

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS
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Cemetery and Transfer Station Quarterly Meeting ... The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at Sims Hall on Thursday, September 29th. Topics to discuss by the joint board will include **1)** the project to provide 220volt/3-phase electrical service to the Transfer Station by Consumers Energy that will enable us to change over from gasoline to electric compaction; **2)** Leasing an electric compactor; **3)** Converting our gasoline compactor to electric; **4)** current issues with some residents bringing in land fill type refuse in the form of large trees and brush plus building materials, none of which we are able to process. Recommendations include no longer receiving anything other than grass, leaves and flowering plants to only having the yard-waste area available one day a week. It has been suggested that we have an additional employee assisting residents with unloading, while at the same time, monitoring what is being brought in and refusing waste products that are not allowed; **5)** The wooden fence at Cemetery Beach has been vandalized to the extent that sections have had to be replaced by the adjacent homeowner. In an effort to be a good neighbor, should the townships put up a separate barrier such as timber posts or large rocks or stone, etc. that might prevent and/or inhibit that vandalism; **6)** Hiring an alternate for the Transfer Station to take over when our current employees have situations arise that would prevent them from working; **7)** Increase in price for burials will increase the cost for cemetery plots.

Township Hall Project Status ... The carpet and laminate flooring project have been completed which allowed Mike Fil to do all the trim work for the new office spaces. What a difference it makes as the flooring for the entire building were new at its inception 35 years ago in 1987. I believe our next project will be to accept bids to replace the

exterior siding. Our original free-standing manual sign was rebuilt, wheel brackets welded on by Mike Fil, was sanded and repainted and is in place in the front yard of the hall. We will continue to use it for “quickie” messages such as election notices, so we don’t have to reprogram the fancy digital sign which has proven to be both tedious and annoying to figure out at times, much like your tv remote!

The Whitney vs Sims lawsuit ... Hopefully the matter will be settled soon and not have to go to court, where we would all endure months of discovery and personal depositions that can take hours. The hang-up, at the moment, is Whitney is not happy with mediation clauses and may not be aware that mediation may also benefit them in the long term, possibly years from now when others are doing these jobs.

Finale ... Good News for All ... 1) - “Everything will be okay in the end. If it’s not okay, it’s not the end.” – John Lennon **2)** - “Whether you think you can or whether you think you can’t, you’re right!” – Henry Ford **3)** - Remember, where you are *now* is not where you’ll be forever. **4)** - “The struggle you’re in today is developing the strength you need for tomorrow. Don’t give up.” – Robert Tew **5)** - “Dance, when you're broken open. Dance, if you've torn the bandage off. Dance in the middle of the fighting. Dance in your blood. Dance when you're perfectly free.” Rumi **6)** - For the world is in a bad state, but everything will become still worse unless each of us does his best. Viktor Frankl **7)** - “What the caterpillar calls the end of the world, the master calls a butterfly.” – Richard Bach **8)** - “A ship in harbor is safe, but that’s not what ships are built for.” – John Shedd **9)** - "Genius is one percent inspiration and ninety-nine percent perspiration." – Thomas Edison **10)** - “Everyone has inside them a piece of good news. The good news is you don’t know how great you can be! How much you can love! What you can accomplish! And what your potential is.” – Anne Frank

