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**BENZIE COUNTY  
GOVERNMENT CENTER HOURS**

448 Court Place, Beulah, Michigan 49617

[www.benzieco.net](http://www.benzieco.net)

8:00A.M. TO 12:00 NOON

1:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

**GOVERNMENT CENTER CLOSED SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS**

The Government Center will be closed for the following holidays:

New Years Day  
Martin Luther King Day  
Presidents Day  
Memorial Day  
Independence Day  
Labor Day  
Veterans Day  
Thanksgiving  
Day after Thanksgiving  
Day before Christmas  
Christmas Day  
Day before New Years

If the holiday falls on a Saturday, the Government Center will be closed the preceding Friday.

If it falls on a Sunday, the Government Center will be closed the following Monday.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND DISTRICTS – All terms end 12/31/2018**

**DISTRICT 1 – BOB ROELOFS - R**

**Almira Township – East of Reynolds Road**

PO Box 81, Lake Ann, MI 49650

(231) 645-1187

[broelofs@benzieco.net](mailto:broelofs@benzieco.net)

**DISTRICT 2 – ART JEANNOT - R**

**Almira Township West of Reynolds Road, Platte & Lake Townships**

PO Box 317, Honor, MI 49640

(231) 920-5028

[ajeannot@benzieco.net](mailto:ajeannot@benzieco.net)

**DISTRICT 3 – ROGER GRINER - R**

**Crystal Lake Township & City of Frankfort**

316 Michigan Avenue, Frankfort, MI 49635

(231) 651-0757

**DISTRICT 4 – COURY CARLAND - D**

**Benzonia Township**

PO Box 555, Beulah, MI 49617-0666

(989) 621-4832

[ccarland@benzieco.net](mailto:ccarland@benzieco.net)

**DISTRICT 5 – FRANK WALTERHOUSE – R**

**Homestead Township**

2383 Valley Road, PO Box 7, Honor, MI 49640

(231) 325-2964 – home      (231) 510-1840 – cell

[frankwalterhouse@yahoo.com](mailto:frankwalterhouse@yahoo.com)

**DISTRICT 6 – EVAN WARSECKE - R**

**Inland & Colfax Townships**

448 Court Place, Beulah, MI 49617

(231) 275-3375

[ewarsecke@benzieco.net](mailto:ewarsecke@benzieco.net)

**DISTRICT 7 – GARY SAUER – R**

**Blaine, Gilmore, Joyfield and Weldon Townships**

4558 Mick Road, Frankfort, MI 49635

(231) 651-0647

[garysauer53@yahoo.com](mailto:garysauer53@yahoo.com)

Regular County Board of Commissioners' meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month with the exception of March and November having one meeting and December meetings being held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays.

The first meeting of the month will be at 9:00 a.m. and the second meeting of the month will be at 4:00 p.m. (If a rescheduling is necessary and time allows, the new date and time will be published in the Record Patriot newspaper.)

The meetings will be held in the Commissioners Room, Benzie County Government Center, 448 Court Place, Beulah, Michigan 49617.

Special sessions of the board may be called by at least one-third of all commissioners.

## **TO THE TAXPAYERS OF BENZIE COUNTY:**

This directory has been prepared so that you can directly contact most governmental officials and departments in Benzie County. It includes names and numbers of officials in the twelve townships and one city as well as those in the six villages.

We believe it will be of assistance to those in business, the media, and governmental units, when making contacts with public officials. Benzie County has a reputation for fiscal responsibility and the quality of service it provides to the general public.

We are proud of our reputation and will continue to search for new ways to improve our record of service and responsibility to you, the taxpayer. This directory is one way we have to make government more easily accessible to you.

Benzie County is the smallest county in Michigan, and has an estimated 2010 population of 17,525. It consists of 319.7 square miles and is governed by a seven member Board of Commissioners.

We hope this directory will be useful. Be assured that Benzie County Government has, as its objectives, a determination to look for better ways to serve the public as well as ways to build a strong community on a foundation of equality, honesty, and fairness to all.

## **BENZIE COUNTY**

Modern settlement of Benzie County was begun at Benzonia in 1857 by a group intent on founding a Christian college or university in the western wilderness. The Indians called the principal river of the county the Unszigozbee, meaning "Saw Bill" or "Merganserduck" river. French voyagers translated this into Riviere aux Bec Scies, which Yankee newcomers corrupted to "Betsie River". Benzonia is a composite name from Latin and Greek. "Bene" is Latin for good, and "Zonia" is Greek for place. The name "Benzonia" would seem to indicate "a good place to live".

Unique geological aspects of Benzie County are the depressions of Crystal Lake, the Platte Lakes, the Herring Lakes and their accompanying glacial moraines and outwash plains and the hinge line of Michigan (the point at which the glacial uplift begins) which lies just south of the Frankfort/Elberta area. The dune areas along the shoreline of Lake Michigan offer unique examples of plant life secession for the amateur botanist.

Tourism and fruit farming provide the chief income in this area which lies in the heart of Michigan's cherry growing region. The resorts in the County are many and varied, including motels, hotels, cabins and camping areas for tents and trailers. Every town has many accommodations available. The county also has a very modern hospital and medical care facility, both located in the City of Frankfort.

Benzie County boasts probably the most modern, best equipped fish rearing facility in the world. This is Michigan's Platte River Fish Hatchery, located five miles east of Honor, which produces Coho, Chinook and Steelhead in abundance. The Platte River furnishes some of the Midwest's greatest Trout fishing as well.

There are 54 named lakes in Benzie County and numerous smaller ones, Crystal Lake being the largest. Lake Michigan has beautiful sandy beaches which stretch for 25 miles along the Benzie shoreline. The Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore Park extends from Benzie north into Leelanau County. This area also includes the Platte River campgrounds and the Lake Township Park at the mouth of the Platte River.

Trailer parks are available in Beulah, Benzonia and Frankfort. Canoeing is a popular pastime on the beautiful Platte and Betsie Rivers.

Forested areas in Benzie County cover 136,200 acres of the total land area. Better than half of the County is located within the designated boundaries of the Betsie River State Forest. Although only 56,000 acres of that area are actually in state ownership, this does account for the large areas in the eastern two-thirds of the County which are heavily forested and virtually uninhabited.

Ice fishing, snowmobiling, cross-country and downhill skiing are among the favorite winter sports in the area. Benzie is a blaze of color in the fall and attracts as many color enthusiasts as sports hunters. Hikers and skiers enjoy the many miles of marked and unmarked trails throughout the Benzie County area.

Inspiration Point, nine miles south of Elberta on M-22, is one of Lake Michigan's most beautiful scenic turnouts and provides a spectacular view of the shore and bluffs for many miles.

Point Betsie Lighthouse, on M-22 north of Frankfort, is a favorite subject for artists, many of whom make their homes in Benzie County. Both Beulah and Frankfort hold annual Arts & Crafts fairs in the summer months, and Honor holds the annual National Coho Festival around Labor Day weekend. Soaring and hang gliding have been important in Benzie County since World

War II. Benzie is the smallest County in Michigan, having only 223,187 acres of 319.7 square miles of land with 63,337 being state-owned acres and 11,111 National Park Service acres. There are six villages and one city in Benzie County. Lake Ann is the smallest incorporated village and Frankfort is the only city.

**HISTORICALLY**

- 1851 By an act approved April 7<sup>th</sup>, Grand Traverse County was organized. Previously this was part of Mackinaw and was called Omena.
- 1856 Grand Traverse County was enlarged to include Benzie and Leelanau Counties.
- 1858 Charles Bailey and his colonizing group selected a spot in Northern Michigan not far from the new settlement of Traverse City. To this spot they attached the name of Benzonia, settled on even before the site itself was chosen.
- 1859 Township of Crystal Lake in Grand Traverse County included all of what is now Benzie County.
- 1863 County of Benzie formed and attached to Grand Traverse County for civic and municipal purposes.
- 1869 The Legislature passed an act to organize Benzie County on March 30.
- 1872 A canal was dug from Crystal Lake to the Betsie River, opening the lake for shipping from Lake Michigan. This lowered the lake so much it was dammed to stop the flow.
- 1888 Charles Bailey subdivided and plotted “Crystal City and Beulah View Resort”. His house still stands across from the old courthouse on land exposed when the lake was lowered.
- 1889 July 4 – Frankfort & Southeastern Railroad runs first train through Beulah to Frankfort (the Ann Arbor Railroad since 1892).
- 1899 Beulah became official name after being used interchangeably with Crystal City for Railroad depot (also post office earlier).
- 1911 Large Pavilion, called the New Grand, opened in Beulah and was acquired by the Village of Beulah in 1916 for County Courthouse and used for the purpose until 1976.
- 1976 Dedication of the Benzie County Government Center on August 7, 1976.

County Seats:	1869 – 1872	Frankfort
	1872 - 1895	Benzonia
	1895 – 1908	Benzonia
	1908 – 1916	Honor
	1916 – Present	Beulah

**FIRST RECORDS ON FILE IN CLERK’S OFFICE**

Birth Records	March 6, 1868
Death Records	April 27, 1868
Marriage Records	May 25, 1869
Supervisor’s Proceedings	April 22, 1869
Circuit Court Proceedings	August 21, 1869

## UNITED STATES

Four-Year Term Expires 01/20/2021

President Donald Trump (R)  
Vice President Mike Pence (R)

## STATE OFFICIALS

Four-Year Term Expires 1/1/2019

Rick Snyder (R) Brian N. Calley (R)  
Governor Lieutenant Governor  
PO Box 30013 PO Box 30026  
Lansing, MI 48909 Lansing, MI 48909  
Telephone: (517) 373-3400  
Fax: (517) 335-6863

Robert Kleine Bill Shuette (R)  
Treasurer Attorney General  
Treasury Building PO Box 30212  
Lansing, MI 48909 Lansing, MI 48922  
517-373-1110

Ruth Johnson (R)  
Secretary of State  
PO Box 30045  
Lansing, MI 48918

## UNITED STATES SENATORS

Six-Year Term

Gary Peters (D) Debbie Stabenow (D)  
269 Russell Senate Office Bldg 133 Hart Senate Office Bldg  
Washington DC 20510 Washington, DC 20510  
(202) 224-6221 (202) 224-4822  
[senator@peters.senate.gov](mailto:senator@peters.senate.gov) [senator@stabenow.senate.gov](mailto:senator@stabenow.senate.gov)  
Expires: 1/3/2021 Expires: 1/3/2019

## U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, 1<sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT

Two-Year Term

Jack Bergman (R)  
414 Cannon House Office Bldg  
Washington DC 20515  
<http://bergman.house.gov>  
Expires: 1/1/2019

## STATE SENATOR, 35<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT

Four-Year Term Expires 12/31/2018

Senator Darwin L. Booher (R)

605 Farnum Building  
PO Box 30036  
Lansing, MI 48909-7536

Telephone: (517) 373-1725  
Fax: (517) 373-0741  
Toll Free: (866) 305-2135  
[SenDBooher@senate.michigan.gov](mailto:SenDBooher@senate.michigan.gov)

## STATE REPRESENTATIVE, 101<sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT

Two-Year Term Expires 12/31/2018

Representative Curt VanderWall (R)

124 North Capitol Avenue

PO Box 30014

Lansing, MI 48909

[curtvanderwall@house.mi.gov](mailto:curtvanderwall@house.mi.gov)

Telephone: (517) 373-0825

## JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME COURT

Eight-Year Terms

Robert Young, Chief Justice Expires: 1/1/2019

Associate Justices:

Bridget McCormack Expires: 1/1/2019

Richard Bernstein Expires: 1/1/2023

Brian Zahra Expires: 1/1/2021

David F. Viviano Expires: 1/1/2025

Stephen J. Markman Expires: 1/1/2021

Joan L. Larsen Expires: 1/1/2025

## COURT OF APPEALS, 4<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT

Six Year Terms

State Office Building, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

## TERMS OF COURT

The first day of each quarter beings the first day of each term.

Winter – January 1

Spring – April 1

Summer – July 1

Fall – October 1

## 19<sup>th</sup> JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT

(Benzie and Manistee Counties)

David Thompson	Circuit Judge	(231) 723-6664
Michelle Lantis	Court Reporter	(231) 723-6664
Connie Krusniak	Friend of the Court	(231) 882-0023
Connie Miller	Investigator	(231) 882-0023
Pat Heins	Court Administrator	(231) 723-6664
Shaun Anchak	Probation	(231) 882-0042
Andrew McHugh	Parole	(231) 882-7274
Cameron Clark	Dir. Of Youth Services	(231) 882-0007
Sara M. Swanson	Prosecuting Attorney	(231) 882-0043
Dawn Olney	County Clerk	(231) 882-9671
Ted Schendel	Sheriff	(231) 882-4484

## COUNTY CLERK

**Dawn Olney, Clerk**

Term Expires: 12/31/2020

448 Court Place

Beulah, MI 49617

Telephone: (231) 882-9671

Toll Free: 800-315-3593

Fax: (231) 882-5941

**REGISTER OF DEEDS**

**Amy J. Bissell, Register**

Term Expires: 12/31/2020

448 Court Place

Beulah, MI 49617

Telephone: (231) 882-0016

Fax: (231) 882-0167

**COUNTY TREASURER**

**Michelle L. Thompson, Treasurer**

Term Expires: 12/31/2020

448 Court Place

Beulah, MI 49617

Telephone: (231) 882-0011

Fax: (231) 882-4844

**BENZIE COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY**

**Sara M. Swanson, Prosecutor**

Term Expires: 12/31/2020

448 Court Place

Beulah, MI 49617

Telephone: (231) 882-0043

Toll Free: 800-404-5977

Fax: (231) 882-0559

**BENZIE COUNTY SHERIFF**

**Ted Schendel, Sheriff**

Term Expires: 12/31/2020

505 S. Michigan Avenue

Beulah, MI 49617

Telephone: (231) 882-4484

Fax: (231) 882-5814

**85<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT COURT**

(Benzie and Manistee Counties)

448 Court Place

Beulah, MI 49617

Telephone (231) 882-0019

Toll Free: 800-759-5175

Fax: (231) 882-0022

Hope Cicansky

Magistrate

**PROBATE COURT**

Term Expires: 12/31/2018

448 Court Place

Beulah, MI 49617

Telephone: (231) 882-9675

Toll Free: 800-315-9852

Fax: (231) 882-5987

John D. Mead

Probate Judge

Kim Nowak

Court Admin/Register

**COUNTY OFFICERS**

Four-Year Terms

Terms expire 12/31/2020

448 Court Place, Beulah, MI 49617

Dawn Olney	County Clerk	882-9671
Michelle L. Thompson	County Treasurer	882-0011
Amy J. Bissell	Register of Deeds	882-0016
Sara M. Swanson	Prosecuting Attorney	882-0043
Ted Schendel	Sheriff	882-4484
John Smendzuik	County Surveyor	882-4303
Edward Hoogterp	Drain Commissioner	882-4932

**BENZIE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION MEMBERS**

Todd Bailey	Traverse City
Wendy Bailey	Traverse City
Anthony Cicchelli	Frankfort
Hon. Paul Clulo --retired	Frankfort
John B. Daugherty	Beulah
Ross Hammersley	Traverse City
Edward C. Hertenstein	Frankfort
Scott W. Howard	Traverse City
Jeffrey L. Jocks	Traverse City
Linda Moorey Kehr	Beulah
Hon. Nancy A. Kida – retired	Beulah
Bryan Langepfeffer	Benzonia
Joan Swartz McKay	Frankfort
Lawrence McKay III	Frankfort
James M. Olson	Traverse City
Bradley L. Putney	Traverse City
Dennis M. Swain	Beulah
Sara Swanson	Beulah
Jenifer Tang-Anderson	Beulah
Lisa J. Vogler	Beulah
John R. Wheeler	Frankfort
Catherine L. Wolfe	Honor

**BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS**

John Mead, Chairman

Dawn Olney, Secretary

Michelle Thompson

**JURY BOARD**

Six- Year Terms

_____	April 30, 2017
Jean Bowers, Beulah	April 30, 2019
Gail Nugent, Frankfort	April 30, 2021

**BOARD OF CANVASSERS**

Four-Year Terms

Dawn Olney, County Clerk	
Janice Robinson Mick, Frankfort	November 1, 2019
Jane Purkis, Beulah	November 1, 2017
Donna Clarke, Beulah	November 1, 2017
Ronald Dykstra, Beulah	November 1, 2019

**BENZIE COUNTY PLAT BOARD**

Amy J. Bissell	Chairperson	882-0016
Dawn Olney	Member	882-9671
Michelle Thompson	Member	882-9672



## **COUNTY DEPARTMENTS**

### **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

Mitch Deisch, Administrator  
448 Court Place  
Beulah, MI 49617  
Telephone: (231) 882-0558  
Fax: (231) 882-0035

### **ANIMAL CONTROL**

Kyle Maurer, Officer  
543 S. Michigan Avenue  
Beulah, MI 49617  
Telephone: (231) 882-9505 or 0859  
Fax: (231) 882-5762

### **BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

448 Court Place  
Beulah, MI 49617  
Telephone: (231) 882-9673  
Fax: (231) 882-0033

Bert Gale, AGS, Building Official	(231) 882-0003
Steve Houghton, Building Inspector	(231) 882-0004
Scott Waddell, Electrical Inspector	(231) 882-0046
Aldo Davis, Plumbing/Mechanical	(231) 882-4400

### **9-1-1 CENTRAL DISPATCH**

Ronald Berns - Director  
Located in the Sheriff's Office  
505 S. Michigan Ave  
Beulah, MI. 49617  
231-882-4487

### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Frank Post, Coordinator  
448 Court Place  
Beulah, MI 49617  
Telephone: (231) 882-0567  
Cell Phone: (231) 383-2553  
Fax: (231) 882-0568

### **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

Craig Johnson, EMS Director  
448 Court Place  
Beulah, MI 49617  
(231) 882-0625

### **EQUALIZATION DEPARTMENT**

Tom Longanbach, Director  
448 Court Place  
Beulah, MI 49617  
Telephone: (231) 882-0015  
Fax: (231) 882-0033

**FRIEND OF THE COURT**

Connie Krusniak, Friend of the Court  
Connie Miller, Investigator  
448 Court Place  
Beulah, MI 49617  
Telephone: (231) 882-0023  
Toll Free: 800-515-1327  
Fax: (231) 882-0040

**MEDICAL EXAMINER**

Dr. Joyce L. deJonge

**MSU EXTENSION – BENZIE COUNTY**

Jennifer Berkey, Regional Director  
448 Court Place, PO Box 349  
Beulah, MI 49617-0349  
Telephone: (231) 882-0025  
Fax: (231) 882-9605

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

Terminated March 31, 2010

**SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT**

David Schaffer, Coordinator  
448 Court Place  
Beulah, MI 49617  
(231) 882-0554

**SOLDIERS RELIEF COMMITTEE**

Dissolved: August 21, 2012

**VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

Formed: August 21, 2012  
448 Court Place, Beulah, MI 49617  
Telephone: (231) 882-0034  
Fax: (231) 882-4844  
Meetings: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday @ 9:30 a.m.  
Lawrence “Camp” Bailey           Member  
Phil Hoyt                               Member  
Dale Ginzel                           Member  
Tom Stobie                           Member  
Kurt Giddis                          Member  
Chuck Lerchen                      Counselor  
Joe Meredith                         Counselor

**MICHIGAN VETERANS TRUST**

448 Court Place, Beulah, MI 49617  
Telephone: (231) 882-0034  
Fax: (231) 882-4844  
Meetings: Mondays 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
Art Melendez                       Member  
William Huhnke                   Member  
Chuck Lerchen                     Agent

**SOIL EROSION DEPARTMENT**

Bert Gale, AGS

448 Court Place, Beulah, MI 49617

Telephone: (231) 882-0045

Fax: (231) 882-0033

## **OUTSIDE OFFICES**

### **BENZIE CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

Tad Peacock, Executive Director  
280 S. Benzie Blvd., PO Box 408  
Beulah, MI 49617  
Telephone: (231) 882-4391  
Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of Each Month – 4:00 p.m.  
[www.benziecd.org](http://www.benziecd.org)

### **BENZIE-LEELANAU DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

6051 Frankfort Hwy, Suite 100  
Benzonia, MI 49616  
Telephone: (231) 882-4409  
Fax: (231) 882-2204

### **BENZIE TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY “BENZIE BUS”**

Bill Kennis, Director  
Chad Hollenbeck, Operations Manager  
[Chad@benziebus.com](mailto:Chad@benziebus.com)  
14150 US Hwy 31, Beulah, MI 49617  
Telephone: (231) 325-3000  
Fax: (231) 325-3007  
Web site: [www.benziebus.com](http://www.benziebus.com)  
Meetings: Bi-Monthly 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday @ 5:30 p.m. (check web site)

### **CENTRA WELLNESS NETWORK**

310 N Glocheski Drive, Manistee, MI 49660  
Telephone: (877) 398-2013  
Fax: (231) 723-1504  
Meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of Each Month @ 9:00 a.m.  
Alternating between Benzie and Manistee Counties

### **BENZIE SENIOR RESOURCES**

Douglas Durand, Executive Director  
10542 Main Street  
Honor, MI 49640  
Telephone: (231) 525-0600  
Toll Free: 888-493-1102  
Fax: (231) 325-4855  
Web Site: [www.benziecoa.org](http://www.benziecoa.org)  
Meetings: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of Each Month @ 4:30 p.m.  
Held at the Gathering Place

### **DNR PLATTE RIVER FISH HATCHERY**

15210 US 31, Beulah, MI 49617  
Telephone: (231) 325-4611  
Fax: (231) 325-2111  
Fire Permits: 866-922-2876

**USDA NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE**

USDA Service Center  
8840 Chippewa Hwy (US 31), Bear Lake, MI 49614  
Telephone: (231) 889-9666 Ext 100  
Fax: (231) 889-4020

**BENZIE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION**

11318 Main Street, PO Box 68, Honor, MI 49640

Telephone: (231) 325-3051

Fax: (231) 325-2767

Web site: [www.benziecrc.org](http://www.benziecrc.org)

Meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday each month @ 9:30 a.m.

Robert Rosa	Chairman
Philip Hoyt	Vice Chair
Ted Mick	Member
Matt Skeels	Manager
Kathleen Jordan	Financial Manager
Brad Schaub	Superintendent

**SECRETARY OF STATE**

Beulah #333

10577 Main Street, Honor, MI 49640

Elaine Hawley, Manager

Telephone: (888) 767-6424

Website: [www.michigan.gov/sos](http://www.michigan.gov/sos)

**THE MAPLES**

210 Maple Avenue, Frankfort, MI 49635

(231) 352-9674

**UNITED STATES POST OFFICES**

Beulah: (231) 882-5588

Benzonia: (231) 882-4683

Elberta: (231) 352-9261

Frankfort: (231) 352-4341

Honor: (231) 325-2112

## **BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

### **BENZIE SENIOR RESOURCES**

10542 Main Street  
Honor, MI 49640  
Telephone: (231) 525-0600  
Toll Free: 888-893-1102  
Fax: (231) 325-4855  
Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday Each Month @ 4:30 p.m.

### **BUILDING AUTHORITY**

448 Court Place, Beulah, MI 49617  
Telephone: (231) 882-0015  
Meeting: 4<sup>TH</sup> Wednesday @ 8:30 a.m.  
Tom Longanbach                      Chairman  
   Member  
Marcia Stobie                              Member  
Michelle Thompson                      Ex Officio  
Dawn Olney                                 Ex Officio

### **BENZIE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

Mary Carroll, Director  
PO Box 204, Benzonia, MI 49616  
Telephone: (231) 882-5801 or 882-5802  
Toll Free: 800-882-5801  
Web Site: [www.benzie.org](http://www.benzie.org)

### **BENZIE COUNTY DEPT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

Kris Lagios, Director  
448 Court Place, PO Box 114, Beulah, MI 49617  
Telephone: (231) 882-1330  
Fax: (231) 882-9078  
Meetings: 4<sup>TH</sup> Tuesday @ 10:00 a.m.

### **BETSIE VALLEY TRAILWAY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

448 Court Place  
Beulah, MI 49617  
Telephone: (231) 882-0012  
Fax: (231) 882-4844  
Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday Each Month -- 4:30 p.m.

### **FRANKFORT CITY-COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY**

PO Box 351  
Frankfort, MI 49635-0351  
Telephone: (231) 352-9118  
Meetings: 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of Each Month @ 10:00 a.m.  
At Airport

### **COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD**

**Dissolved 7/2007**

**PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION**

448 Court Place

Beulah, MI 49617

Telephone: (231) 882-9671

Fax: (231) 882-0164

Meetings: 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month @ 5:30 p.m.

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

448 Court Place, Beulah, MI 49617

Telephone: (231) 882-9674

Fax: (231) 882-0164

Business Meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of Each Month @ 7:00 p.m.

Public Hearing/Work Sessions: 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month @ 7:00 p.m.

**ALMIRA TOWNSHIP**  
Created: 1864

Township Hall:  
Physical: 7276 Ole White Drive  
Lake Ann, MI 49650

Mailing: Same

Telephone: (231) 275-5862; 275-6346

Fax: (231) 275-7164

Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday – 8:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
Thursday and Friday by Appointment

Web Site: [www.almiratownship.org](http://www.almiratownship.org)

Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of Each Month  
6:00 p.m.

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	<u>Term Expires</u>
Supervisor: Mark E. Roper	11/2020
Clerk: Tammy Clous	11/2020
Treasurer: Mandy Gray Rineer	11/2020
Trustees: Lori Florip	11/2020
Matt Therrien	11/2020
Zoning Administrator: Roger Williams (231) 275-5862	
Assessor: Kristen Steger Susanne Muha (231) 275-5862 Friday's 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. by appointment or email all week assessor@almiratownship.org	



**BENZONIA TOWNSHIP**

Created: 1861

Township Hall:

Physical: 1020 Michigan Avenue  
Benzonia, MI 49616

Mailing: PO Box 224  
Benzonia, MI 49616

Telephone: (231) 882-4411

Fax: (231) 882-5778

Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 9:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Web Site: [www.benzoniatwp.org](http://www.benzoniatwp.org)

Meeting: 2nd Wednesday of Each Month  
7:30 p.m.

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	<u>Term Expires</u>
Supervisor: Jason Barnard	11/2020
Clerk: Diana Heller	11/2020
Treasurer: Karen L. Burns	11/2020
Trustees: Sheila Priest	11/2020
Jim Sheets	11/2020
Zoning Administrator: Dave Neiger	
Assessor: Christy Brow	

**BLAINE TOWNSHIP**

Created: 1876

Township Hall:

Physical: 4760 Herring Grove Road  
Arcadia, MI 49613

Mailing: 6352 Putney Road  
Arcadia, MI 49613

Phone: (231) 383-0353 (Clerk)

Fax: None

Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of Each Month  
7:30 p.m.

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	<u>Term Expires</u>
Supervisor: Tom Campbell 5247 Scenic Hwy, Arcadia, MI 49613 (231) 352-5968	11/2020
Clerk: Courtney S. Gillison 6581 Putney Road, Arcadia, MI 49613 (231) 383-0353	11/2020
Treasurer: Emilie Kimpel 2590 Joyfield Road, Arcadia, MI 49613 (231) 352-4997	11/2020
Trustees: Walter Rohn 3442 Scenic Hwy, Frankfort, MI 49635 (231) 352-9558	11/2020
Chuck Beale 2670 Herron Road, Frankfort, MI 49635 (231) 352-7463	11/2020
Zoning Administrator: Josh Mills 6352 Putney Road, Arcadia, MI 49613 (231) 651-9117	
Assessor: Julie Krombeen 2900 S. Townline Road, Cedar, MI 49621 (231) 228-5949	

**COLFAX TOWNSHIP**  
Created: 1868

Township Hall:

Physical: 7607 Michigan Avenue  
Thompsonville, MI 49683

Mailing: PO Box 68  
Thompsonville, MI 49683

Phone: (231) 378-2144

Fax: (231) 378-4665

Web site: [www.colfaxtownship.org](http://www.colfaxtownship.org)

Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday Each Month  
7:00 PM

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	<u>Term Expires</u>
Supervisor: Ron Evitts 4522 Long Road, Thompsonville, MI 49683 (231) 378-2334	11/2020
Clerk: DeAnn Mosher PO Box 68, Thompsonville, MI 49683 (231) 631-9221	11/2020
Treasurer: Laura Draeger P O Box 68, Thompsonville, MI 49683 (231) 378-2144 (Hall)	11/2020
Trustees: Shelley Greene 4522 Long Road, Thompsonville, MI 49683 (231) 378-2334	11/2020
Tom Besey 15337 King Road, Thompsonville, MI 49683 (231) 631-9227	11/2020
Zoning Administrator:	
Assessor: Michigan Assessing Service, Inc. Christy M. Brow 10655 Riverside Drive, Honor, MI 49640 (231) 227-1095 Fax: (231) 227-1109 <a href="mailto:colfaxassessor@hotmail.com">colfaxassessor@hotmail.com</a>	

**CRYSTAL LAKE TOWNSHIP**

Created: 1859

Township Hall:

Physical: 1651 Frankfort Hwy  
Frankfort, MI 49635

Mailing: PO Box 2129  
Frankfort, MI 49635

Telephone: (231) 352-9791

Fax: (231) 352-6689

Web Site: [www.crystallaketownship.org](http://www.crystallaketownship.org)

Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of Each Month  
7:00 p.m.

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	<u>Term Expires</u>
Supervisor: Amy Ferris 1764 Golf Lane, Frankfort, MI 49635 (231) 871-1601	11/2020
Clerk: Sue Sullivan 62 Lobb Road, Frankfort, MI 49635 (231) 871-1194	11/2020
Treasurer: Brooke Trentham 1487 Elm, Frankfort, MI 49635 (231) 352-9791	11/2020
Trustees: Richard Nielsen, MD 696 Bacon Road, Frankfort, MI 49635 (231) 882-2281	11/2020
Tammy M. May 228 Snell Road, Frankfort, MI 49635 (231) 352-7978 & (231) 352-7978	11/2020
Zoning Administrator: Tom Kucera (231) 352-9791 Wednesday -- 9:00 – 12:00 noon	
Assessor: Dave & Jill Brown PO Box 2129 Frankfort, MI 49635 231-881-4000 Office Hours: Tuesday -- 9:00 – 12:00 noon	

**GILMORE TOWNSHIP**

Created: 1866

Township Hall:

Physical: Elberta Community Building  
401 First Street  
Elberta, MI 49628

Mailing: PO Box 247  
Elberta, MI 49628

Telephone: (231) 352-5047

Fax: (231) 399-5002

Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of Each Month  
7:00 PM at the Elberta Community Building

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	<u>Term Expires</u>
Supervisor: Carl Noffsinger P O Box 202, Elberta, MI 49628-0202 (231) 352-4717	11/2020
Clerk: Shannon Spencley 1246 Grace Road, Frankfort, MI 49635 (231) 510-1676	11/2020
Treasurer: Laura Manville PO Box 116, Elberta, MI 49628 (231) 357-3203	11/2020
Trustees: Ronald Beyette P O Box 45, Frankfort, MI 49635-0045 (231) 352-7624	11/2020
Douglas Holmes 2612 Paul Rose Road, Elberta, MI 49628 (231) 835-0233	11/2020
Zoning Administrator: Josh Mills 4538 Benzie Hwy, Benzonia, MI 49616 (231) 651-9117	
Assessor: Barbie Eaton PO Box 247 Elberta, MI 49628 888-714-9288	

**HOMESTEAD TOWNSHIP**

Created: 1864

Township Hall:

Physical: 11508 Honor Hwy  
Honor, MI 49640

Mailing: PO Box 315  
Honor, MI 49640

Telephone: (231) 325-6772

Fax: (231) 325-2031

Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of Each Month  
7:00 p.m.

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	<u>Term Expires</u>
Supervisor: Shannon Purchase 14972 Pauls Place, Honor, MI 49640 (231) 651-9589	11/2020
Clerk: Mary Geetings 12280 Fewins Road, Honor, MI 49640 (231) 631-1637	11/2020
Treasurer: Shelley Rosa 1270 N. Haze Road, Beulah, MI 49617 (231) 325-4225	11/2020
Trustees: Bev Holbrook PO Box 295, Honor, MI 49640 (231) 882-5617	11/2020
Michael C. Mead PO Box 41, Honor, MI 49640 (231) 383-5127	11/2020
Zoning Administrator: Sara Kopriva P O Box 315, Honor, MI 49640 (231) 590-9977 – Call for Appointment	
Assessor: Jessica Nuytten PO Box 315, Honor MI 49640 (231) 325-0193	

**INLAND TOWNSHIP**

Created: 1866

Township Hall:

Physical: 19668 US 31  
Interlochen, MI 49643-9604

Mailing: Same

Email: [inlandtownship@centurytel.net](mailto:inlandtownship@centurytel.net)

Telephone: (231) 275-6568

Fax: (231) 640-2250

Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of Each Month  
7:00 p.m.

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	<u>Term Expires</u>
Supervisor: Paul Beechraft 544 Bendon Road, Interlochen, MI 49643 (231) 275-7029	11/2020
Clerk: Rose Wirth 17444 Fewins Road, Interlochen, MI 49643 (231) 620-1167	11/2020
Treasurer: Linda M. Wilson 15172 Clarks Mill Rd, Interlochen, MI 49643 (231) 325-6192	11/2020
Trustees: Sherri Ockert-Poulisse 20520 Cinder Road, Interlochen, MI 49643 (231) 275-6552	11/2020
Mary Miller 19466 Bronson Lake Road, Interlochen, MI 49643 (231) 275-7156	11/2020
Zoning Administrator: Roger Williams PO Box 315, Honor, MI 49640 (231) 325-6771 or (231) 590-9977 -- cell Fax: (231) 325-2031 Email: <a href="mailto:homesteadza@charterinternet.com">homesteadza@charterinternet.com</a>	
Assessor: Michigan Assessing Service, Inc. Christy Brow 10655 Riverside Drive, Honor, MI 49640 (231) 227-1095 Fax: (231) 227-1109	

**JOYFIELD TOWNSHIP**

Created: 1868

Township Hall:

Physical: 5490 Benzie Hwy  
Benzonia, MI 49616

Mailing: PO Box 256  
Benzonia, MI 49616

Telephone: (231) 882-0133

Fax: None

Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of Each Month  
7:00 PM

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Term Expires

Supervisor:

Matt Emery  
6734 Benzie Hwy, Benzonia, MI 49616  
(231) 882-4176

11/2020

Clerk:

Ted Wood  
6486 Benzie Hwy, Benzonia, MI 49616  
(231) 882-7199

11/2020

Treasurer:

Patricia Daugherty  
PO Box 498, Beulah, MI 49617  
(231) 690-5640

11/2020

Trustees:

Jim Evans  
4868 Crawford Road, Benzonia, MI 49616  
(231) 871-0044

11/2020

Mark Alan Evans  
5269 Swamp Road, Frankfort, MI 49635  
(231) 383-0238

11/2020

Zoning Administrator:

Assessor:

Guy Sauer  
4106 Wallaker Road, Benzonia, MI 49616  
(231) 882-5989

Planning Commission Meetings:

7:00 p.m. Third Thursday each month



**LAKE TOWNSHIP**

Created: 1868

Township Hall:

Physical: 5153 Scenic Hwy  
Honor, MI 49640

Mailing: 5153 Scenic Hwy  
Honor, MI 49640

Telephone: (231) 325-5202

Fax: (231) 325-4177

Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of Each Month  
7:00 PM

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Term Expires

Supervisor:

William L. Robinson  
5252 Park Lane, Honor, MI 49640  
(231) 325-5613

11/2020

Clerk:

Dotty Blank  
8161 Deadstream Road, Honor, MI 49640  
(231) 227-1090

11/2020

Treasurer:

Maryanne Goodman  
4899 Wonderland Rd, Honor, MI 49640  
(231) 342-3931

11/2020

Trustees:

John Rothhaar  
3719 Orchard Lane, Beulah, MI 49617  
(231) 383-5738

11/2020

Sally Casey  
7729 Deadstream Road, Honor, MI 49640  
(231) 325-3683

11/2020

Zoning Administrator:

Richard C. Krupp  
3859 Highland Drive  
Beulah, MI 49617  
(231) 383-3017

Assessor:

Carol Merrill  
7320 Norconk Road, Bear Lake, MI 49614  
(231) 325-5202

**PLATTE TOWNSHIP**  
Created: 1886

Township Hall:  
Physical: 11935 Fowler Road  
Honor, MI 49640  
  
Mailing: 6821 Indian Hill  
Honor, MI 49640  
  
Telephone: (231) 325-2459  
  
Fax: (231) 325-2530  
  
Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of Each Quarter  
7:00 PM

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	<u>Term Expires</u>
Supervisor: Paul L. Solem  10322 Fowler Road, Honor, MI 49640 (231) 325-2450	11/2020
Clerk: Alison Michalak 6821 Indian Hill Road, Honor, MI 49640 (231) 325-2189	11/2020
Treasurer: Cynthia Gottschalk 10576 Oviatt Road, Honor, MI 49640 (231) 326-6500	11/2020
Trustees: Julie Mountz 10989 Esch Road, Honor, MI 49640 (231) 325-6872	11/2020
Pete Laman 5857 Indian Hill Road, Honor, MI 49640 (231) 383-2236	11/2020
Zoning Administrator: Dave Neiger (231) 882-7037	
Assessor: Shelley Rosa (231) 325-2000	

**WELDON TOWNSHIP**

Created: 1868

Township Hall:

Physical: 14731 Thompson Avenue  
Thompsonville, MI 49683

Mailing: PO Box 570  
Thompsonville, MI 49683

Telephone: (231) 378-2477 for Clerk's Office  
(231) 378-2237 for Treasurer's Office

Fax: Same as above.

Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of Each Month  
7:30 p.m.

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	<u>Term Expires</u>
Supervisor: Ron Hitesman 5874 Gunn Road, Benzonia, MI 49616 (231) 882-7304	11/2020
Clerk: Carrie Aldrich PO Box 570, Thompsonville, MI 49683 (231) 378-2477	11/2020
Treasurer: Sally Bobek 13900 Lindy Road, Thompsonville, MI 49683 (231) 378-2237	11/2020
Trustees: Gary Stevens 14222 Lindy Road, Thompsonville, MI 49683 (231) 378-2477	11/2020
Sue Meredith PO Box 15, Thompsonville, MI 49683 (231) 378-2377	11/2020
Zoning Administrator: Craig Meredith PO Box 15, Thompsonville, MI 49683 (231) 378-2477	
Assessor: Carol Merrill 7320 Norconk Rd., Bear Lake, MI 49614 (231) 864-2587 Email: <a href="mailto:weldonassessor@centurytel.net">weldonassessor@centurytel.net</a>	

**CITY OF FRANKFORT**

Created: 1885

City Hall:

Physical: 412 Main Street  
Frankfort, MI 49635

Mailing: PO Box 351  
Frankfort, MI 49635

Telephone: (231) 352-7117

Fax: (231) 352-7100

Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of Each Month  
5:30 PM

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Term Expires

Superintendent/Zoning Administrator:  
Joshua Mills

Appointment

Clerk/Treasurer:  
Kimberly Kidder

Appointment

Council Members:

Robert Johnson, Mayor  
JoAnn Holwerda, Mayor Pro Tem  
Paul Luedtke  
Katie Condon  
Daniel Walenta

11/2017  
11/2017  
11/2017  
11/2019  
11/2019

Assessor:

Barbie Eaton  
PO Box 351  
Frankfort, MI 49635  
888-714-9288

**VILLAGE OF BENZONIA**

Created: 1858  
General Law Village

Village Hall:

Physical: 1276 Michigan Avenue  
Benzonia, MI 49616

Mailing: PO Box 223  
Benzonia, MI 49616

Telephone: (231) 882-9981

Fax: (231) 882-9978

Email: [benzonia9981@att.net](mailto:benzonia9981@att.net)

Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of Each Month  
6:00 p.m.

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			<u>Term Expires</u>
President:	Tim Flynn	(231) 882-4823	11/2018
Clerk:	Rhonda Nye	(231) 510-8804	Appointed
Treasurer:	Toni Flynn	(231) 882-4823	Appointed
Trustees:	Hazel Heyn	(231) 383-4040	11/2020
	Denise Bair	(231) 645-3404	11/2018
	Penny Misner	(231) 882-0419	11/2020
	Gary Rankin	(231) 882-4946	11/2020
	Scott Scholten	(231) 409-8177	11/2018
	Robert French	(231) 882-5816	11/2018

Zoning Administrator:

Dave Neiger  
6795 Traverse Avenue, Benzonia, MI 49616  
(231) 882-7037

**VILLAGE OF BEULAH**

Created: 1932

Home Rule Village

Village Hall:

Physical: 7228 Commercial Avenue  
Beulah, MI 49617

Mailing: PO Box 326  
Beulah, MI 49617

Telephone: (231) 882-4451

Fax: (231) 882-5759

Web Site: [www.villageofbeulah.org](http://www.villageofbeulah.org)

Meetings: 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday following 1<sup>st</sup> Monday Each Month  
7:00 p.m.

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President:	Dan Smith	(231) 882-7008	<u>Term Expires</u> 11/2018
Clerk:	Laura Spencer	(810) 208-1388	11/2018
Treasurer:	Mitch Szwed	(231) 383-1753	11/2018
Council Members:			
	Phil Downs	(231) 882-4847	11/2020
	Jeri VanDePerre	(231) 882-5284	11/2018
	Dan Hook	(231) 882-1392	Appointed to fill a vacancy 11/2018
	Gary A. Pallin	(231) 882-4480	11/2020
	Robert Fitzke	(231) 590-3647	11/2020
	Mike Laslo	(231) 882-7252	11/2018
Zoning Administrator:			
	Ron Edwards	(231) 882-4451	

**VILLAGE OF ELBERTA**

Created: 1894  
General Law Village

Village Hall:

Physical: 151 Pearson Street  
Elberta, MI 49628

Mailing: PO Box 8  
Elberta, MI 49628

Telephone: (231) 352-7201

Fax: (231) 352-4033

Web Site: [www.villageofelberta.com](http://www.villageofelberta.com)

Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of Each Month  
7:00 p.m. – At Community Building, 401 First Street

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			<u>Term Expires</u>
President:			11/2018
President Pro-Tem:	Holly O'Dwyer	(231) 352-7201	11/2018
Clerk:	Cathy Anderson	(231) 352-7201	Appointed
Treasurer:	Mary Kalbach	(231) 352-7201	Appointed
Trustees:	Kenneth Holmes	(231) 352-7201	11/2020
	Joyce Gatrell	(231) 352-7201	11/2020
	Bill Soper	(231) 352-7201	11/2018
	Holly O'Dwyer	(231) 352-7201	11/2018
Zoning Administrator:			
	Don Tanner	(231) 383-3771	Appointed

**VILLAGE OF HONOR**

Created: 1914

Home Rules Village

Village Hall:

Physical: 10922 Platte Street  
Honor, MI 49640

Mailing: PO Box 95  
Honor, MI 49640

Telephone: (231) 325-8432

Fax: (231) 325-8432

Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of Each Month  
6:00 p.m.

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			<u>Term Expires</u>
President:	William Ward Jr.	(586) 419-0099	11/2018
Clerk:	Jeanne McPherson	(231) 930-8017	11/2018
Treasurer:	Yvonne Mead	(231) 357-0999	11/2018
Trustees:	Debra Reed	(231) 651-9492	11/2018
	Susan Leone	(231) 645-4021	11/2018 - Appointed
	Kathy McManus	(231) 357-3744	11/2020
	Richard Fast	(231) 313-4900	11/2020

Zoning Administrator:



**VILLAGE OF LAKE ANN**

Created: 1891

General Law Village

Almira Township Hall (Downtown):

Physical: 19639 Maple Street  
Lake Ann, MI 49650

Mailing: PO Box 61  
Lake Ann, MI 49650

Telephone: (231) 275-5267

Fax: (231) 275-0267

Meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of Each Month  
7:00 p.m.

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			<u>Term Expires</u>
President:	Jim Sturmer	(231) 620-0600	11/20/2020
Clerk:	Tammy Clous		Appointed
Treasurer:	Mandy Gray Rineer		Appointed
Trustees:	Elmer Bisler	(231) 275-6154	11/20/2018
	Julie Knauss	(517) 634-3445	11/20/2018
	Daniel L. Hawkins	(231) 835-0173	11/20/2020
	Christi Grant-Wagner	(231) 866-6076 Appted	11/20/2018
Zoning Administrator:	Jim Sturmer	(231) 620-0600	

**VILLAGE OF THOMPSONVILLE**

Created: 1892  
General Law Village

Village Hall:

Physical: 14714 Lincoln Avenue  
Thompsonville, MI 49683

Mailing: PO Box 184  
Thompsonville, MI 49683

Telephone: (231) 378-2560

Fax: (231) 378-2560

Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of Each Month  
7:00 p.m.



			<u>Term Expires</u>
President:	Eugene Allen	(231) 378-2554	11/2018
Clerk:	Mary Wixson	(231) 378-4851	By Appointment
Treasurer:	Joyce MacGirr	(231) 378-2340	By Appointment
Trustees:	Gene Houghton	(231) 878-7110	11/2020
	Florence Smith	(231) 378-2638	11/2020
	Charles Syer	(734) 624-2614	11/2020
	Dennis Smith	(231) 378-2649	11/2018
	Debra Franke	(231) 378-2837	11/2018
	Patrick Shaeffer	(231) 383-3292 To Fill Vacancy	11/2018

Zoning Administrator:  
Patrick Workman  
(231) 378-4265