

2020 Annual Community Center Report

During 2020, the Community Center usage for events drastically reduced due to the Governor's Covid 19 guidelines for in-person meetings. Even the morning card club changed their ways. Covid Preparedness Plans for both the Community Center and the Fire Department were implemented.

In 2020, two maintenance issues were addressed. First, the lighting inside the Community Center was upgrade from the old-style fluorescent bulbs to new LED bulbs. The Township was incurring costs maintaining the old bulbs and ballasts. The new LED bulbs took care of that issue. Additionally, the old mechanical timers for the building's outside lights would lose an hour a month. New electronic timers were installed. These new timers calculate the dawn and dusk times, along with daylight savings time and adjust accordingly.

Our major issue in 2020, was a roof leak in the new firehall. Snow built up on the roof and then slid off taking the sewer vents with it. As a result, several sewer vents and metal roof panels were damaged, along with the Sheetrock ceiling below the leaks. Contractors were hired and repairs were completed in January. These repairs were covered under insurance. To alleviate the problem in the future, snow shoes were installed on the roof.

Our old Cub Cadet riding lawnmower caught fire one day. As a result of the fire, the lawnmower was a total loss and a new riding lawnmower was purchased.

As winter approached, additional heating was installed in the Fire Department's class room area. Several options were investigated, with the addition of two electric baseboard heaters being the best alternative. Outside of the area of the Community Center, while the electrician was on-site, the outdoor light at the Sewer Plant was replaced.

In the Community Center, Christmas cheer returned with the lighting of the Christmas Tree during the holidays.

In planning for the future playground work, the Town Board had the land around the Community Center surveyed.

With the Governor's Covid-19 guidelines and reduced occupancy requirements, the Community Center's occupancy load was addressed. The State Fire Marshall was contacted and helped us work through developing an occupancy load document, which is now posted.

The Alborn Fire Department purchased several new trucks last year. Currently their space in the hall is tight. The Fire Department plans on selling the older trucks.

Again, I would like to thank John and Kitty Klassen for their hard work and support in keeping the Community Center and Baseball fields in great shape for the community's enjoyment. Hopefully soon, John will let Kitty use the new lawnmower.

Submitted by,

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