

## **SUPERVISOR COMMENTS JANUARY 2020**

**Annual Meeting ...** Keep a slot open on your calendar for March 28<sup>th</sup>, at 10 a.m. at Sims Hall.

**Informational Plus Tag Letter ...** The annual letter was mailed 1/14 and I have received encouraging email comments from residents regarding the Transfer Station and proposed cemetery sale. The encouraging part of that statement is the fact that residents are showing an interest in what's going on and they are sharing their opinions and getting involved. Any and all comments regarding the letter content can be sent to [bobbermack@yahoo.com](mailto:bobbermack@yahoo.com) or to the clerk at [simstownshipclerk@gmail.com](mailto:simstownshipclerk@gmail.com) ... Any information regarding the cemetery sale will be shared at the May public hearing at Sims and Whitney Township Halls, with a date and time for that hearing to be determined.

**Transfer Station Meeting ...** A joint meeting with Whitney is scheduled for 2/6 at 6 pm at Sims Hall. We will invite our two workers at the station – Kevin and Mark - to meet with us and share their thoughts on the tag process as they will be the faces of the two townships implementing that program. Mike Fil came up with the basic language and design for the sign that will be placed at the entrance.

**SIMS-WHITNEY REESIDENTS ONLY**

**YELLOW OR BLUE TAG REQUIRED**

**THE SIMS-WHITNEY RESIDENCE TAX MILLAGE IS COLLECTED FOR THE  
USE OF THIS FACILITY. NON-RESIDENTS OF SIMS-WHITNEY ARE NOT  
PERMITTED TO USE THIS FACILITY.**

**VIOLATORS WILL BE PROSECUTED.**

This program will begin March 1, 2020 so please be patient as the process may be a little slower at the site for a while.

**Whitney Lawsuit ...** Sims Township Board through our attorney has filed a two-count lawsuit against Whitney regarding non-payment of their cemetery dues for the last year-and-a-half and a bogus Quit Claim Deed of 2010. There has been a 20-year history of friction between the two townships regarding the beach area primarily, according to a former Sims Supervisor from about the 2010 era. Some Whitney Board members want no families to use the beach and the Sims board expects families to use the beach. Some of the Whitney Board members do not want to maintain the beach and parking area, while the Sims board will forever maintain the beach and parking area and is what the 1957 deed agreement requires. Cemetery Beach is an official beach in this state and is tested regularly for E-coli by the state. The families in Sims-Whitney deserve a nice beach and picnic area. We tried different ways to resolve the matter without success, so the court may figure it out and we'll all live with the court's decision. Count I is setting aside the Quit Claim Deed or 'Quiet Title' where they claim ownership of the cemetery and Count II is Unjust Enrichment/Quantum Meruit and is their failure to pay their quarterly fair share for months.

**Water Plant News ...** The water plant has been working well except for the outlet pipe to the lake froze and they had to get an excavator to re-open it ... to prevent this from happening in cold weather, an in-line pump may be installed in the line to push the water out under pressure rather than rely on gravity. Also, there have been no lead issues whatsoever indicated at any residence and the PFAS levels are at a very low level, well below any action level standard. There is a huge valve leak of water in the base of the Whitney tower and two new valves had to be manufactured by Dixon Manufacturing. There is no such thing as getting a valve off the shelf as they are unique to the tower. On 1/20 they were draining the tower via a hydrant in the front of the tower so the valve could be replaced on 1/22. The same valve will be replaced soon on the Sims tower due to extensive corrosion issues.

**Final Thought ...** When I was young, I used to admire intelligent people; As I grow older, I admire kind people. Abraham J. Heschel

