

## TOWNSHIP ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Please Note these are accomplishments that has been made in the past twenty years.

**(PLEASE NOTE THEY ARE NOT IN ANY PARTICULAR ORDER)**

### GENERAL:

Grant Township is in Good Financial status. When projects are completed /proposed it has been without borrowing money from an outside Financial Institution. All self-funded – Grant Township is Debt Free.

Grant Township previously did not have a Zoning Board of Appeals. It is a State Law that you must have a Zoning Board to making zoning variances. Prior it was completed by the Planning Commission which was illegal.

A new zoning book was revised in November 2000 – It has been amended since that time.

Adoption of a Master Plan for Grant Township was created during this time since this too was required by law.

A Blight Officer position was created to help in the solution of our Township Blight. Please beware that EVERY municipality has issues with the Blight Problems.

Phone System: Phone system had been upgraded from a single township answering machine to each office having their own individual voice mail specific to their office. With this upgrade also provided additional phone lines to each office. This will provide a quicker response to the public.

Upgraded Computer system within the Township - Township computers had not been upgrade in a long time so each office had upgrade the system specific to their office needs when addition of new offices. This is an ongoing process since computer outdate regularly.

We worked with the County to get an ambulance placed within Grant Township. It was determined that the best location would be to attach it to our existing Complex. This was done at a very minimal cost and continues to be beneficial to our township. The entire process took over a year since there were many entities involved in the process (Builder, Iosco County, Ambulance Service and Architect) Thanks to Fred Jennett for getting the ball rolling.

We joined the Propane Club for the compost site. This allowed us to lock in our pricing and we were able to save thousands of dollars.

LED Lights were changed out throughout the Township Hall by the organization of Jack Kindt. Jack worked with Consumers Power to receive a Grant to have them replaced.

We also worked with Consumers to get the Street Light switched to LED to allow us to get savings on our monthly bills.

In 2017 added the new addition to the existing Township Hall allowing for adding larger more efficient working offices

Dave's Computer was hired for the Creation of a Township Web Site as well as ongoing backup of township hard drive.

The Township owned a lot on Floyd Lake and wanted to sell it. It was something that was being worked upon but was not completed due to complications of the Deed Restrictions. Finally approved and sold for \$45,000 – this was a windfall for township taxpayers.

Todd worked with the Iosco County Road Commission to prepare a Common Sense Road Improvement Program. Each year Todd works with the Road Commission to establish which roads throughout our township needs to have improvements and to what cost would fit best to our budget. This is a very time consuming process for all involved.

We developed a Gypsy Moth Spraying Program with the approved mileage from the voters of Grant Township. This mileage was for 4 years and has proven to be very successful. Iosco County offered to all municipalities within Iosco to apply for an additional \$30,000 that was left from a program that was originally managed through the county. Grant Township was the only municipality to receive this money because we properly applied for the money as requested from the county. After the first spraying we switched spraying companies thanks to T. Beardsley for finding a contractor that offered same product at lower cost. We are very pleased with the job that has been done.

We made changes to our past Dust control Program: 1 Changed Contractors to save tax payers significant money, 2. Better Product, 3. The Township pay 2/3 of the whole amount vs tax payers paying 1/3 of the cost. The Iosco Road Commission reimburses us 1/3 of the cost. 4. We provide 3 applications per year for dust suppression. (We are the only municipality that does so).

A New Generator was purchased and installed that will run the entire Township Complex. This was a \$60,000 investment and has been very beneficial to the board.

Digital Sign was purchased and installed to inform our community of various events that are taking place as well as dates and times.

Grant Township applied for a grant from the Iosco County Parks and Recreation for \$5,000 to improve the boat launch on Sand Lake. With the awarding of the money the Township Board voted to utilize the money to put new concrete in the water for ease of boat launching. This was about 4 years ago.

Most recently we have contracted with the Iosco County Sheriff's Department to provide patrol coverage to manage our Golf Cart and ORV concerns. It goes without saying we have heard positive and negative comments from some in the community but all in all it is for the safety of all.

We had upgraded the Township computer system from Pontum to BSA. This allowed our Clerks and Treasurers office to be more connected to Iosco County since they too have the same computer system.

Upgrades to the Voter System as required – this is done frequently.

From the American Rescue money we replaced the existing asphalt in front of the main township entrance as well as the fire department.

From the American Rescue money was tagged to purchase a larger safer Playground for the younger in our area.

#### **ROUTINE MAINTANCE UPDATES:**

Re-roofed Complex

Replaced New Furnace in Meeting Room

New Awnings

Replaced Flag Pole

Painted and replaced flooring throughout the old part of the Township Hall

#### **FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

We have a water source (well) at the compost – Grant is one of the few Fire Departments that have this type of water source available.

Replaced Heaters in Fire Hall

Rubber flooring was installed resurfacing the floors in the Fire Hall.

The Township Board has a very good working relationship with our Fire Department. At times there may be differences but by working and communicating we have been able to work through them and continue to have that good working relationship.

Grant township Fire Department has received grant money over the past to purchase radios, uniforms, update fire equipment, fall out gear, air tanks, pump to fill tanks, trucks just to name a few.

We have a fire department to be very proud of and work for the safety of our community.

## **CEMETERY**

Updating of the Cemetery Records took a lot of hard work. All cemetery records were transferred from paper to our cemetery computer program.

New plots maps were established allowing for easier access to owner location

The Township hired an surveyor to plot out the cemetery expansion of the new area. Design of the roads removal of trees and lots were determined.

Planting of new trees were planted surrounding the new Cemetery. Some trees were also planted within the existing cemetery.

The split rail fence was replaced across the front of the cemetery.

Replaced Flag Pole and installed light to illuminate the Flag.

We have a Cemetery that we all can be proud of!!!!

## **COMPOST /REFUSE:**

We worked with National Gypsum for over a year to obtain the property for the compost site. Gypsum donated the property to the Township. This has been one of the proudest accomplishments that was provided to the people of Grant Township. This allows everyone to dispose of unwanted trash objects. People can recycle their cardboard, plastics, newspapers. Etc... It allows a place to dispose of leaves instead of burning them and adding gases to our air quality. (much improved) along with leaves you can dispose of branches, cement, refrigerators, metal, etc... This has been very positive. There are ongoing changes to this operation as we realize of upgrade that need to be made.

Grant Township over the past 20 years has purchased two demo garbage trucks which one is still in service. By purchasing demos trucks has provided us Large savings.

Grant Township is the only municipality in losco County that provides Township provided curbside pickup and cost is within tax mileage.

Township provided Trash Container for ease of Sexton Workers.

**We will continue to add to this list and provide you with accomplishment of our township. This is not all of what we have accomplished but it will give you a good idea of some of the tasks we have accomplished.**