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**BENZIE COUNTY  
GOVERNMENT CENTER HOURS**

448 Court Place, Beulah, Michigan 49617

[www.benzieco.net](http://www.benzieco.net)

8:00A.M. TO 12:00 NOON

1:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

Some offices remain open during the noon hour.

**GOVERNMENT CENTER CLOSED SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS**

The Government Center will be closed for the following holidays:

New Years Day  
Martin Luther King Day  
Presidents Day  
Memorial Day  
Independence Day  
Labor Day  
Veterans Day  
Thanksgiving  
Day after Thanksgiving  
Day before Christmas  
Christmas Day  
Day before New Years

If the holiday falls on a Saturday, the Government Center will be closed the preceding Friday.

If the holiday falls on a Sunday, the Government Center will be closed the following Monday.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND DISTRICTS – All terms end 12/31/2024**

**DISTRICT 1 – BOB ROELOFS - R**

**Almira Township – East of Reynolds Road**

PO Box 81, Lake Ann, MI 49650

(231) 645-1187

[broelofs@benzieco.net](mailto:broelofs@benzieco.net)

**DISTRICT 2 – ART JEANNOT - R**

**Almira Township West of Reynolds Road, Inland Twp (section 1-6, section 7 lying west of Maple City Hwy, north of US31), Platte Twp & Lake Twp (East of Sutter Road)**

PO Box 317, Honor, MI 49640

(231) 920-5028

[ajeannot@benzieco.net](mailto:ajeannot@benzieco.net)

**DISTRICT 3 – KAREN CUNNINGHAM**

**Crystal Lake Township, City of Frankfort, and Lake Twp (at Sutter Road going West)**

448 Court Place, Beulah, MI 49617

(231) 822-4067

[kcunningham@benzieco.net](mailto:kcunningham@benzieco.net)

**DISTRICT 4 – RHONDA NYE - R**

**Benzonia Township (except sections 1-6, section 7 lying west of Maple City Hwy, North of US-31)**

6515 South Street, Benzonia, MI 49616

(231) 510-8804

[rnye@benzieco.net](mailto:rnye@benzieco.net)

**DISTRICT 5 – TIM MARKEY – R**

**Homestead Township and Benzonia Twp sections 31, 36 and 35 west of Case Road**

PO Box 91, Honor, MI 49640

(231) 822-4066

[tmarkey@benzieco.net](mailto:tmarkey@benzieco.net)

**DISTRICT 6 – EVAN WARSECKE - R**

**Inland (except sections 1-6, section 7 lying west of Maple City Hwy, North of US-31) & Colfax Townships**

448 Court Place, Beulah, MI 49617

(231) 822-4065

[ewarsecke@benzieco.net](mailto:ewarsecke@benzieco.net)

**DISTRICT 7 – GARY SAUER – R**

**Blaine, Gilmore, Joyfield and Weldon Townships**

4558 Mick Road, Frankfort, MI 49635

(231) 651-0647

[gsauer@benzieco.net](mailto:gsauer@benzieco.net)

Regular County Board of Commissioners' meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month.

The all meetings will begin at 9:00 a.m. (If a rescheduling is necessary and time allows, the new date and time will be published in the Record Patriot newspaper.)

The Study Session meetings (f/k/a Committee of the Whole) will begin at 1:30 p.m. following the first regular board meetings.

The meetings will be held in the Commissioners Room, Benzie County Government Center, 448 Court Place, Beulah, Michigan 49617.

Special sessions of the board may be called by at least one-third of all commissioners.

## **TO THE TAXPAYERS OF BENZIE COUNTY:**

This directory has been prepared so that you can directly contact most governmental officials and departments in Benzie County. It includes names and numbers of officials in the twelve townships and one city as well as those in the six villages.

We believe it will be of assistance to those in business, the media, and governmental units, when making contacts with public officials. Benzie County has a reputation for fiscal responsibility and the quality of service it provides to the general public.

We are proud of our reputation and will continue to search for new ways to improve our record of service and responsibility to you, the taxpayer. This directory is one way we have to make government more easily accessible to you.

Benzie County is the smallest county in Michigan and has an estimated 2010 population of 17,525. It consists of 319.7 square miles and is governed by a seven-member Board of Commissioners.

We hope this directory will be useful. Be assured that Benzie County Government has, as its objectives, a determination to look for better ways to serve the public as well as ways to build a strong community on a foundation of equality, honesty, and fairness to all.

## **BENZIE COUNTY**

Modern settlement of Benzie County was begun at Benzonia in 1857 by a group intent on founding a Christian college or university in the western wilderness. The Indians called the principal river of the county the Unszigozbee, meaning "Saw Bill" or "Merganserduck" river. French voyagers translated this into Riviere aux Bec Scies, which Yankee newcomers corrupted to "Betsie River". Benzonia is a composite name from Latin and Greek. "Bene" is Latin for good, and "Zonia" is Greek for place. The name "Benzonia" would seem to indicate "a good place to live".

Unique geological aspects of Benzie County are the depressions of Crystal Lake, the Platte Lakes, the Herring Lakes and their accompanying glacial moraines and outwash plains and the hinge line of Michigan (the point at which the glacial uplift begins) which lies just south of the Frankfort/Elberta area. The dune areas along the shoreline of Lake Michigan offer unique examples of plant life secession for the amateur botanist.

Tourism and fruit farming provide the chief income in this area which lies in the heart of Michigan's cherry growing region. The resorts in the County are many and varied, including motels, hotels, cabins and camping areas for tents and trailers. Every town has many accommodations available. The county also has a very modern hospital and medical care facility, both located in the City of Frankfort.

Benzie County boasts probably the most modern, best equipped fish rearing facility in the world. This is Michigan's Platte River Fish Hatchery, located five miles east of Honor, which produces Coho, Chinook and Steelhead in abundance. The Platte River furnishes some of the Midwest's greatest Trout fishing as well.

There are 54 named lakes in Benzie County and numerous smaller ones, Crystal Lake being the largest. Lake Michigan has beautiful sandy beaches which stretch for 25 miles along the Benzie shoreline. The Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore Park extends from Benzie north into Leelanau County. This area also includes the Platte River campgrounds and the Lake Township Park at the mouth of the Platte River.

Trailer parks are available in Beulah, Benzonia and Frankfort. Canoeing is a popular pastime on the beautiful Platte and Betsie Rivers.

Forested areas in Benzie County cover 136,200 acres of the total land area. Better than half of the County is located within the designated boundaries of the Betsie River State Forest. Although only 56,000 acres of that area are actually in state ownership, this does account for the large areas in the eastern two-thirds of the County which are heavily forested and virtually uninhabited.

Ice fishing, snowmobiling, cross-country and downhill skiing are among the favorite winter sports in the area. Benzie is a blaze of color in the fall and attracts as many color enthusiasts as sports hunters. Hikers and skiers enjoy the many miles of marked and unmarked trails throughout the Benzie County area.

Inspiration Point, nine miles south of Elberta on M-22, is one of Lake Michigan's most beautiful scenic turnouts and provides a spectacular view of the shore and bluffs for many miles.

Point Betsie Lighthouse, on M-22 north of Frankfort, is a favorite subject for artists, many of whom make their homes in Benzie County. Both Beulah and Frankfort hold annual Arts & Crafts fairs in the summer months, and Honor holds the annual National Coho Festival around Labor Day weekend. Soaring and hang gliding have been important in Benzie County since World

War II. Benzie is the smallest County in Michigan, having only 223,187 acres of 319.7 square miles of land with 63,337 being state-owned acres and 11,111 National Park Service acres. There are six villages and one city in Benzie County. Lake Ann is the smallest incorporated village and Frankfort is the only city.

**HISTORICALLY**

- 1851 By an act approved April 7<sup>th</sup>, Grand Traverse County was organized. Previously this was part of Mackinaw and was called Omena.
- 1856 Grand Traverse County was enlarged to include Benzie and Leelanau Counties.
- 1858 Charles Bailey and his colonizing group selected a spot in Northern Michigan not far from the new settlement of Traverse City. To this spot they attached the name of Benzonia, settled on even before the site itself was chosen.
- 1859 Township of Crystal Lake in Grand Traverse County included all of what is now Benzie County.
- 1863 County of Benzie formed and attached to Grand Traverse County for civic and municipal purposes.
- 1869 The Legislature passed an act to organize Benzie County on March 30.
- 1872 A canal was dug from Crystal Lake to the Betsie River, opening the lake for shipping from Lake Michigan. This lowered the lake so much it was dammed to stop the flow.
- 1888 Charles Bailey subdivided and plotted “Crystal City and Beulah View Resort”. His house still stands across from the old courthouse on land exposed when the lake was lowered.
- 1889 July 4 – Frankfort & Southeastern Railroad runs first train through Beulah to Frankfort (the Ann Arbor Railroad since 1892).
- 1899 Beulah became official name after being used interchangeably with Crystal City for Railroad depot (also post office earlier).
- 1911 Large Pavilion, called the New Grand, opened in Beulah and was acquired by the Village of Beulah in 1916 for County Courthouse and used for the purpose until 1976.
- 1976 Dedication of the Benzie County Government Center on August 7, 1976.

County Seats:	1869 – 1872	Frankfort
	1872 - 1895	Benzonia
	1895 – 1908	Benzonia
	1908 – 1916	Honor
	1916 – Present	Beulah

**FIRST RECORDS ON FILE IN CLERK’S OFFICE**

Birth Records	March 6, 1868
Death Records	April 27, 1868
Marriage Records	May 25, 1869
Supervisor’s Proceedings	April 22, 1869
Circuit Court Proceedings	August 21, 1869

## UNITED STATES

Four-Year Term Expires 01/20/2025

President Joe Biden (D)  
Vice President Kamala Harris (D)

## STATE OFFICIALS

Four-Year Term Expires 1/1/2027

Gretchen Whitmer (D) Governor  
PO Box 30013  
Lansing, MI 48909  
Telephone: (517) 373-3400  
Fax: (517) 335-6863

Garlin D. Gilchrist II (D) Lieutenant Governor  
PO Box 30026  
Lansing, MI 48909

Robert Kleine  
Treasurer  
Treasury Building  
Lansing, MI 48909

Dana Nessel (D) Attorney General  
PO Box 30212  
Lansing, MI 48922  
517-373-1110

Jocelyn Benson (D) Secretary of State  
PO Box 30045  
Lansing, MI 48918

## UNITED STATES SENATORS

Six-Year Term

Gary Peters (D)  
724 Hart Senate Office Bldg  
Washington DC 20510  
(202) 224-6221  
[senator@peters.senate.gov](mailto:senator@peters.senate.gov)  
Expires: 1/3/2025

Debbie Stabenow (D)  
731 Hart Senate Office Bldg  
Washington, DC 20510  
(202) 224-4822  
[senator@stabenow.senate.gov](mailto:senator@stabenow.senate.gov)  
Expires: 1/3/2025

## U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, 1<sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT

Two-Year Term

Jack Bergman (R)  
414 Cannon House Office Bldg  
Washington DC 20515  
<http://bergman.house.gov>  
(202) 225-4735  
Expires: 1/1/2025

## STATE SENATOR, 32<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT

Four-Year Term Expires 1/1/2027

Senator Jon Bumstead (R)  
PO Box 30036  
Lansing, MI 48909-7536  
Telephone: (517) 373-1635  
Fax: (517) 373-3300  
Toll Free: (855) 347-8032  
[SenJBumstead@senate.michigan.gov](mailto:SenJBumstead@senate.michigan.gov)

**STATE REPRESENTATIVE, 103<sup>rd</sup> DISTRICT**

Two-Year Term Expires 1/3/2025

Representative Betsy Coffia (D)  
S-1387 House Office Building  
PO Box 30014  
Lansing, MI 48909  
Telephone: 517-373-3817  
[BetseyCoffia@house.mi.gov](mailto:BetseyCoffia@house.mi.gov)

**STATE REPRESENTATIVE, 104<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT**

Two-Year Term Expires 1/3/2025

Representative Jon Roth (R)  
S-1388 House Office Building  
PO Box 30014  
Lansing, MI 48909  
Telephone: 517-373-1766  
[JohnRoth@house.mi.gov](mailto:JohnRoth@house.mi.gov)

**JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME COURT**

Eight-Year Terms

Bridget Mary McCormack, Expires: 1/1/2029  
Chief Justice

Associate Justices:

Expires: 1/1/2021

Richard Bernstein Expires: 1/1/2031  
Brian Zahra Expires: 1/1/2031  
David F. Viviano Expires: 1/1/2025  
Elizabeth T. Clement Expires: 1/1/2027  
Megan K. Cavanagh Expires: 1/1/2027

**COURT OF APPEALS, 4<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT**

Six Year Terms

State Office Building, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

**TERMS OF COURT**

The first day of each quarter beings the first day of each term.

Winter – January 1 Spring – April 1  
Summer – July 1 Fall – October 1

**19<sup>th</sup> JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT**

(Benzie and Manistee Counties)

David Thompson	Circuit Judge	(231) 723-6664
Vincent Quaglia	Court Reporter	(231) 723-6664
Clayton Kelley	Friend of the Court	(231) 882-0023
Connie Miller	Investigator	(231) 882-0023
Karen Feliczak	Court Administrator	(231) 723-6664
Shaun Anchak	Probation	(231) 882-0042
Carly Bailey	Dir. Of Youth Services	(231) 882-0007
Sara M. Swanson	Prosecuting Attorney	(231) 882-0043
Tammy Bowers	County Clerk	(231) 882-9671
Kyle Rosa	Sheriff	(231) 882-4484

**COUNTY CLERK**

**Tammy Bowers, Clerk**

Term Expires: 12/31/2024  
448 Court Place  
Beulah, MI 49617  
Telephone: (231) 882-9671  
Fax: (231) 882-5941

**REGISTER OF DEEDS**

**Paula Eberhart, Register**

Term Expires: 12/31/2024  
448 Court Place  
Beulah, MI 49617  
Telephone: (231) 882-0016  
Fax: (231) 882-0167

**COUNTY TREASURER**

**Michelle L. Thompson, Treasurer**

Term Expires: 12/31/2024  
448 Court Place  
Beulah, MI 49617  
Telephone: (231) 882-0011  
Fax: (231) 882-4844

**BENZIE COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY**

**Sara M. Swanson, Prosecutor**

Term Expires: 12/31/2024  
448 Court Place  
Beulah, MI 49617  
Telephone: (231) 882-0043  
Toll Free: 800-404-5977  
Fax: (231) 882-0559

**BENZIE COUNTY SHERIFF**

**Kyle Rosa, Sheriff**

Term Expires: 12/31/2024  
505 S. Michigan Avenue  
Beulah, MI 49617  
Telephone: (231) 882-4484  
Fax: (231) 882-5814

**85<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT COURT**

448 Court Place  
Beulah, MI 49617  
Telephone (231) 882-0019  
Toll Free: 800-759-5175  
Fax: (231) 882-0022

Walter E. Armstrong Magistrate

**PROBATE COURT**

Term Expires: 12/31/2024  
448 Court Place  
Beulah, MI 49617  
Telephone: (231) 882-9675  
Toll Free: 800-315-9852  
Fax: (231) 882-5987

John D. Mead

Probate Judge

Kim Nowak

Court Admin/Register

**COUNTY OFFICERS**

Four-Year Terms

Terms expire 12/31/2024

448 Court Place, Beulah, MI 49617

Tammy Bowers	County Clerk	882-9671
Michelle L. Thompson	County Treasurer	882-0011
Paula Eberhart	Register of Deeds	882-0016
Sara M. Swanson	Prosecuting Attorney	882-0043
Kyle Rosa	Sheriff	882-4484
John Smendzuik	County Surveyor	882-4303
Edward Hoogterp	Drain Commissioner	882-4932

**BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS**

John Mead, Chairman

Tammy Bowers, Secretary

Michelle Thompson

**JURY BOARD**

Six- Year Terms

Rick Drewyour, Lake Ann	April 30, 2025
Janice Mick, Frankfort	April 30, 2027
Elizabeth Shrake, Frankfort	April 30, 2029

**BOARD OF CANVASSERS**

Four-Year Terms

Tammy Bowers, County Clerk	
Pete Brown, Beulah - D	November 1, 2023
Janice Robinson Mick, Benzonia - R	November 1, 2023
Jan Miller, Beulah - D	November 1, 2025
Maureen Jeannot, Honor - R	November 1, 2025

**BENZIE COUNTY PLAT BOARD**

Paula Eberhart	Chairperson	882-0016
Tammy Bowers	Member	882-9671
Michelle Thompson	Member	882-9672

**COUNTY DEPARTMENTS**

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

Katie Zeits, Administrator

448 Court Place

Beulah, MI 49617

Telephone: (231) 882-0558

Fax: (231) 882-0035

**ANIMAL CONTROL**

Kyle Maurer, Officer

543 S. Michigan Avenue

Beulah, MI 49617

Telephone: (231) 882-9505 or 0859

Fax: (231) 882-5762



**BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

448 Court Place  
Beulah, MI 49617  
Telephone: (231) 882-9673  
Fax: (231) 882-0033

Bert Gale, AGS, Building Official	(231) 882-0003
Jim Zimmerman, Building Inspector	(231) 882-0004
Scott Waddell, Electrical Inspector	(231) 882-0046
Dean Eldred, Plumbing/Mechanical	(231) 882-4400

**9-1-1 CENTRAL DISPATCH**

Cory Ellis - Director  
Located in the Sheriff's Office  
505 S. Michigan Ave  
Beulah, MI. 49617  
231-882-4487

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Rebecca Hubers, Coordinator  
448 Court Place  
Beulah, MI 49617  
Telephone: (231) 882-0567  
Cell Phone: (231) 383-2553  
Fax: (231) 882-0568

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

Thomas King, EMS Director  
448 Court Place  
Beulah, MI 49617  
(231) 882-0036

**EQUALIZATION DEPARTMENT**

Brianne Lindsey, Director  
448 Court Place  
Beulah, MI 49617  
Telephone: (231) 882-0015  
Fax: (231) 882-0033

**FRIEND OF THE COURT**

Clayton Kelley, Friend of the Court  
Connie Miller, Investigator  
448 Court Place  
Beulah, MI 49617  
Telephone: (231) 882-0023  
Toll Free: 800-515-1327  
Fax: (231) 882-0040

**REGIONAL MEDICAL EXAMINER OFFICE**

Dr. Lois Goslinoski

**MSU EXTENSION – BENZIE COUNTY**

Jennifer Berkey, Regional Director  
448 Court Place, PO Box 349  
Beulah, MI 49617-0349  
Telephone: (231) 882-0025  
Fax: (231) 882-9605

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

Terminated March 31, 2010

**SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT**

Jesse Zylstra, Coordinator  
448 Court Place  
Beulah, MI 49617  
(231) 882-0554

**SOLDIERS RELIEF COMMITTEE**

Dissolved: August 21, 2012

**VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

Formed: August 21, 2012  
448 Court Place, Beulah, MI 49617  
Telephone: (231) 882-0034  
Fax: (231) 882-4844  
Meetings: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday @ 9:30 a.m.  
Lawrence “Camp” Bailey           Member  
Bob Roelofs                           Member  
Dr. Donald Schaffer               Member  
Tyson Burch                         Member  
Kurt Giddis                         Member

**SOIL EROSION DEPARTMENT**

Bert Gale, AGS  
448 Court Place, Beulah, MI 49617  
Telephone: (231) 882-0045  
Fax: (231) 882-0033

## **OUTSIDE OFFICES**

### **BENZIE CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

Jon Throop, Executive Director  
280 S. Benzie Blvd., PO Box 408  
Beulah, MI 49617  
Telephone: (231) 882-4391  
Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of Each Month – 4:00 p.m.  
[www.benziecd.org](http://www.benziecd.org)

### **BENZIE-LEELANAU DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

6051 Frankfort Hwy, Suite 100  
Benzonia, MI 49616  
Telephone: (231) 882-4409  
Fax: (231) 882-2204

### **BENZIE TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY “BENZIE BUS”**

Jessica Carland, Director  
Chad Hollenbeck, Operations Manager  
[Chad@benziebus.com](mailto:Chad@benziebus.com)  
14150 US Hwy 31, Beulah, MI 49617  
Telephone: (231) 325-3000  
Fax: (231) 325-3007  
Web site: [www.benziebus.com](http://www.benziebus.com)  
Meetings: Bi-Monthly 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday @ 5:30 p.m. (check web site)

### **CENTRA WELLNESS NETWORK**

310 N Glocheski Drive, Manistee, MI 49660  
Telephone: (877) 398-2013  
Fax: (231) 723-1504  
Meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of Each Month @ 9:00 a.m.  
Alternating between Benzie and Manistee Counties

### **BENZIE SENIOR RESOURCES**

Douglas Durand, Executive Director  
10542 Main Street  
Honor, MI 49640  
Telephone: (231) 525-0600  
Toll Free: 888-493-1102  
Fax: (231) 325-4855  
Web Site: [www.benzieseniorresources.org](http://www.benzieseniorresources.org)  
Meetings: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of Each Month @ 4:30 p.m.  
Held at the Gathering Place

### **DNR PLATTE RIVER FISH HATCHERY**

15210 US 31, Beulah, MI 49617  
Telephone: (231) 325-4611  
Fax: (231) 325-2111  
Fire Permits: 866-922-2876

**USDA NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE**

USDA Service Center  
8840 Chippewa Hwy (US 31), Bear Lake, MI 49614  
Telephone: (231) 889-9666 Ext 100  
Fax: (231) 889-4020

**BENZIE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION**

11318 Main Street, PO Box 68, Honor, MI 49640

Telephone: (231) 325-3051

Fax: (231) 325-2767

Web site: [www.benziecrc.org](http://www.benziecrc.org)

Meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday each month @ 9:30 a.m.

Robert Rosa      Chairman      Exp: 12/31/2026

James Bowers      Vice Chair      Exp: 12/31/2028

Paul Beechraft      Member      Exp: 12/31/2024

Matt Skeels      Manager

Joel Nedow      Financial Manager/Secretary

Superintendent

**SECRETARY OF STATE**

Beulah #333

10577 Main Street, Honor, MI 49640

Elaine Hawley, Manager

Telephone: (888) 767-6424

Website: [www.michigan.gov/sos](http://www.michigan.gov/sos)

**THE MAPLES**

Nate Loop, Director

210 Maple Avenue, Frankfort, MI 49635

(231) 352-9674

**UNITED STATES POST OFFICES**

Beulah: (231) 882-5588

Benzonia: (231) 882-4683

Elberta: (231) 352-9261

Frankfort: (231) 352-4341

Honor: (231) 325-2112

## **BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

### **BENZIE SENIOR RESOURCES**

10542 Main Street  
Honor, MI 49640  
Telephone: (231) 525-0600  
Toll Free: 888-893-1102  
Fax: (231) 325-4855  
Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday Each Month @ 4:30 p.m.

### **BUILDING AUTHORITY**

448 Court Place, Beulah, MI 49617  
Telephone: (231) 882-0015  
Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday @ 10:00 a.m.

Eric VanDussen	Chairman
James Clark	Secretary
Steve Houghton	Member
Thor Goff	Member
	Member
Michelle Thompson	Ex Officio

### **BENZIE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

Michelle Barefoot, Operations & Marketing Manager  
PO Box 204, Benzonia, MI 49616  
Telephone: (231) 882-5801 or 882-5802  
Toll Free: 800-882-5801  
Web Site: [www.benzie.org](http://www.benzie.org)

### **BENZIE COUNTY DEPT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

Jessica Savage, Director  
448 Court Place, PO Box 114, Beulah, MI 49617  
Telephone: (231) 882-1330  
Fax: (231) 882-9078  
Meetings: 4<sup>TH</sup> Tuesday @ 10:00 a.m.

### **BETSIE VALLEY TRAILWAY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

448 Court Place  
Beulah, MI 49617  
Telephone: (231) 882-0012  
Fax: (231) 882-4844  
Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday Each Month -- 7:00 p.m. (except November & December)

### **FRANKFORT CITY-COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY**

PO Box 351  
Frankfort, MI 49635-0351  
Telephone: (231) 352-9118  
Meetings: 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of Each Month @ 700 p.m.  
At Airport

**COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD**  
**Dissolved 7/2007**

**PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION**

448 Court Place

Beulah, MI 49617

Telephone: (231) 882-9671

Fax: (231) 882-0164

Meetings: 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month @ 5:30 p.m.

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

**Planning Ordinance – Repealed 2/22/2022**

**ALMIRA TOWNSHIP**  
Created: 1864

Township Hall:  
Physical: 7276 Ole White Drive  
Lake Ann, MI 49650

Mailing: Same

Telephone: (231) 275-5862

Fax: (231) 275-7164

Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday – 8:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Web Site: [www.almiratownship.org](http://www.almiratownship.org)

Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of Each Month  
6:00 p.m.  
Location: 19639 Maple Street, Lake Ann, MI 49650

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	<u>Term Expires</u>
Supervisor: Mark E. Roper	11/2024
Clerk: Tammy Clous	11/2024
Treasurer: Mandy Gray Rineer	11/2024
Trustees: Lori Florip	11/2024
Matt Therrien	11/2024
Zoning Administrator: Roger Williams	
Assessor: Khiela Alpers	

**BENZONIA TOWNSHIP**

Created: 1861

Township Hall:

Physical: 1020 Michigan Avenue  
Benzonia, MI 49616

Mailing: PO Box 224  
Benzonia, MI 49616

Telephone: (231) 882-4411

Fax: (231) 882-5778

Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 9:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Web Site: [www.benzoniatwp.org](http://www.benzoniatwp.org)

Meeting: 2nd Wednesday of Each Month  
3:00 p.m.

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	<u>Term Expires</u>
Supervisor: Jason Barnard	11/2024
Clerk: Diana Heller	11/2024
Treasurer: Karen L. Burns	11/2024
Trustees: Sheila Priest	11/2024
Jim Sheets	11/2024
Zoning Administrator: Jason Barnard	
Assessor: Jill Brown 231-881-4000	



**BLAINE TOWNSHIP**

Created: 1876

Township Hall:

Physical: 4760 Herring Grove Road  
Arcadia, MI 49613

Mailing: 4760 Herring Grove Road  
Arcadia, MI 49613

Phone: (847) 254-2551 (Clerk Cell)  
(231) 352-5977 (office number to leave a message)

Fax: None

Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of Each Month  
7:30 p.m.

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Term Expires

Supervisor:

Paul Crandall  
3550 Joyfield Rd, Arcadia, MI 49613  
(734) 578-2961

11/2024

Clerk:

Marjorie Rohn  
4760 Herring Grove Road, Arcadia, MI 49613  
(231) 352-6422

11/2024

Treasurer:

Cindy Sauer  
4558 Mick Road, Frankfort, MI 49635  
(231) 651-0646

11/2024

Trustees:

Walter Rohn  
3442 Scenic Hwy, Frankfort, MI 49635  
(231) 352-9558

11/2024

Chuck Beale  
2670 Herron Road, Frankfort, MI 49635  
(231) 352-7463

11/2024

Zoning Administrator:

Josh Mills  
6352 Putney Road, Arcadia, MI 49613  
(231) 651-9117

Assessor:

Julie Krombeen  
2900 S. Townline Road, Cedar, MI 49621  
(231) 228-5949

**COLFAX TOWNSHIP**

Created: 1868

Township Hall:

Physical: 7607 Michigan Avenue  
Thompsonville, MI 49683

Mailing: PO Box 68  
Thompsonville, MI 49683

Phone: (231) 378-2144

Fax: (231) 378-4665

Web site: [www.colfaxtownship.org](http://www.colfaxtownship.org)

Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday Each Month  
7:00 PM

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Term Expires

Supervisor:

Ron Sequin  
4231 Meadowlane, Thompsonville, MI 49683  
(231) 620-3031

11/2024

Clerk:

DeAnn Mosher (appointed 7/1/2022)  
PO Box 68, Thompsonville, MI 49683  
(231) 631-9221

11/2024

Treasurer:

Barbara Hosiet  
15269 Wallin Road, Thompsonville, MI 49683  
(231) 378-2107

11/2024

Trustees:

Shelley Greene  
4522 Long Road, Thompsonville, MI 49683  
(231) 378-2334

11/2024

Tom Besey (appointed 7/1/2022)  
15337 King Road, Thompsonville, MI 49683  
(231) 631-9227

11/2024

Zoning Administrator:

Shelley Greene  
4522 Long Road, Thompsonville, MI 49683  
(231) 378-2334

Assessor:

Michigan Assessing Service, Inc.  
Christy M. Brow  
10655 Riverside Drive, Honor, MI 49640  
(231) 227-1095  
Fax: (231) 227-1109  
[colfaxassessor@hotmail.com](mailto:colfaxassessor@hotmail.com)

**CRYSTAL LAKE TOWNSHIP**

Created: 1859

Township Hall:

Physical: 1651 Frankfort Hwy  
Frankfort, MI 49635

Mailing: PO Box 2129  
Frankfort, MI 49635

Telephone: (231) 352-9791

Fax: (231) 352-6689

Web Site: [www.crystallaketownship.org](http://www.crystallaketownship.org)

Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of Each Month  
7:00 p.m.

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Term Expires

Supervisor:

Amy Ferris  
1764 Golf Lane, Frankfort, MI 49635  
(231) 871-1601

11/2024

Clerk:

Judy VanMeter (appointed 11/12/2022)

11/2024

Treasurer:

Brooke Trentham  
1487 Elm, Frankfort, MI 49635  
(231) 352-9791

11/2024

Trustees

Richard Nielsen, MD  
696 Bacon Road, Frankfort, MI 49635  
(231) 882-2281

11/2024

William Northway  
575 Shorewood, Frankfort, MI 49635  
(231) 620-4484

11/2024

Zoning Administrator:

Tom Kucera  
(231) 352-9791  
Wednesday -- 9:00 – 12:00 noon

Assessor:

Dave & Jill Brown  
PO Box 2129  
Frankfort, MI 49635  
231-881-4000  
Office Hours: Tuesday -- 9:00 – 12:00 noon

**GILMORE TOWNSHIP**

Created: 1866

Township Hall:

Physical: Elberta Community Building  
401 First Street  
Elberta, MI 49628

Mailing: PO Box 247  
Elberta, MI 49628

Telephone: (231) 352-5047

Fax: (231) 399-5002

Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of Each Month  
7:00 PM at the Elberta Community Building

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	<u>Term Expires</u>
Supervisor: Carl Noffsinger P O Box 202, Elberta, MI 49628-0202 (231) 352-4717	11/2024
Clerk: David Bissell - appointed 752 Grace Road, Frankfort, MI 49635 <a href="mailto:Gilmoretpw_clerk@yahoo.com">Gilmoretpw_clerk@yahoo.com</a>	11/2024
Treasurer: Shannon Spencley - appointed 1246 Grace Road, Frankfort, MI 49635 (231) 510-1676	11/2024
Trustees: Ronald Beyette P O Box 45, Frankfort, MI 49635-0045 (231) 352-7624	11/2024
Douglas Holmes 2612 Paul Rose Road, Elberta, MI 49628 (231) 835-0233	11/2024
Zoning Administrator: Josh Mills 4538 Benzie Hwy, Benzonia, MI 49616 (231) 651-9117	
Assessor: Barbie Eaton PO Box 247 Elberta, MI 49628 888-714-9288	

**HOMESTEAD TOWNSHIP**

Created: 1864

Township Hall:

Physical: 11508 Honor Hwy  
Honor, MI 49640

Mailing: PO Box 315  
Honor, MI 49640

Telephone: (231) 325-6772

Fax: (231) 325-2031

Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of Each Month  
6:00 p.m.

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	<u>Term Expires</u>
Supervisor: Tia Kurina-Cooley 14120 Brook Street, Beulah, MI 49617 (231) 878-3774	11/2024
Clerk: Karen Mallon 957 Sugarbush Lane, Beulah, MI 49617 (231) 383-0211	11/2024
Treasurer: Pat Delorme 1855 Marshall Road, Beulah, MI 49617 (231) 651-0094	11/2024
Trustees: Shannon Purchase	11/2024
Michael C. Mead PO Box 41, Honor, MI 49640 (231) 383-5127	11/2024
Zoning Administrator: Sara Kopriva P O Box 315, Honor, MI 49640 (231) 590-9977 – Call for Appointment	
Assessor: Jessica Nuytten PO Box 315, Honor MI 49640 (231) 325-0193	

**INLAND TOWNSHIP**

Created: 1866

Township Hall:

Physical: 19668 US 31  
Interlochen, MI 49643-9604

Mailing: Same

Email: [supervisor@inlandtownship.org](mailto:supervisor@inlandtownship.org)

Telephone: (231) 275-6568

Fax: (231) 640-2250

Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of Each Month  
6:00 p.m.

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	<u>Term Expires</u>
Supervisor: David Davis - appointed 18717 West Maple, Interlochen, MI 49683 (231) 640-9040	11/2024 Appointed
Clerk: Rose Wirth 17444 Fewins Road, Interlochen, MI 49643 (231) 392-1352	11/2024
Treasurer: Therese Zielinski 15172 Clarks Mill Rd, Interlochen, MI 49643 (231) 325-6192	11/2024 Appointed
Trustees: Sherri Ockert-Poulisse 2335 Hulbert Road, Interlochen, MI 49643 (231) 313-1276	11/2024
Mary Miller 19466 Bronson Lake Road, Interlochen, MI 49643 (231) 275-7156	11/2024
Zoning Administrator: Jim Weller (231) 383-1229 Email: <a href="mailto:zoningadmin@inlandtownship.org">zoningadmin@inlandtownship.org</a>	
Assessor: Michigan Assessing Service, Inc. Grunnar Brow 10655 Riverside Drive, Honor, MI 49640 (231) 227-1095 Fax: (231) 227-1109	

**JOYFIELD TOWNSHIP**

Created: 1868

Township Hall:

Physical: 5490 Benzie Hwy  
Benzonia, MI 49616

Mailing: PO Box 256  
Benzonia, MI 49616

Telephone: (231) 882-0133

Fax: None

Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of Each Month  
7:00 PM

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Term Expires

Supervisor:

Matt Emery  
6734 Benzie Hwy, Benzonia, MI 49616  
(231) 882-4176

11/2024

Clerk:

Dodie Putney  
10440 N Manistee County Line Rd, Benzonia, MI 49616  
(231) 649-0614

11/2024

Treasurer:

Patricia Daugherty  
PO Box 498, Beulah, MI 49617  
(231) 690-5640

11/2024

Trustees:

Jim Evans  
4868 Crawford Road, Benzonia, MI 49616  
(231) 871-0044

11/2024

Mark Alan Evans  
5269 Swamp Road, Frankfort, MI 49635  
(231) 383-0238

11/2024

Zoning Administrator:

Assessor:

Amy DeHaan  
PO Box 256, Benzonia, MI 49616  
(231) 357-8107

Planning Commission Meetings:

7:00 p.m. Third Thursday each month

**LAKE TOWNSHIP**

Created: 1868

Township Hall:

Physical: 5153 Scenic Hwy  
Honor, MI 49640

Mailing: 5153 Scenic Hwy  
Honor, MI 49640

Telephone: (231) 325-5202

Fax: (231) 325-4177

Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of Each Month  
7:00\_PM

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Term Expires

Supervisor:

Jeff Johnson -- Appointed  
3843 Highland Drive, Beulah, MI 49617  
(231) 325-5202

11/2024

Clerk:

Anna Grobe – appointed  
5153 Scenic Hwy Honor, MI 49640  
(231) 325-5202

11/2024

Treasurer:

Maryanne Goodman  
4899 Wonderland Rd, Honor, MI 49640  
(231) 342-3931

11/2024

Trustees:

Kyle Orr  
4883 Wonderland Road, Honor, MI 49640  
(231) 944-4199

11/2024

Sally Casey  
7729 Deadstream Road, Honor, MI 49640  
(231) 325-3683

11/2024

Zoning Administrator:

Josh Mills  
(231) 325-5202 – Office  
Zoning\_admin@laketwp.org

Assessor:

Michigan Assessing Service, Inc.  
Gunnar Brow  
10655 Riverside Drive, Honor, MI 49640  
(231) 227-1095  
Fax: (231) 227-1109



**PLATTE TOWNSHIP**

Created: 1886

Township Hall:

Physical: 11935 Fowler Road  
Honor, MI 49640

Mailing: 6821 Indian Hill  
Honor, MI 49640

Telephone: (231) 325-2459

E-mail address: [plattetownship@gmail.com](mailto:plattetownship@gmail.com)

Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of Each Quarter  
6:00 PM

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	<u>Term Expires</u>
Supervisor: Paul L. Solem 10322 Fowler Road, Honor, MI 49640 (231) 835-0631	11/2024
Clerk: Alison Michalak 6821 Indian Hill Road, Honor, MI 49640 (231) 930-7182	11/2024
Treasurer: Cynthia Gottschalk 10576 Oviatt Road, Honor, MI 49640 (231) 326-6500	11/2024
Trustees: Dan Haswell 11612 Fowler Road, Honor, MI 49640 (231) 325-6421	11/2024
Robb Bollenberg 10875 Oviatt Road, Honor, MI 49640 (231) 510-2213	11/2024
Zoning Administrator: Jason Barnard 1020 Michigan Avenue, Benzonia, MI 49616 (231) 882-4411	
Assessor: Jill Brown 7421 Hency Kingsley, MI 49649 (231) 881-4000	

**WELDON TOWNSHIP**

Created: 1868

Township Hall:

Physical: 14731 Thompson Avenue  
Thompsonville, MI 49683

Mailing: PO Box 570  
Thompsonville, MI 49683

Telephone: (231) 378-2477 for Clerk's Office  
(231) 378-2237 for Treasurer's Office

Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of Each Month  
7:00 p.m.

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	<u>Term Expires</u>
Supervisor: Ron Hitesman PO Box 570, Thompsonville, MI 49683 (231) 882-7304 Email: <a href="mailto:weldonsupervisor@acegroup.cc">weldonsupervisor@acegroup.cc</a>	11/2024
Clerk: Fran Griffin PO Box 570, Thompsonville, MI 49683 (231) 378-2477 Email: <a href="mailto:Weldonclerk@acegroup.cc">Weldonclerk@acegroup.cc</a>	11/2024
Treasurer: Sally Bobek PO Box 548, Thompsonville, MI 49683 (231) 378-2237 Email: <a href="mailto:weldontreasurer@acegroup.cc">weldontreasurer@acegroup.cc</a>	11/2024
Trustees: Scott Williams PO Box 570, Thompsonville, MI 49683 (810) 705-1325 Email: <a href="mailto:williams5@yahoo.com">williams5@yahoo.com</a>	11/2024
Sue Meredith PO Box 570, Thompsonville, MI 49683 (231) 378-2377 Email: <a href="mailto:csm@goacenatk.net">csm@goacenatk.net</a>	11/2024
Zoning Administrator: Craig Meredith PO Box 570, Thompsonville, MI 49683 (231) 378-2477	
Assessor: Wyatt Crawford 937 Hall Street, Frankfort, MI 49635 (231) 383-5356 Email: <a href="mailto:assessorweldon21@yahoo.com">assessorweldon21@yahoo.com</a>	

**CITY OF FRANKFORT**

Created: 1885

City Hall:

Physical: 412 Main Street  
Frankfort, MI 49635

Mailing: PO Box 351  
Frankfort, MI 49635

Telephone: (231) 352-7117

Fax: (231) 352-7100

Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of Each Month  
5:00 PM

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Term Expires

Superintendent/Zoning Administrator:  
Joshua Mills

Appointment

Clerk/Treasurer:  
Christine Spence

Appointment

Council Members:

JoAnn Holwerda, Mayor

11/2025

Dan Walenta, Mayor Pro Tem

11/2023

Brady Olson

11/2023

MacKenzie Wilkins

11/2025

Mary Ann Norton Short

11/2023

Assessor:

Michigan Assessing Service, Inc.

PO Box 351

Frankfort, MI 49635

231-352-7117, Mondays 10 am – 2 pm

**VILLAGE OF BENZONIA**

Created: 1858  
General Law Village

Village Hall:

Physical: 1276 Michigan Avenue  
Benzonia, MI 49616

Mailing: PO Box 223  
Benzonia, MI 49616

Telephone: (231) 882-9981

Fax: (231) 882-9978

Email: [benzonia9981@att.net](mailto:benzonia9981@att.net)

Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of Each Month  
6:00 p.m.

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			<u>Term Expires</u>
President:	Tim Flynn	(231) 882-4823	11/2026
Clerk:	Maridee Cutler	(231) 882-9981	Appointed
Treasurer:	Toni Flynn	(231) 882-4823	Appointed
Trustees:	Hazel Heyn	(231) 383-4040	11/2024
	John Hafer	(330) 235-4000	11/2024
	Shane Myers	(231) 631-0559	11/2024
	Alexandria Herryman	(773) 504-5177	11/2026
	Theresa Moss	(231)709-3921	11/2026
	Robert French	(231) 882-5816	11/2026

Zoning Administrator:

Sara Kirk  
1166 Lake Street  
Benzonia, MI 49616  
(615) 289-6434

**VILLAGE OF BEULAH**

Created: 1932

Home Rule Village

Village Hall:

Physical: 7228 Commercial Avenue  
Beulah, MI 49617

Mailing: PO Box 326  
Beulah, MI 49617

Telephone: (231) 882-4451

Fax: (231) 882-5759

Web Site: [www.villageofbeulah.net](http://www.villageofbeulah.net)

Meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month  
7:00 p.m.

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			<u>Term Expires</u>
President:	Jeri VanDePerre	(231) 882-5284	11/2024
Clerk:	Dawn Olney	(231) 882-9883	11/2024
Treasurer:	Margaret Lumm	(248) 881-3782	11/2024
Council Members:			
	Phil Downs	(231) 882-4847	11/2024
	Mark Heniser	(210) 542-4890	11/2026
	Dan Hook	(231) 882-1392	11/2026
	Annie Browning	(734) 678-6062	11/2026
	Deanne Loll	(231) 590-5430	11/2024
	Vacant		11/2024

Zoning Administrator:

**VILLAGE OF ELBERTA**

Created: 1894  
General Law Village

Village Hall:

Physical: 401 First Street  
Elberta, MI 49628

Mailing: PO Box 8  
Elberta, MI 49628

Telephone: (231) 352-7201

Fax: (231) 352-4033

Web Site: [www.villageofelberta.com](http://www.villageofelberta.com)

Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of Each Month  
7:00 p.m. – At Community Building, 401 First Street

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			<u>Term Expires</u>
President:	Jennifer Wilkins	(231) 352-7201	11/2026
President Pro-Tem:	Kenneth Holmes	(231) 352-9291	11/2024
Clerk/Treasurer:	Norma Corwin	(231) 352-7201	Appointed
Deputy Clerk:	Teri Reisner	(231) 352-7201	Appointed
Trustees:	Kenneth Holmes	(231) 352-9291	11/2024
	Ryan Fiebing		11/2024
	Vacant		11/2026
	Emily Votruba		11/2026
Zoning Administrator:			
	Joshua Mills	(231) 651-9117	Appointed

**VILLAGE OF HONOR**

Created: 1914  
Home Rule Village

Village Hall:

Physical: 10922 Platte Street  
Honor, MI 49640

Mailing: PO Box 95  
Honor, MI 49640

Telephone: (231) 325-8432

Fax: (231) 325-8432

Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of Each Month  
6:00 p.m.

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				<u>Term Expires</u>
President:	Bill Ward	(231) 419-0099	Appointed	11/2024
Clerk:	Debra Reed	(231) 651-9492		11/2042
Treasurer:	MaryAnne Goodman	(231) 342-3931		Appointed
Trustees:	Dennis Sternburg	(231) 639-1719		11/2026
	Andrew Smith	(586) 586-6954		11/2026
	Dallas Denoyer	(231) 218-9283		11/2024
	Jesse Theobald	(231) 499-1552	Appointed	11/2024

Zoning Administrator:

**VILLAGE OF LAKE ANN**

Created: 1891  
General Law Village

Almira Township Hall (Downtown Lake Ann):

Physical: 19639 Maple Street  
Lake Ann, MI 49650

Mailing: PO Box 61  
Lake Ann, MI 49650

Telephone: None

Fax: None

Website: [www.lakeann-mi.com](http://www.lakeann-mi.com)

Meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of Each Month  
6:00 p.m.

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		<u>Term Expires</u>
President:	Daniel Hawkins	11/20/2026
Clerk:	Tammy Clous	Appointed
Treasurer:	Mandy Gray Rineer	Appointed
Trustees:	Nick Beckwith	11/20/2026
	Vince Edwards	11/20/2024
	Kyle Belton	11/20/2026
	Christi Grant-Wagner	11/20/2024
Zoning Administrator:	Gary Florip	



## VILLAGE OF THOMPSONVILLE

Created: 1892  
General Law Village

### Village Hall:

Physical: 14714 Lincoln Avenue  
Thompsonville, MI 49683

Mailing: PO Box 184  
Thompsonville, MI 49683

Telephone: (231) 378-2560

Fax: (231) 378-2560

Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of Each Month  
7:00 p.m.

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		<u>Term Expires</u>
President:	Eugene Allen	11/2024
Clerk:	Mary Wixson (231) 378-2560 <a href="mailto:thompsonvillevillage@gmail.com">thompsonvillevillage@gmail.com</a>	By Appointment
Treasurer:	Dee Pomranky (231) 378-2007 <a href="mailto:Treasurer-treasurerville@gmail.com">Treasurer-treasurerville@gmail.com</a>	By Appointment
Trustees:	Fran Griffin (231) 378-2690	11/2024
	Florence Smith (231) 378-2638	11/2024
	Chelsea Willis (231) 714-7053	11/2024
	Dennis Smith (231) 378-2649	11/2026
	Brent Johnson, Appt (231) 383-3235	11/2026
	Vacant	11/2026
Zoning Administrator:	Joint Planning Commission with Colfax Township Shelley Greene, 231-378-2334 <a href="mailto:cwtplanning@hotmail.com">cwtplanning@hotmail.com</a>	
Ambulance	James Franke, Director 231-378-2641 <a href="mailto:EMS-thompsonvilleems@gmail.com">EMS-thompsonvilleems@gmail.com</a>	
Fire	Michael MacGirr 231-378-4533 <a href="mailto:Fire-tvfdstation8@gmail.com">Fire-tvfdstation8@gmail.com</a>	
Village Maintenance/ Water Superintendent/ Street Administrator	Tim Windrim 231-378-2521 Tim Windrim Tim Windrim	
Sexton	John Larsen	