessment District (SAD) for water treatment have been created and 138 on lake parcels will be billed \$140 each for the next 5 years. Crystal Lake Property Owners Association paid all administrative and legal costs up front and they will be reimbursed annually from tax collection.

Somerset Cemetery land expansion and fence has been completed and new sections will be plotted by spring of 2022.

Parks and Recreation Committee

Chairperson: Terry Reister
Secretary: Sharon Grech
Board Liaison: Josh Bice
Members: Heather Griewahn,
Tyler Labo, Dan Monahan

The Committee and its volunteers continue to put in numerous hours maintaining McCourtie Park including its historical buildings and bridges. One of this year's goals is to bring in more events to the park for the benefit of our community. We would like to hear from you, if you have ideas for future events at McCourtie Park.

During the summer of 2020 a group of volunteers decided to do a trial run of a market and it was deemed a success. The Parks and Recreation Committee decided to make it a permanent event calling it McCourtie Market. Besides the occasional drop-ins, McCourtie Market had 25+ vendors registered for the season. McCourtie Market will run again every Saturday beginning May 7, 2022 and run through October 1, 2022 from 10:00am to 3:00pm. Vendor applications are available on the Somerset Township website www.somersettownship.org

Although the schedule has not yet been confirmed, plans are being made to hold Music in the Park

during Memorial weekend, 4th of July weekend and Labor Day weekend. The Committee is working on having food vendors available for our patrons.

McCourtie Park also has Lady in Blue Disc Golf course that is available at no charge for our patrons. Would you like to advertise your business? Whole Sponsorships are still available. The cost to sponsor a hole for 1 year is \$100, 2 years for \$200, and 3 years for \$300. Sponsorships signs are placed at each hole.

If you are interested in volunteering at the park, or have ideas for future events, we want to hear from You! Please contact Somerset Township at 517-688-9223.

Supervisor's Report

Supervisor: Tim Shaw
supervisor@somersettownship.org
Phone: 517-688-9223

Hello Somerset Township residents, it seems like I just typed one of these last week. The year has gone by very quick and here we are again.

Some of the major projects we have worked on over the last year are the roads, Special Assessment District (SAD) for Crystal/Perch Lake and the property sale at the south side of the parking lot behind the township.

The road work is controlled by the county and I will say I am very disappointed in the fact they accomplished nearly nothing in the Township. I am hoping that we will be first on the list in the spring so we can get Killybegs completed and Oakwood and Pinewood work done also. This was a strange year with the amount of rain which makes it difficult but I believe it is more to do with the scheduler.

Thank you to the lakes for being understanding and we should move forward next spring.

With a great deal of effort from Clerk Mike, we were able to have the SAD set up for Crystal/Perch Lakes and look forward to seeing the progress there.

With a lot of discussion and work the property at the south of the Township hall will be sold and we can use the money to enhance the ball fields at McCourtie Park. This will be on the December 16th agenda and we will soon be able to get this behind us and keep the Township moving forward.

We also found ourselves without a Librarian/Facilities coordinator which the Clerk and I did interviews for and were able to fill the position with Cathy Burke, she will replace Mellissa and has started and doing well.

The Fire and EMS along with the Police department are doing a fantastic job in the trying times and continue to put the best interest of the residents first and are striving to take care of the needs as best they can with the budgets provided. A big Thank you for their efforts!

I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and we will all look forward to a fantastic New Year!

Thank you for your continued support and we will keep working to help Somerset Township be the best it can be and it is a great place to live.
Respectfully, Tim Shaw, Supervisor