

From the Desk of the Supervisor

Moffatt Township 2025 NEWSLETTER

A RECAP OF 2025

WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA CHANGE:

In late 2024, the Township transitioned from a .org website to .gov, which requires verification from the Township to confirm we are a government entity. Anyone can register a website with a .com or .org suffix. Having a .gov domain associated with Moffatt Township ensures that web users are on a legitimate government website. In September 2025, the board voted to launch a new Facebook page that does not require users to "join" it, thereby improving transparency. Please follow our "Moffatt Township – Arenac County" Facebook page for updates. Please visit www.moffatttownship.gov for contact information for all Moffatt Township officials.

CHANGES TO TRASH DROP OFF:

In 2023, the previous Moffatt Township Board had a Control and Efficiency Vulnerability Assessment conducted by Maner Costerisan, an accounting consultant based out of Grand Rapids, Michigan. They offered several "best practices" for the township to implement for financial processes. One suggestion is to limit cash handling. Because of this, the current township board is implementing a punch card system at the trash site effective **January 1, 2026**. Instead of paying cash per bag, \$20.00 punch cards can be purchased at the Clerk's office on Fridays from 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M or by appointment by calling 989.836.2452. Cards will also be sold at the trash site. The cards are sequentially numbered, allowing the township to track trash expenditures and revenue more effectively. More importantly, this will ensure better compliance with cash handling procedures. Each household bag will merit one punch; larger bags will merit two punches.

HALL ADDITION:

In early 2025, the addition to the existing Fire Department was completed. The addition includes offices for the Clerk and Treasurer, a large meeting room, and a warming kitchen for events. Total breakdown of cost to date is as follows:

EXPENSES	
Valley Associates (Blueprints)	\$12,700.00
Hennard Contracting (General Contractor)	\$509,347.00
EventStable (Tables and Chairs)	\$5,209.80
Colvin's Plumbing and Heating (Additional Wiring)	\$2,568.00
Whirlpool (Appliances)	\$2,115.02
TOTAL	\$529,371.82
REVENUES	
ARPA	\$116,123.00
Fire Fund (Roof on Fire Dept portion)	\$48,000.00
Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe (Kitchen Cabinets & Appliances)	\$25,934.27
General Fund	\$341,882.55
TOTAL:	\$529,371.82



MOSQUITO FUND:

2025 Mosquito spraying in the Township cost \$33,000. The current balance is \$115,702. Some questions arose last year after the newsletter was published regarding the accuracy of the account balance. The township had a Mosquito millage for years. In 2017, the board voted to stop collecting because of the excess fund balance. When a millage is passed with language related to a specific purpose, it can only be spent for that purpose. Eventually, to maintain mosquito control, the board will have to reintroduce a millage to the voters. There has been a brief discussion about asking for a "pest control" type millage so the dollars could be spent on both Gypsy Moth and Mosquito control.

SPONGY (GYPSY) MOTH:

The board continues to contract with Aquatic Consulting Services in Sanford, MI, to monitor the spongy moth population for \$ 4,050.00. While the Township sprayed 220 acres last year, no spraying was needed this year. There is approximately \$35,000 left in the Gypsy Moth Fund.

ROAD WORK:

Brining roads for dust control costs approximately \$15,000, and roadside mowing costs roughly \$ 4,800 in 2025. 907 tons of limestone gravel was put down on Alger Rd on the west side of I-75 for \$18,128. Two paving projects were completed this year. Elkhorn/Sandpiper was paved in conjunction with the Forest Lake Level Authority Board at a Township cost of \$54,708.95. The Lake Level Board paid approximately \$52,000 for the paving over the Dam/Spillway between Sandpiper and Elkhorn. 2500ft of Wilderness was paved, originating at Jackpine Trail, for a cost of \$65,536.06. At the time this newsletter was developed, the Township had committed approximately \$16,500 to roadside brushing. The two-mill road millage generates roughly \$130,000 in revenue per

year. The Arenac County Road Commission allows us a 60% County 40% Township match up to \$150,000, netting an additional \$90,000 toward road projects. The Road Commission allocates an extra \$10,000 in discretionary funds, bringing the budget to about \$230,000. We have currently contracted for roughly \$174,673 in road work for 2025.

RECYCLING/SPRING CLEAN-UP:

On the 1st Saturday in June, the Township held its Spring Clean-up Day. Four 30-yard dumpsters were rented for \$2600 from the General Fund. We also partnered with Arenac County Soil Conservation District at the same time and collected tires and electronics. The cost to residents was \$1 per car tire, \$5 per truck tire, and \$5 per large TV. Everything else was free.

ZONING:

From 10-01-2024 through 09-30-2025, a total of 40 Land Use Permits were issued, including six permits for new homes in Forest Lake. Additionally, 26 Blight and Zoning letters were sent. Three citations were issued, resulting in two court cases, with one more pending. **PLEASE CALL THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR BEFORE STARTING YOUR PROJECT!**

FIRE DEPT:

Earlier this spring, the Fire Department was graciously the recipient of a \$4000.00 grant from the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe 2% distribution to assist in the purchase of a 16" battery-operated positive-pressure fan to be used to help ventilate a residence or building in instances where there is a heavy smoke presence inside. The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe has been very generous to the Moffatt Township Fire Department, and we cannot thank them enough.

