

# SUPERVISOR COMMENTS

MAY 2020

## **FILL OUT THE CENSUS ... OUR FUTURE DEPENDS ON IT AND MS BROWN STATES IT BEST IN THE FOLLOWING ...**

There are two important issues facing all Michiganders: COVID-19 and the 2020 Census. We as Michiganders are doing our best to help slow the spread of COVID-19 and to keep each other safe. It's how we are helping each other now. The 2020 Census is how we are helping each other for the future.

Getting a complete count of all Michigan residents this year is important for our next 10 years. It will determine the allocation of billions of dollars in federal funding to our state to support our families, our neighbors and our communities. It also will determine the number of state representatives that Michigan has in Washington, D.C. We lost two Congressional seats between the 2000 and 2010 Census. And, we are at risk of losing another one in 2020. We have the power to keep this from happening and to maintain Michigan's power in D.C. If we all fill out the census. Plus, the more people counted means more of our federal tax dollars will come back to Michigan.

These days of social distancing coincide with the census going digital. You can access the 2020 Census from your computer or handheld device by going to [2020census.gov](https://2020census.gov). Another option is to complete the census over the phone (844-330-2020), where options for language assistance are available. Or, for nostalgic types, you can respond to the census by snail mail. Answering the nine questions takes less than 10 minutes, which is well worth the time. Michiganders will live with the results of the 2020 Census for the next 10 years. Bob did the census on-line on 5/12 and discovered it is not 1) invasive, and it is 2) easy and 3) painless ...!

**CEMETERY HILL PARCEL PURCHASE STATUS ...** The Kozyra's have withdrawn their offer to purchase and/or lease.

**WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE HALL AND IN THE TOWNSHIP ...** Not quite business as usual as we are working with a limited staff. Water bills go into the drop-box and I am taking care of tag distribution for the Transfer Station as some desire to have extra's and a couple have lost their tags. So, anything to do with tags, contact the Clerk or Treasurer and they will check the system to ensure your property is paying the Disposal Assessment. If everything is good, they contact me with your contact phone and we set up an appointment at the Hall to meet between 530 – 600, Mon – Fri. That part works well, and we may continue it indefinitely. Mike



*Donna Murray-Brown,  
president and CEO of the  
Michigan Nonprofit  
Association*

and Ernie do safe distancing with their zoning tasks. North Coast did the initial leaf pick-up at the Cemetery and John Zerka agreed to return for another season and maintain the cemetery. There will be some changes at the Transfer Station as Kevin is moving to Hemlock area to be closer to his adult 'kids' and Kevin's back-up Mark will assume Kevin's schedule. John Zerka will be the back-up for Mark as well as continuing with the cemetery. Bonnie will do what Bonnie does best and that is welcome everyone to the Transfer Station when they stop at the shack for tag check!

### **FINAL THOUGHTS ...**

"It took a pandemic to make me realize that I do have a family; that I do have friends; that I do have a heart and that I do have faith." **Anthony T. Hincks**

"Always thought being a writer would be one of the most useless things you could be in a zombie apocalypse, but it turns out arts and culture and storytelling is what helps us get through. Along with science, doctors, nurses, delivery people, farm workers and supermarket cashiers." **Lauren Beukes**