

March 26, 2023

**TO:** Sims Township Residents

**FR:** Sims Board Plus the Township Supervisor

**RE:** Township Updates Plus Water Rate Change

**TRANSFER STATION SECURITY GUARD NEW SHED FOR MS BONNIE ...** The former shed was destroyed when our vendor snowplow truck accidentally backed into it. The vendor paid for the new shed which was built by Northstar Storage Barns in Mio and was delivered within two weeks of ordering. It's the same 8'x10' size as the previous and a roof extension, deck and railing were added to help keep Ms Bonnie out of the elements, and it's so cute ...!



**ANNUAL MEETING ...** The meeting was held on March 25<sup>th</sup> at 10 and Truth in Taxation plus Board and staff salaries were reviewed.

**ANNUAL MEETING WITH THE ROAD COMMISSION ...** We will meet with the Road Commission March 28<sup>th</sup> at 530 to discuss road projects for this summer. Currently we will plan on paving Mclean Rd.

**QUARTERLY SIMS-WHITNEY TRANSFER STATION AND CEMETERY MEETING ...**  
The meeting will be March 30<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at Sims Hall.

**NOTE A ...** The following is the Continuing of the Review from the Dec '22 Supervisor Comments Annual Review and are added to take us up to March 31<sup>st</sup> which is the official end of our fiscal year.

**February ...** Jill Sanzo was appointed as Township Clerk by the board.

**FEBRUARY CONTINUED ... WATER RATE CHANGE ...** Based on the recommendations of Kyle Bond of the Michigan Rural Water Authority, who did a study of our operating costs and usage, the Sims Board raised the Ready-To-Serve charge from \$60.59 to \$79.59 and the cost per 1000 gallons went from \$4.56 to \$5.10. This pricing will begin April 1, 2023 and will remain the same through 2027. Our water costs are low when compared to other townships and municipalities and increases are caused by additional equipment we are required to have in place. We added additional filtration that will increase our capacity to produce more water and we will be purchasing an additional 100,000 gallons/day from Saginaw-Midland water plant during the peak season from May to September.

**January ...** We announced the **SPRING MTA CONFERENCE ...** It looks as though all the board members have decided to attend the MTA Conference this year in Traverse City on April 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> as we have not attended the last two years and we need to keep current with changes in township governance.

Suzanne continued her search for a Clerk to fill her position as she desires to reduce her hours.

**NOTE B ...** Our board meeting in Dec '22 was on the 19<sup>th</sup> and so events after that were not recorded in the Supervisor Comments such as the following which occurred on 12/29/22 ...

**December '22 ...** The Sims-Whitney Transfer Station and Cemetery board decided to change the hours of operation for the Transfer Station beginning April 1, 2023. The hours have always been 10-430 Mon, Wed and Sat and Sunday 12-4. The new hours will be 9-6, Mon, Wed and Sat and closed on Sundays. At the time change in Nov '23, the hours will return to 9-430, Mon, Wed and Sat until April 1, 2024.

Additional Sims Township projects by month are in the Supervisor Comments with Annual Review for December 2022 and a copy can be picked up at Sims Hall. All other Sims Township information can be found at [www.simstwp.org](http://www.simstwp.org) ...