

**SUPERVISOR COMMENTS**  
**OCTOBER 2021**  
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**Our Treasurer/Water Clerk Has Resigned ...** Sharon notified us on October 4<sup>th</sup> that she was stepping down from both of her positions. The following is the announcement I sent to the Sims Board ...

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The following is the post that Sharon shared on Facebook and in a blurb in the Arenac Independent 10/6/21 Edition ...

*After careful consideration, I find I have no choice but to tender my resignation as Sims Township Treasurer, effective October 4, 2021 due to incompatibility and irreconcilable differences within the township offices as well as my position as water clerk.*

*I sincerely appreciate the support and trust the residents of Sims Township have shown me over the last five years as your representative and voice in township matters.*

*Sincerely,  
Sharon Boensch*

I believe I can speak for the Sims Board, that it was both a privilege and a pleasure to work with Sharon for the past five years, as she shared many ideas that we appreciated and several of Sharon's ideas were implemented. The Sims Board wishes her the very best in both future endeavors and in retirement.

Bob Mackie  
Sims Township Supervisor

**Our New Treasurer and Water Clerk ...** On October 5<sup>th</sup>, the Sims Board was pleased to announce the appointment of Ann Marie Borushko as the Interim Treasurer for Sims Township and on October 20<sup>th</sup>, will become the Treasurer. Many may know that Ann Marie is not new to township business as she was the Clerk of Deep River Township for forty years, and at some point, was also the Supervisor! Over a year ago, Ann Marie had retired from Deep River and moved to Sims Township and we're glad she did. Most are aware that Ms. Judy, as my young Bride of 53.6 years, was the Clerk for the last six years for Sims, and recently stepped down to try to fade into retirement mode. The Board appointed Suzanne Belinski for the Clerk position and Judy became her Deputy Clerk. Judy's fading-into-retirement was short-lived and was more like – I believe - a deep breath, or second wind prior to her being hired by the Sims Board as the Water Clerk. So, we have three people that are each filling a new job and they're doing great! All three are in the process of being trained and training will be on-going for a few months. As we reported last month, Suzanne and Judy had township-related training in Escanaba in September. This week, Suzanne has training in Alpena on 10/12 and in Frankenmuth on 10/13,14. Ann Marie received some finances-type training from her friend-Treasurer in Deep

River Township last Friday and by the following Monday (10/11), was putting those tips to good use and had figured out how to do check reconciliations and some other good stuff. Ann Marie will let us know if and when she needs additional training, and we'll make that happen. I dare not forget our other Staff member, Noreen Pendred, who was the former Treasurer in Whitney Township for years and has been with us now for several years, primarily as the Deputy for the Treasurer. Noreen does other projects for the Water Clerk, the Clerk and even the Supervisor! When our residents come in to pay their bills, or even complain - as some have been known to do - they are greeted by Noreen and she is the point person and face of Sims Township that makes everyone's visit memorably friendly, yes, even for the grumpy ones!

**East Side of the Cemetery Fence ...** As we reported last month, we contracted with Midland Fence to replace many sections of the old fence that parallels the lake on the east side of the cemetery. We did have a problem with tree and brush overgrowth on the fence, so Midland Fence came in one day and removed the sections between the posts so that our tree expert, Jesse Gordon could bring in his crew and clean up both sides of the fence line. They did a great job of removing tree and brush overgrowth so the new fence could be re-installed without any obstructions. The entire fence was raised one foot above the ground to prevent piles of leaves from accumulating and making it easier to maintain the fence line. Jesse will return to prune all the trees in the cemetery before the leaves come down, as phase two of our cemetery clean-up project.

**Final Thoughts ...** A) Take advantage of all good opportunities as they come your way, or better yet, create opportunities for yourself and others; bam

B) Review and renew the **5 Proven Benefits of Positive Thinking** that may seem cliché, but significant research has shown, positive thinking brings positive change, like **1) Positive thinking Encourages Stronger Relationships; 2) Positive Thinking Brings Strength To The Body; 3) Positive Thinking Creates Soundness Of Mind; 4) Positive Thinking Helps Increase More Self-Confidence; 5) Positive Thinking Improves The Outer Appearance ...** Source: Health-Prep, 2021 ...