

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS DECEMBER 2023

TRANSFER STATION ... Our operational issues with the old compactor may have been resolved. A technician from Speed Tech made a visit on December 12th and adjusted the pump pressure. They had replaced the pump previously but failed to adjust the pressure. It is working, but an additional situation remains – so they say – that the cylinder that pushes the trash into the big box needs to be replaced as it has a “bad spot” that leaks internally, but for now, we’ll wait and see as we are not convinced that their diagnosis is correct. Their last diagnosis was the engine was bad and could not run fast enough to drive the pump at the speed required to attain high pressure and for \$13,000.00 we could have a new engine and pump. We were able to convince them the engine was not at fault as they were able to adjust the pump pressure with our engine operating as it normally does, so this became another myth debunked.

BOR ... The Board of Review met on 12/12/23, and with our Assessor, Barb Jones leading, we chalked up another successful meeting! Also, several of the board members will be attending training on January 31, 2024, at the Bavarian Inn Lodge in Frankenmuth.

ELECTION UPDATE ... Once again, many changes are occurring with the election process for all municipalities in Michigan. The State of MI required a special ballot box be installed on the outside of the hall and this has been completed. Another requirement was for cameras to be installed on the outside and inside to monitor voting and staff traffic. Election materials continue to arrive. The State is paying for all the updates and equipment. Jill has signed up election workers and all will require training for the new processes which seem to be getting more complicated, all in the interest of having an uncompromised and honest election which we all deserve and expect.

FINALE ... The College Student Who Found Her ‘Home Away From Home’ for Christmas

While all her classmates were eagerly making plans with family and friends for their trips back home for the holidays, Jackie Turner, a junior at William Jessup University near Sacramento, was worried she would be the only student left on

campus for Christmas. *“This time of year, is hard,”* Jackie said. *“Everyone is talking about their cousins, their families, all the things that make up Christmas.”* But Jackie says she doesn’t have any of that — and never did. [She told CBS News](#) that her childhood was abusive, and she never shared in any of the experiences she heard her classmates talk about. Instead of feeling sorry for herself, the straight A-student posted an ad on Craigslist offering \$8/hour to rent parents for the holidays. *“Maybe for like a couple hours,”* she said, *“just be, like, the light of their life for that moment.”*

She got dozens of responses to her ad — about half from parents who wanted to help, for free of course — and about half from other young people who felt the same way she did. So, she held a meet up Christmas potluck dinner. *“People are hurting and broken, and we need each other,”* Jackie said. *“We need to be loving people. And I think that’s what tonight’s about.”*

Jackie not only found a mentor for herself that holiday season but matched the needy with the needed. She continues to host yearly meet ups with a potluck Christmas dinner, because no one should ever feel alone on Christmas.

From all the staff at Sims Township Hall, we wish all our residents a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Peace-Filled New Year with family and friends and all others you invite into your circle ...!