

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS
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ELECTION SUMMARY ... It was a tight race to the finish, as both our Clerk and Treasurer stayed strong and kept their heads high as they ran *unopposed*, and the ‘people have spoken!’ Congratulations are in order as Suzanne Belinski is our “officially elected” Clerk and Ann Marie Borushko is our “officially elected” Treasurer and we hope and expect many more years of great service from both of them!

But wait, that’s not all, as we had an enthusiastic group of 11 election workers that included Judy Mackie, Mike Fil, Diana Esckelson, Michelle Harrison-Sears, James Sears, Dianne Lamm, Tom Nestell, Sharon Nestell, Andy Madajski, Noreen Pendred and Steve Swiecicki. It was a long day for sure, as they were at the hall from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. We appreciate their service and hope they are all available and return for future elections.

Sims Township had a total of 712 that had voted, 310 of which were absentee ballots, giving us a walk-in number of 402. With a voting population of 980, that is a respectable number for sure, and is the largest group of voters for all elections over the last 6 years.

TRANSFER STATION ... The compactor gas engine was retrofitted with a “motor snorkel” 3 weeks ago that allows it to run on propane, natural gas or gasoline. We wanted this conversion so the 10 horsepower Kohler motor would be running on propane and not gasoline, as we do not want our employees having to transport and handle heavy 5-gallon gasoline containers any longer, primarily for health and safety reasons. The 100# propane cylinders will be trucked in by a propane vendor and the only thing our employees will have to do, at that point, is connect the regulator to the tank. The cost of the conversion kit was \$237 and with labor, made the entire conversion process less than \$400. Other advantages for going with propane is **1)** lower emissions and **2)** longer intervals between oil changes as the propane burns cleaner, thereby allowing the oil to remain cleaner for extended periods. We hope to convert our 3 small Predator generators to propane as kits are available for them as well from US Carburetion, Inc.

Beginning early next year, some operational changes will be occurring at the Transfer Station, with the details being firmed up in December at our joint board meeting with Whitney Township. For instance, beginning in January 2023, we will only accept grass leaves and small brush on Saturdays as we need to have an employee monitor what is being dumped. For the last few months, some folks have been using the area as their personal land fill and dumping building materials – which we cannot accept - and oversize brush that exceeds our $\frac{3}{4}$ " diameter standard. A few have poisoned the well for the many, it would seem, and we do not know who the scoundrels are.

Another change coming in April is extending the hours of operation on Saturdays from 9 – 6 which replaces the 10 – 4:30 hours that we are currently open. Another big change is the Transfer Station will no longer be open on Sundays, which allows our employees more time with their families. The hours on Mondays and Wednesdays will change from 10-4:30 to 9-5. Overall, by eliminating the 4 hours for Sunday, we achieve a net gain of $\frac{1}{2}$ hour per week.

FINALE ... A) The time is always right to do what is right. **B)** Positive thinking will let you do everything better than negative thinking will. **C)** One never notices what has been done; one can only see what remains to be done. **D)** The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing. **E)** Step with care and great tact and remember that Life's a Great Balancing Act.

Match the name to the saying ... For extra credit, create your own saying and return to writer bobbermack@yahoo.com ...

Marie Curie

Zig Ziglar

Dr. Seuss

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Walt Disney