

Township of Pentwater

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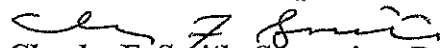
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- **Improvement to 48th. Ave.**
- **Successful Circuit Court Case on Road End litigation P.B. # 2.**
- **Successful Circuit Court Case on Sewer Rate and Accused Open Meetings Act Violation.**
- **Received a Rating of 199 out of 200 on the State Tax Commission 14-Point Review of our Assessing Department.**
- **Received very High Audit Ratings for the Last 12 Years.**
- **Successfully Warded Off the OFFSHORE WIND FARM DEVELOPERS**
- **Appointed a Township Road Committee that will serve as an Advisory Committee to the Township Board on Road Matters.**
- **Received MDNR Recreation Fund Grant for Fishing Deck.**
- **3.4 Acre Expansion to the Township Cemetery Adding 968 new Burial Lots.**
- **Surveyed Longbridge Rd. for potential pedestrian /bike path.**
- **Set up a new Website www.pentwatertwp.org.**
- **Purchased new software for Cemetery which will provide the ability to update not only our data base but mapping of burial sites with names and will link to our website for genealogy research.**
- **Approved a multi-phase landscape design for the Cemetery expansion area.**
- **Resurfaced Longbridge Rd. and Township portion of Chester Street.**
- **Wedged and seal coated Wayne Rd.**
- **Dedicated the completion of Longbridge Rd. Fishing Deck.**
- **Contracted with Summit Township Mason County for winter time recycle.**
- **Installed 3 DANGER shallow water buoys in 2 areas of Pentwater Lake.**
- **Scanned Township documents to electronic files.**

- Continued the landscaping in Cemetery expansion by planting 96 trees.
- Constructed a scatter garden in Cemetery between blocks 16 & 20.
- Paved area in Cemetery between road and columbarium for handicap accessibility.
- Started construction of a Respite Area within the Township Cemetery adjacent to section 20.
- Received a donation of 17 acres of land adjacent to the Township Cemetery.
- Partnered with Summit Township Mason County with installation of street light at Pere Marquette Hwy and Oceana Dr.
- Partnered with Summit Township to improve the Pere Marquette Hwy. and Oceana Dr. intersection.
- Completed construction, landscaping and irrigation of the Respite area in the Cemetery.
- Evaluated the preliminary study and cost estimate for the proposed non-motorized trail along Longbridge Rd. and decided that the cost was prohibitive to approve this project at this time.
- Renewed our winter season recycling contract with Summit Township.
- Partnered with the Oceana County Road Commission with the rebuilding of Lakeview Dr. and adding a Cul-De-Sac at the East end of road.
- Installed tree watering irrigation system to recently planted trees in the Cemetery.
- Installed decorative screening around two well heads in blocks 15 & 20 in the Cemetery.

As you can tell your Township Board has been very active on your behalf keeping our Township the BEST PLACE TO CALL HOME!!!!



Charles F. Smith, Supervisor Pentwater Township