

Burning Permits



REMEMBER: Burn permits are required by residents. When either the Dallas Township or St. Johns Fire Department responds to a fire, the **PROPERTY OWNER is billed.**

- Bengal Township residents living **West of Francis Road** can obtain a burning permit by contacting the **Dallas Township Fire Dept. at 989-593-3146.** Residents will be asked to leave their name, address, and phone number, what they are burning, and which days they wish to burn. Please call at least 24 hours in advance. If residents have any questions, call Vern Feldpausch, Dallas Township Supervisor, at 989-593-2768.
- Bengal Township residents living **East of Francis Road** can obtain an annual burning permit by submitting an online or in-person application to the **City of St. Johns Police Dept.** New applications will need to be submitted annually. Online applications can be found at this web address: www.cognitoforms.com/SJForms/stjohnsfiredepartmentannualburnpermit As of a January 1, 2023, three day permits are no longer being offered. Questions can be directed to City of St. Johns Police Department at **989-224-6721.**

Fire and Rescue Runs

In the event of a fire run within the township, **\$1,000 is charged when a fire truck is dispatched and/or \$450 when a first responder is dispatched.** Bengal Township is charged \$1,000 for the first two hours and \$500 for every hour thereafter for fire service. **When Bengal Township gets billed for these services, the property owner and/or person upon whom the service was provided, will be billed.** Please check your insurance to see if Fire or First Responder services are covered. Typically, basic home-owners insurance only covers up to \$500. A small increase in your premium could save you money!

Election of Board Members

Congratulations to the following board members elected during the General Election:

- Nick McDonald – Supervisor
- Nolan Solomon – Treasurer
- Sharon Bassette – Clerk
- Stanley Sillman – Trustee
- Nicholas Tipper - Trustee

Winter Tax Bills

Winter property taxes are due by **February 14, 2025,** and can be mailed to Bengal Township 1211 Hampshire Dr., St. Johns, 48879 or can be paid in person at:

Township Hall on M-21:

- Sat. December 28, 2024: 9am-5pm
- Fri. February 14, 2025: 9am-5pm

5720 W. Townsend Rd., St. Johns, on:

- Fri. February 28, 2025: 9am-5pm (past due)

By appointment:

- Call Deputy Treasurer, Denice Schultheiss at 517-927-9273

You should review your tax bill for interest/penalty information on past due taxes. Checks or money orders are preferred; however, cash payments for the exact amount owed will also be accepted. Note: There is no cash on hand to make change. Thank you. 😊

Did you know you could print your own TAX BILL copy and/or payment RECEIPT? Property info and historical tax payments can be viewed by the property owner online at the **new web address:** www.bsaonline.com. BS&A provides technical help using this webpage (1-855-BSA-SOFT).

Need a receipt mailed? Receipts for tax payments are sent out only upon request. If you need a receipt, please call 517-927-9273.

Questions about your taxes? Contact Deputy Treasurer, Denice Schultheiss directly at the number listed above.

<i>Supervisor</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Clerk</i>	<i>Trustee</i>	<i>Trustee</i>	<i>Township Assessor</i>
Nick McDonald 517-819-6127	Nolan Solomon 219-743-7759	Sharon Bassette 989-640-4750	Stanley Sillman 989-640-0419	Nick Tipper 517-449-1564	Dr. Mark Holley 989-834-5611

Township Participation

Periodically, Bengal Township has positions available on the Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, the Planning Commission, Board of Review and for elections. We would like to have a list of interested people to contact if a position becomes available. If you are interested, please contact Clerk Bassette at 989-640-4750.

Clinton County Commission News

The County contracted a consultant to oversee the Broadband development project a completion date of Dec. 31, 2026 as required by funding sources.

The Board of Commissioners (BoC) approved the 2025 budget, which includes funds to add a road patrol officer to each shift. It is a balanced budget and pension funds are fully funded.

The BoC approved the purchase and training for body cameras for the sheriff officers earlier this year for their safety and evidence documentation.

The Department of Waste Management will continue the recycling program for another year.

Clinton County Veteran services are being offered by Kyle Beutler at 517-887-4392. Clinton Transit offers free transit services for Veterans; call 989-224-8127.

Clinton Transit services are available into and back out of the Lansing area for medical or employment needs .Contact Clinton Transit at 989-224-8127 with questions.

David Pohl thanks the constituents of District 2 Clinton County for allowing him to serve on the BoC as he chose not to run again.

Road Projects in 2024

Dexter Trail and Centerline bridge completed.

Gravel: Townsend from Francis to Grove

Chloride: 3 applications

Chip Sealing: 3 miles of paved roads

Various Roadside: Mowing & Spraying

Field Mud

If you experience excessive field mud on your road, contact the Clinton County Road Commission at 989-224-3274 or report online at: <https://ccrc-roads.com/contact-us/report-a-road-issue>.

Planning & Zoning

The Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals are seeking additional members. Contact Supervisor Nick McDonald at 517-819-6127 if interested.

Questions regarding Zoning: You may contact Planning Commission Chairperson Brandy Solomon at bengaltownshipc1@gmail.com or 810-705-7229.

Monthly Meeting: The Planning Commission meets on the last Wednesday of each month. Meeting dates as well as cancellation notices are posted on the notification board in front of the hall and on the Township's website.

If you are considering renovations, new construction, or splitting land, you must fill out a Zoning Compliance Application which can be found on the Township's website. Additionally, these actions require ESCROW funding as outlined in the Fee Schedule which can also be found on the Township's website.

Inspections: Please note that all Township projects, including Ag Buildings, must be inspected by the Township Inspector. A preliminary site inspection AND a final inspection is required. **If your application is approved, you will receive a letter from the Township's Planning Administrator, McKenna Associates, instructing you to contact Forrest Thurston at 989-640-1890 to set up the inspections. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in fines and project delays.**

Hall Rental

The Township Hall is available for rent. Please note that the maximum capacity is 70 people and can be rented by residents for \$100 or non-residents for \$150. A security deposit is also required. Please see the rental agreement and other rental information on the Township's website.

BOARD MEETINGS

The Board meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

Have a Safe and Happy Holiday Season!



