

## SUPERVISOR COMMENTS NOVEMBER 2019

### **Hanging Tags ...**

During the summer months, the Sims-Whitney Transfer Station - also affectionally called the "Dump" – sees a huge increase in traffic not typical of other months. That increase is justified as our population for the two townships nearly doubles in size.

What also increases dramatically are the townships cost for disposal which set a new record this past summer, where the costs in some instances nearly doubled. We've known for a long time there are people from other townships using our beloved "dump" and the joint board says its now time to do something meaningful about it to control, what amounts to, unwanted and illegitimate traffic. So with that as a back-drop, the joint board last month decided to purchase laminated plastic tags that will hang from a car mirror, similar to handicap tags that many use.

These tags will simply state "SIMS-WHITNEY TS" and underneath, sequential numbers from 0001 to whatever that allows the townships to assign them to a residence. The color of the tags will be medium blue for Whitney and school bus yellow for Sims. In the next few days, I will purchase the tags for both townships at a cost of approximately \$900.00 for 5000 tags. In the next few weeks, I will do a what's-happening-in-the-township letter and include one tag with that letter as the tag can be easily transferred between vehicles.

If for some reason residents desire an extra tag, it will be available from each township for \$20.00. You will need to have that tag visible every time you visit the beloved dump. Kevin and Mark will be checking for those tags and a vehicle without a tag, the driver will not be allowed to drop off. We are hoping this approach will eliminate any and all traffic from other townships, while at the same time, reduce our disposal costs.

### **Final Thought ...**

The Pilgrims displayed this particular virtue, one they practiced every day and which stood at the heart of the First Thanksgiving. Cicero called it the greatest of the virtues and the parent of all the rest: **Gratitude**. Melanie Kirkpatrick

The Sims Township Staff and Board hope you, your family and friends have a very nice and restful Thanksgiving!