

## Dexter Township “in the loop” November 2022

Happy November – with Thanksgiving past us and the holiday season quickly approaching – it would seem like our November elections were ages ago. But let’s take a quick look at the numbers for the November general election in Dexter Township:

→ We have 5,867 register voters in Dexter Township  
We mailed 2,288 absentee ballots  
We had 2,205 absentee ballots returned  
We had 2,067 people vote at the polls in person -  
For a total of 4,272 voters or a total of 73% of registered voters participated in the election –  
Way to turnout Dexter Township!

→ Kim Jordan, a long-time staff member of Dexter Township will be retiring in December. We hope you can join us at Townhall on December 2<sup>nd</sup> between 4pm and 7pm to help us thank Kim for her continued efforts in supporting our township and usher her into retirement. Kim has worked in the township offices for 22 years and is a dear, valued staff member. Her knowledge, stability and wisdom has helped guide many that have come through those Townhall doors throughout the years. She will be missed, and we hope you are able to join us on the afternoon of December 2<sup>nd</sup> to show our appreciation and thank her for all the years of service. See you there.

→ Welcome to Lonnie Scott – our newly elected Trustee for Dexter Township -



Hello, Dexter Township residents! My name is Lonnie Scott, and I am excited to be your newly elected Trustee! My wife and I live in Dexter Township near North Lake with our two kids and two rescue dogs. For nearly a decade I have served as the Executive Director of the statewide non-profit, Progress Michigan. I previously worked for State Senator Jeff Irwin and State Representative Alma Wheeler Smith. I was born and raised in Washtenaw County and attended Central Michigan University. I'm excited to be joining the Dexter Township Board and look forward to meeting many of you in the near future.

Lonnie will be present at the December 20<sup>th</sup> Board of Trustee Meeting - if you wish to contact him, his township email address is: [Lscott@dextertownship.org](mailto:Lscott@dextertownship.org)

- ➔ On the recycling front - we are happy to report, 3 residents (so far) have come forward to help transport the film/plastic from Dexter Township to Chelsea High School. Lois Beerbaum, Pat Wilkins, and Kathy Golder have offered to volunteer to empty the bin and move contents to CHS – our goal is to assist CHS to win their Trek recycling contest while helping residents recycle and keep our parking lot clean. THANK YOU! If you have 2 hours a week to assist and would like to volunteer, please drop your name to [info@dextertownship.org](mailto:info@dextertownship.org) – we welcome assistance. Many hands make for easier work. Thank you to everyone who assists in making this project available and sustainable to our residents.
- ➔ The Township Clerk has posted a new job opening for a Deputy Clerk – please refer to our website ([dextertownship.org](http://dextertownship.org)) for additional information or email [clerk@dextertownship.org](mailto:clerk@dextertownship.org).
- ➔ Rana Emmons of PSLZ, PLLC (certified Public Accountant) presented the results from the 2022 financial audit at the November BOT meeting. Dexter Township received an unmodified opinion, the highest rating allowed. She reported a 3.45% increase in property tax collection and an approximate 16% increase from State shared revenue. Additionally, the pension fund is fully funded by 112%. She noted the weakness of recording journal entries in the general ledger. Additionally, she took note of the changes made to correct this weakness, approves of the process, and recommends continued movement forward. Additionally on this note, the independent accounting firm has started the process of correcting the general ledger entries and expectations are that it will be completed by the end of the year.
- ➔ Face Masks – if you need face masks (KN95) drop into the Dexter Township Townhall and pick up 10 free masks.
- ➔ Dexter Township commissioned an engineering study from Stantec to assess the status of MLWSA (Multi Lakes Water and Sewer Authority) operation and client base. Stantec completed their study and is starting its review with the MLWSA Board. The study address's potential simple alternations on the vacuum system to assist with freezing pumps in the winter while also looking at long range plans as our system reaches its 20-year old mark. Capital expenses and investment are always a under constant review in our standard budgeting process and long-range plans for MLWSA . More information will be shared as meetings continue and decisions made. Questions on this topic can be addressed to [knolte@dextertownship.org](mailto:knolte@dextertownship.org) - Additionally, soon some of the American Rescue Plan dollars supplied to Dexter Township will be utilized (as planned) to improve capital equipment at Halfmoon Lake pump station. This is a key pumping station within our Townships sewer system and requires a leak repaired as not to disrupt service to our residents. Just as a reminder – please beware what you put into the sewer system: no rags, no grease, no diapers, no flushable wipes – help us maintain the system and limit repairs and costs.

- ➔ The Dexter Senior Center – seeks to create The Dexter Senior Recreational Authority – the purposed authority would include municipalities of the City of Dexter, Dexter Township and Webster Township. Under consideration is creating an Authority Territory Map for Dexter Township, since our township residents are split between using Dexter Senior Centers and Chelsea Senior Center. At the November Board of Trustee Meeting, additional information was requested prior to deciding. Join the December BOT meeting for additional conversation. The purposed Articles of Incorporation for the Dexter Seniors Recreational Authority were attached in the November Board packet, if you care to review, available on our website.
- ➔ The Road Committee is starting to examine the single hauler garbage topic – updates are sure to follow in 2023.
- ➔ Keep an eye on your mailbox as our Dexter Township Mid-Term Newsletter will be arriving shortly.

Take care – the next update will follow our December BOT meeting, and as always should you have any questions you are welcome to drop an email to [info@dextertownship.org](mailto:info@dextertownship.org) or any specific Trustee. All emails are available on our township website, [dextertownship.org](http://dextertownship.org).

Happy Holiday Season to all –