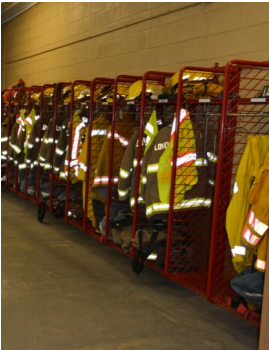


## A Word From Our Fire Chief....

A little over two decades ago the very first Lovells Bridge Walk took place. Since then every year on the third Saturday in August people in Lovells wake up to the smell of pancakes, ham, sausage and hot coffee.



Years ago, it started with a conversation by a few locals over beers at the tavern. They were thinking up ideas on how best to thank the Volunteer Fire Department. The idea of the Lovells Famous Bridge Walk was born. Initially the draw was just a few people, some music, a lot of laughs and no doubts a few beers

too after waking the bridge. As the fire department grew and EMS personnel were added, gradually the main focus of the Bridge Walk began to shift from a celebration to a fund raising event. Over the years it has grown from a small gathering to a full day of fun for the entire community. It is now our annual fund raiser. The feelings of gratitude from the people of Lovells to their first responders still remains first and foremost and the department enjoys the day of celebration just the same today as they did at that first Bridge Walk.

What many of you probably don't know is what your support at the Bridge Walk has been able to provide for us ... Those t-shirts, sweat shirts and hats you've purchased along with other generous donations on Bridge Walk day have been able to provide your First Responders with many tools and equipment that we might not otherwise have.

Among the many pieces of equipment, tools and clothing purchased with Bridge Walk money we were able to purchase two vehicles...the first being a Suburban used for EMS...purchased entirely with Bridge Walk funds and then later a Chevy Truck was purchased partially with Bridge Walk money!



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Over the years we purchased our hose tester (required for an annual testing to ensure that our hoses meet specifications) telescoping flood lights on the back of our equipment trailer, a low level strainer used for filling the tankers from creek water, LED Smoke Cutter Helmet Lights, "Jaws of Life" with power pack, portable generators with flood lights, the 800 MHz tower antenna you see on the top of the fire hall which is necessary for our radios, a tool box used to store our tools to help maintain our equipment, a stair chair which is critical to assist patients up and down stairs for transport, the fire danger sign, one of three AED's and a portion of the purchase and installation of the two new fuel tanks behind the fire hall was funded with Bridge Walk money. Most recently, with last year's Bridge Walk donations, we were finally able to purchase all new Wildland Fire Boots for the entire department; after years of tending to fires without this style boot they were much needed and very much appreciated.

***Every one of us thanks you for your continued support!***

See you at the 24th Bridge Walk

August 15th!

***Chief Gary Lewicki***



## Introducing

### Friends of the Lovells Township Volunteer Fire and EMS Department

Over the past six months a new nonprofit public charity called Friends of the Lovells Township Volunteer Fire and EMS Department (FOTLTVFEMSD) has been established here in the township. This new organization is both a State of Michigan Domestic Nonprofit Corporation and an Internal Revenue Service recognized Section 501 (c) (3) nonprofit. With these designations donors can deduct contributions to the FOTLTVFEMSD and the organization can also receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts. Officers of the FOTLTVFEMSD are Eric Bankhead, Bill Duncanson, and Lovells Fire Chief Gary Lewicki. The purpose of the organization is to assist our Fire and EMS Department in (1) the attainment of training goals and (2) the procurement of Fire and EMS related equipment. Any and all contributions are sincerely appreciated and will be acknowledged, in writing, as a tax deductible gift.

Should you have any questions or desire additional information please contact Gary Neumann at the township hall, 989-348-9215, any T/W/T from 9AM – 3PM.

## Veterans Display Board Installed at the Township Hall.

Gary Neumann-Lovells Township Supervisor, Rob Burg-LTHS Museum Director, and Tom McKinney in front of the board created and donated by Mr. McKinney to post the names of Lovells Township veterans. A big thanks to Mr. McKinney for providing the means to recognize and honor our veterans.

The Township and Historical Society are working together on a project to recognize Lovells Township veterans. The names will be posted in the Township Hall and a more detailed catalog will be available in the Schoolhouse museum.

If you are a veteran living in Lovells Township or have information on a deceased service member from Lovells we would be proud to include your information in this project. Please send us your branch of the Military and years served (USMC 1967 – 1973), a short paragraph or two to describing duties, decorations, achievements, humorous stories or notable experiences. A picture of the veteran while in the service would also be appreciated. We would also like to include a photo of the vet in later life if one can be provided. (Please only copies of photos – we cannot guarantee they will be returned).

Please send your information to:  
Lovells Township Historical Society  
ATTN: Hero  
8405 Twin Bridge Rd.  
Grayling, MI 4973





# Inside Lovells Township

## **Township Board:**

Supervisor: Gary Neumann

Clerk: Cynthia Infante

Treasurer: Ann Duby

Trustee: Cheryl Hopp

Trustee: Heather Lovell

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Assessor: Jamie Houserman

lovells.assessor@yahoo.com

Zoning Administrator: Dale Gauthier Jr. (989) 348-7301

Zoning Enforcement: Dave Lovell (231) 329-0061

Liquor Inspector: Ben Duby (989) 348-3501

Fire Chief: Gary Lewicki (989) 348-1621

**FOR EMERGENCIES: DIAL 911 FIRST!!!**

## **Planning Commission**

Chair: Dennis Inmann

Vice Chair: Melanie Cragg

Secretary: Tamara Kengel

Ex-Officio: Cynthia Infante

Member: Sally Brand

## **Zoning Board of Appeals**

Richard Perry (Chair)

Sally Brand

Darby Kuenzel-Alternate

W. James "Skip" Bill (Alternate)

Secretary & Ex-Officio: Gary Neumann

## **Board of Review**

Dale Gauthier Jr. (Chair)

Tamara Kengel

Denise Long

Gary Neumann (Secretary)

Dave Triezenberg (Alternate)

## **News From Our Township Clerk...**

### **Every Vote Counts!**

There will be a Special Election on Tuesday, August 4, 2015.

Polls are open at the Township Hall from 7 AM to 8 PM.

We will be voting on a School Bonding Proposal.

Text of the proposal may be read in the Clerk's office during regular business hours.

Other Dates to keep in mind:

June 20th-Absent voters may obtain ballots

July 6th-Last day to register to vote for this election

August 1st-last day to request an Absent Voter Ballot by mail

August 3rd-Electors qualified to obtain an absent voter ballot for election may vote in person in the Clerk's Office

See you at the polls,

***Cynthia Infante***

~~ Lovells Township Clerk

## **News from Your Lovells Township Planning Commission**

Your Planning Commission has had yet another busy six months. The Lovells Township Master Plan has been completed. This past winter we were asked by the Township Board to make recommendations regarding the Travel Trailer & Recreational Vehicles zoning ordinance. The Planning Commission came to an agreement on these recommendations and will be presented to the Board very soon. The Short Term Rental zoning ordinance has been approved by the Board and those who wish to rent there property for less than 30 days can do so under the guide lines of the ordinance.

I would like to thank the Lovells Township Planning Commission members for their tireless work. All of our hard work is for the betterment of Lovells Township.

***Denny Inman***~~

*Planning Commission Chair*

## **Lovells Township**

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Office Hours: Tues-Thurs 9am-3pm

Email: lovellstownship@gmail.com

Website: www.lovellstownship.com

### **Township Board Meetings**

Held at the Township Hall

Every Second Tuesday of Each Month:

7pm April-October

10 am Nov-March

Via a recent survey of their members, the Warblers Hideaway Association has requested that Lovells Township review the operating hours of our two transfer (dump) stations. Currently the operating hours of both stations are Wednesday's Noon to 4 PM, Saturday's Noon to 4 PM and Sunday's 9AM – 1 PM. These operating hours have been in place for many years. If you are a user of the transfer station(s) we would appreciate it if you would complete the following survey and return it to the Township (8405 Twin Bridge Road, Grayling, MI 49738) at your earliest convenience.

Are the current operating hours of the transfer stations adequate?

☐ YES ☐ NO

If you answered NO above please explain why you do not like the transfer station hours.

Return your responses to the Township Hall via mail, fax, email or visit our website and respond on the Contact Us Page".

✓✓ Many have asked about Crawford County Broadband Survey results. You can find the complete report on the Lovells Township Website: [www.lovellstownship.com](http://www.lovellstownship.com)

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