

Village of Pigeon News

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Village Officials

Michael LePage, President (2020)
Marc Hill, Trustee (2020)
Michael Wehner, Trustee (2020)
Robert Chandonnet, Trustee (2020)
Shelly Gunden, Trustee (2022)
Kent Shetler, Trustee (2022)
Matthew Esch, Trustee (2022)

Village Hours

Hall: 9am – 4pm
DPW: 7 am –3:30pm
Monday through Friday unless
otherwise posted.

Village Council Meetings

Third Monday of every month at 7pm
at the village hall.

Holiday Closings

Labor Day, Sept. 7th

Water and Sewer Rates

As of April 1, 2020
\$15.78 per 1,000 gal. Water
\$23.64 Water Ready-to-Serve Fee
\$8.22 per 1,000 gal. Sewer
\$12.33 Sewer Ready-to-Serve Fee

Trash/Brush Collection

Every Wednesday unless a holiday
falls on Mon., Tues. or Wed. then
pickup will be on Thursday that week.
Rate: \$16.39 per month. Large items
please call Emterra
at 1-877-609-6753

Utility Bill Due Dates

Utility Bills issued **August 1, 2020,**
are due **August 20, 2020.** Late charges
will be applied to any bill not paid by
the due date.

Direct Payment of Utility Bills

If you are interested in Direct Payment
of your Village Utility Bill, please
contact the village hall for details.

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If you are doing any work in your yard
and need utilities located please call 1-
800-482-7171 or 811

Dear Residents,

What a year 2020 has been.

We hope our residents are
doing well, and following the
COVID guidelines. As a Village
we continue to follow the State
guidelines, and ask residents to be
prudent in wearing a mask in
public and in our local businesses.

In the middle of this Pandemic
Pigeon was hit the hardest in early
June, with a vicious storm.
Fortunately no injuries were
reported, as trees and power lines
fell in and around our Village. Our
DPW Staff with the help of local
communities of Elkton,
Caseville, and Owendale DPW
departments, did a tremendous job
and had our town was cleaned up
in 2 days. We also had help from
the Sheriffs department work crew,
Esch Landscaping, JP's Tree
Service, Superior Tree Service,
and many community volunteers.
We are grateful to have such
support at a time of need, and we
thank all of those entities and any
that I missed, that helped in any
way.

Nichol & Son are back in town
right now to complete our East
Michigan & South Frank Street
projects. We hope for completion
of the project sometime in August.

The Village Council would like
to thank Huron Castings, Blue
Diamond, and Axis Machining, for
their monetary contribution to help
fund a pump station rebuild at our
Hartley and North Main Street
pumps. We are fortunate to have
companies that care about and
reinvest in our community.

Work is under way in our tennis
courts to replace poles and
basketball backboards and rims on
our 3 basketball courts. Funding
came from annual donations from
Apple Blossom Wind. We are also
in the process of locating 3 "Pickle
ball" Courts in the unused
southwest corner of the tennis
courts. Completion of these
projects will be in the next couple
of weeks. The Village received a
grant to purchase the Pickle ball
Court equipment from the I69
Corridor Group.

The Village Council recently
voted to rename a couple of streets
in the Village to honor significant
contributors to our community.
School Street has been renamed
"Dwight Gascho Drive" in honor
of longtime Scheurer Hospital
Administrator Dwight Gascho,
who was instrumental in bringing
both Country Bay Village and
Country Gardens to our
Community, and leading the
unprecedented growth of the
hospital. The Council also voted
to rename Sanford Street from the
(E. Mich.) Post Office south to the
railroad tracks to Eichler Street in
honor of the Eichler family, who's
countless contributions to our
community, Pigeon Telephone,
Thumb Cellular, Agri Valley
Communications, Main Street
Café, Har-Jo's Ben Franklin, to
name a few. We thank these
community members who have
helped to make Pigeon a better
place, and a thriving small town in
the Thumb.

Have a great rest of your summer!
Mike LePage
Village President

Utility Bill Payment Update

As we navigate the COVID-19 virus and this unprecedented turn of events, the health and safety of our residents and our employees is of the utmost importance. We are closely following the recommendations of government and health officials.

The Village of Pigeon Hall is currently open to person to person by way of a service window. This is for the health and safety of the employees and residents. The hours of the window is Monday-Friday 9am to 11:30am and 1pm to 3pm. We still encourage you to use other means of communication such as calls or emails to limit interaction. A Mask is required at all times.

When taking Utility Bill payments to Thumb Bank & Trust please use the **Bank Drop Box** located off N. Main St. or the **Drive-up Window**. If you have other communications for the village or Winsor Twp please use the drop box to the right of the village hall door or the mail.

If you would like to make a Utility Bill **CREDIT CARD PAYMENT** please call and we will take your payment information over the phone, we will not be taking credit card payments in person. Please call **989-453-2733** to make a payment. If we don't answer we are helping others residents, please leave a message and we will return your call.

If you would like to pay your Utility Bill Online please go to the village website at www.pigeonmichigan.com in the header on the top of the Home Page click on "Pay your Bill" and follow the on screen prompts.

Brush Pick-up

Emterra's yard waste pickup is every Wednesday until October. Yard Waste needs to be in a container and marked with an "X". The "X" needs to be facing the street.

Branches

If you have branches or grass clippings in between the weekly Emterra pickup you can take them to the DPW garage at 70 N. Main St. Please do not set them out in the street, it creates a hazard for everyone.

Food Pantry

In an effort to be sure all of our residents are safe and taken care of during this time of uncertainty, we ask that you please keep an eye on your neighbor especially the elderly. The Village Council has made emergency funding available to keep the Pigeon Food Pantry, stocked and available to our residents in need. The Winsor Twp Fire Department, Village employees and other volunteers will be available for delivery within the Pigeon Community. If you have questions please contact the Village Office. Food Pantry contacts are: Norma King 453-3026, Jane Walker 553-5154, Lori Trost 551-1145, Sue Kohl 453-3556, Ellen Stewart 453-2317, Jane Pobanz 453-3506, Dedrie Wichert 989-963-9063.

Charges for Mowing

Services of mowing in the village will be charged to the property owner at current DPW hourly rates, with a minimum charge of \$150.00. If charges for mowing are not paid then amount will be applied to the summer taxes.

Zoning Permits

Zoning Permits need to be obtained any time you add a deck, fence, shed ect... to your property. They are issued by the Zoning Administrator at a \$40.00 per inspection fee. If a permit is not obtained, a penalty of \$40.00 per permit will be assessed. If you have questions or unsure if you need a permit please call Zoning Administrator, Chief Eric Wissner at 989-453-3001