

# Sturgis Township Newsletter

Winter 2018-19



## Township Roads Update

In 2018, working in conjunction with the St. Joseph County Road Commission, Sturgis Township was able to complete its two-year road improvement project. Utilizing matching funds made available to the township by the road commission, along with township general funds the Emerson-Andersohn subdivision was paved and the subdivisions not attended to in 2017 received a double chip and seal with a fog seal.

For 2019, Sturgis Township plans to continue accessing the future needs of our roads. Township officials have met with John Lindsay, the new director of the St. Joseph County Road Commission, to formulate a plan for 2019 and beyond.

## Township News

Congratulations to Treasurer Zeta Metzger on her election to complete the full term created by the retirement of Walt Krzycki. Her term runs until November 2020.

In 2019, Prism Power Partners proposes to build a solar energy installation at Bogen Rd. and M-66. The township and the city of Sturgis have worked closely together to make this possible.

### 2018 saw the following business activity:

H2 Storage, White School Rd. added another block of storage units

Red Rose Carpet now at 26541 US 12

Sturgis Chrysler/Jeep, M-66 established a temporary dealership and created a parking lot for increased inventory

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## Property Tax Payment Schedule—

Treasurer hours: Every Tuesday 1-6 pm, Thursday 9 am-1 pm

And from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on these dates:

12/28/2018, 2/14/2019, 2/28/2019

**When paying in cash, please have exact change**

## Township Office Hours

Wednesday- 9 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Thursday- 9 a.m.- 1 p.m.

Or by appointment by calling the clerk at 651-3676 or 269-625-4504

## Township Board of Trustees

Supervisor- George Morse

Home- 269-651-2173  
Cell- 269-358-9646

Treasurer- Zeta Metzger

Home- 269-659-7602  
Cell- 269-625-2411

Clerk- Michael Bobalik

Home- 269-651-5943  
Cell- 269-625-4504

Trustee- Dan Arney

Home- 269-651-8800

Trustee- Judy Pappas

Home- 269-651-8426

**Meeting Dates- All at 4 p.m.**

January 7, 2019  
February 4, 2019  
March 4, 2019  
April 1, 2019  
May 6, 2019  
June 3, 2019  
July 1, 2019  
August 5, 2019  
September 3, 2019 Tuesday  
October 7, 2019  
November 4, 2019  
December 2, 2019

## Township Planning Commission

Chairperson- Von Metzger

Home- 269-651-1682

Secretary- Robyn Krawczak

Home- 269-651-3781

Member- Michael Bobalik

Home- 269-651-5943  
Cell- 269-625-4504

Member- Bill Furr

Home- 269-659-3548

Member- Jim Cook

Home- 269-651-5386

**Meeting Dates- All at 7 p.m.**

January 28, 2019  
February 25, 2019  
March 25, 2019  
April 22, 2019  
May 28, 2019 Tuesday  
June 24, 2019  
July 22, 2019  
August 26, 2019  
September 23, 2019  
October 28, 2019  
November 25, 2019  
December 2019- NO MEETING

### Township Staff

**Zoning Administrator-**

Randy Schmeling  
Cell- 269-625-3260

**Zoning Enforcement Officer-**

Joe Wickey  
Cell- 616-834-6369

**Assessor-**

Dale Hutson  
Office- 269-432-2834

### Township Inspectors

**Building-**

Randy Schmeling  
Cell- 269-625-3260

**Electrical-**

Ron Bellaire  
Cell- 269-663-3429

**Plumbing-**

John Dobberteen  
Cell- 269-625-7648

**Mechanical-**

John Dobberteen  
Cell- 269-625-7648

## City of Sturgis Compost Site

### Hours of operation

April-October- Monday and Thursday Noon– 7:30,  
Saturday 9:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m., Sunday 1:00 p.m.– 5:00 p.m.

November- Monday and Thursday Noon– 6:00,  
Saturday 9:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m., Sunday 1:00 p.m.– 5:00 p.m.

\*\*\* New passes will be available Spring of 2019

Call or stop by the office for yours.

## Westside Landfill Passes

Sturgis Township provides township residents two (2) passes per year at no cost.

Waste Management sends the used passes to the township and the township reimburses the company \$18 for each pass.

## Doyle Community Center

The township has partnered with the Doyle Center to share in the cost of programs available to the youth of the township resulting in reduced fees for the resident participation.



Since the program's beginning, Sturgis Township has been joined by the City of Sturgis and the townships of Burr Oak, Fawn River, Sherman and White Pigeon, Sturgis Schools Facilities Dept. and Sturgis Hospital.

Residents can drop off batteries during normal business hours or just leave the batteries in a container by the front door. To date 6611 pounds of batteries have been recycled.

More details about the program including types of batteries accepted for recycling can be found at: [sturgistownship.org](http://sturgistownship.org) and clicking on the link about the battery recycling program.

## 2019 Waste Management Westside Landfill Pass

This complementary pass is good for one (1) pickup truck load (or equivalent) of trash or garbage to be taken to Westside Landfill, 14072 M-60, Three Rivers, MI 49093. Phone: 269-278-8909

### Days and Hours:

Monday through Friday between 7 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.  
Saturday between 7:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

### Regulations:

No yard waste (e.g. grass, leaves) or hazardous waste (e.g. paint, oil, varnish, etc.)  
Tires and appliances will be accepted as part of any load but there is a limit of any two of these items.  
Refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners and dehumidifiers are NOT accepted.  
Tractor tires are NOT accepted.

**Sturgis Township residents are permitted two passes annually.** To obtain your second pass, please call the township office at 651-3676 or stop in during office hours.



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Via email [clerk@sturgistownship.org](mailto:clerk@sturgistownship.org) or call the clerk. Office: 651-3676

**Drop box**

The township office has a drop box available to residents.

Items acceptable for use:

- Absentee voter applications when completed and signed
- Absentee voter ballots when completed, signed and sealed
- Communications for township officials and inspectors

**Garage Sales**

Residents are reminded that the township ordinance limits garage sales to two (2) per year

**Styrofoam Recycling**

Please visit [sturgistownship.org](http://sturgistownship.org). Details on the home page

**Mail boxes in Winter**

In most instances where mailboxes are damaged, the snow plow doesn't actually hit the mailbox, but the force of snow thrown from the roadway is enough to knock down a loose mailbox. Damage to posts and boxes can often be prevented by proper routine maintenance. If you have questions on what is permitted, please visit the website [www.stjoeroads.com/policies](http://www.stjoeroads.com/policies)

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