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MISSION TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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What do township supervisors do? That is a question that is often asked by residents and property owners. Just as the name implies the supervisors “supervise” all the functions that go on in the township. The most important function is ensuring the safety of township residents. Other functions include setting the town budget, running the town board meetings and special meetings that include, but not limited to, personnel hiring, performance reviews, planning and zoning, audit review, committee meetings, levy setting, an organizational meeting, and others that come up. Mission Township has several valuable assets that need to be supervised. The assets include Mission Fire Department, 32 miles of paved roads, a 200-acre park, cemetery and transfer station. The fire department responds to over 150 calls per year administering fire suppression and first aid. The roads are maintained year around with patching, overlaying, and mowing during the summer and plowing during the winter. The park has a pavilion, tennis and pickleball courts, 5 miles of walking trails, basketball and volleyball courts and a ball field. The transfer station handles brush and leaf drop off. The township cemetery is maintained for family visits and burials. In addition, the supervisors attend various trainings on law and township functioning. **Over the past 4 years the supervisors have**

applied for and received \$589,950.00 in federal, state and local grants. This has enhanced the town's assets at no cost to residents.

ATTENTION!!

The town board has enacted two new ordinances effective **now**. The first ordinance regulates driveway access to township roads. You must now acquire a permit from the township to install, reconstruct or relocate a driveway. The permits are available at the town hall or on the township website. The second ordinance amends our present subdivision ordinance placing limits on the number of lots in an administrative subdivision. All ordinances are enacted to further ensure public safety and to best protect the town's assets. Please keep up to date on all township ordinances which are found on the township website at <https://missiontownship.org/ordinances/>

ROADS

Mission Township has received a DNR grant for reclamation of East Bass Lake Road from County Rd 109 to County Rd 116. This will take place in the summer of 2026. The Township will be able to take advantage of lower pricing when we coordinate with county road projects. Winter plowing will

happen when there is a 2 inch or greater snowfall. Mailboxes and trash receptacles must be off roadways and if you have concerns about plowing, please contact Jon Auge, Roads Supervisor at 651-335-6555.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Please join the board in welcoming Jill Allord as the new fire chief. Jill has many years of experience with the Mission Fire Department and is a qualified EMT. The Fire Department has received a new pumper truck which has been on order for the past 2 years. The department responded to 87 EMS and fire calls in the first half of the year. The board has increased the Fire Relief service pension benefit from \$2,000.00 to \$3,000.00.

PARK

The summer has seen the park very busy with pavilion reservations almost every weekend, busy pickleball and tennis courts, and a lot of dog walking and trail walking. The park committee has done a great job helping to keep the park looking good, preserving structures.



OTHER TOWNSHIP NEWS

The Town Clerk now has an office at the town hall and will have office hours every Tuesday from 10 am to 2 pm.

The township plans to start the process of updating the towns **Comprehensive Plan** in 2026. Our present plan is nearing 20 years old and needs an update. This plan will reflect the vision, direction and values of the township into the future. If you are interested in being a part of this plan, please call the Town Clerk at 218-765-4377.

Be sure that your blue 911 number is fully visible from the road. These numbers are critical for safety and finding your property in an emergency. If your number is missing or damaged, please contact CWC Land Services at 218-824-1010 for a replacement.

Be an Election Judge! Serving as an election judge is a chance to learn about elections, meet your neighbors, and is a great service to your community. Interested? Contact the Town Clerk.

This newsletter is designed to keep all Mission Township residents informed. If you have any questions or thoughts on the newsletter, please feel free to contact Bob Steele, Supervisor (218-765-4041)