

Lovells Township

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Office Hours:

Tues-Weds-Thurs 9:00am - 3:00pm

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Township Board Meetings

Township Hall every 2nd Tues of the month 10:00am

Township Reading & Media Room

Tues-Weds-Thurs 9:00am - 3:00pm

Township Board

Supervisor: Richard Wright

Clerk: Janet Dunning

Treasurer: Tamara Kengel

Trustee: Cheryl Hopp

Trustee: Gary Neumann



Assessor: Jamie Houserman

lovellsassessor@yahoo.com

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

lovellszoning@gmail.com

Zoning Enforcement: Dave Dickenson - 810-479-1495

Liquor Inspector: Ben Duby -989-348-3501

Fire Chief: Gary Lewicki

EMERGENCIES CALL



Commissions & Other Boards

Planning Commission

Sally Brand - Joetta Johnson

Jan Orin - Nancy Simonelli

Ex-Officio: Richard Wright

Zoning Board of Appeals

Richard Perry (Chair)

Sally Brand

Ex-Officio: Gary Neumann

Darby Kuenzel (Alternate)

Steve Johnson (Alternate)

Park & Rec Committee

Sally Brand - Martha Duby

Michael Thomas - John Petroff

Ex-Officio: Tamara Kengel

Board of Review

Dale Gauthier Jr.

Denise Long

Ron Tallieu

Richard Wright (Secretary)

Vacant (Alternate)

Lovells Township Newsletter



Summer 2025

2025 Ice Storm

The storm impacted nearly 1 million acres of DNR-managed lands, roads, state parks, campgrounds and trails. Many of our residents experienced loss of trees, damages to homes and buildings speared with fallen branches. Statewide resources are available at mi211.org or call 211

Whats New in Lovells...

New Website:

Transfer Station:

Parks & Recreation:

Fire Department:

Historical Society:

Bridge Walk:

Neumann's Note

I would like to thank all the Lovells Township property owners that consistently supported me during my nearly fourteen years of service as your supervisor. Your unwavering support permitted the completion of multiple township projects during my tenure, and they will benefit property owners and visitors for many years to come. Again, my sincere thanks for your outstanding support throughout my tenure. -- Gary Neumann

Supervisor, Rick Wright - Duties



May appoint a deputy. Moderates' township board meetings, chief assessing officer, secretary to board of review and maintains supervisor records. Department head for overall budget preparation and tax allocation. Appoints some board or commission members.

Notes - Supervisor@lovellsmi.org

I am continuing to work on our transparency, having our meetings recorded and utilizing the new website to have township information readily available at www.Lovellsmi.org.

Clerk, Janet Dunning - Duties



Must appoint a deputy, post a surety bond, Responsible for all facets regarding board meeting minutes, maintains custody of all records, and keeps both the township oath and ordinance book. Monthly reconciliation of township general ledger with treasurer, prepares financial reports for township board, governmental requirements for maintaining and filing forms, and assists with budget development including many aspects of receivables, payables and payroll. Department head for elections and numerous matters related to elections.

Notes - Clerk@lovellsmi.org

I am continuing to work on cost reduction of telecom fixed monthly expenses and procedural process improvements for township recordkeeping.

Treasurer, Tamara Kengel - Duties



Must appoint deputy, post a surety and a tax collection bonds, collects all property related taxes, keeping records of account for all revenue and expenditures. Prepare financial reports for general ledger account activity, monthly reconciliation with the clerk including many aspects of receivables and payables.

Notes - Treasurer@lovellsmi.org

I am continuing to advocate for the balance of modernization and moderation for our township.

Visit <https://michigantownships.org> to see more

Fundraisers

LOVELLS MUSIC FEST - July 5, 2025

Benefits Lovells Fire/EMS Department

BEAVER, BEER & BANJO - July 19, 2025

Benefits Lovells Historical Society

both hosted by Lovells Riverside Tavern

BRIDGE WALK - August 16, 2025

Do not forget the 34th Annual Lovells Bridge Walk. All proceeds and donations support the Lovells Township Fire and EMS Departments; this year the goal is to replace old turnout gear.

8:00am - Pancake breakfast prepared by the Fire Dept / sponsored by Kelloggs Bridge Grocery

11:00am - Head to downtown Lovells

(buses are available)



Noon - Bridge walk begins

- Parade starts with emergency vehicles, floats, the Grayling HS marching band, and others.
- Bridge walkers fall behind the parade to our famous Lovells bridge and then back to the pavilion.
- Luncheon provided and sponsored by Dead Bear Brewing Co and The Riverside Tavern
- We will have Conservation, vendor tents, live music, silent auction, 50/50 Raffle, and T-shirt & hat sales
- Frederic /Lovells Tug-O-War grudge match!
 - Book sale proceeds go to Lovells Media Center

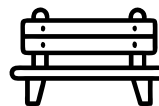
River Etiquette

The Au Sable River is designated as a Michigan Natural River system from its upper reaches to the Mio Dam including all tributaries. Please use "River Etiquette"

- Show respect for others...
 - Share the river with all users
 - Leave the speakers behind
 - Enjoy the peace and quiet
- Leave nature as you find it...
 - Carry out everything you brought in and take only memories
- Respect private property...
 - Stop only at public landings
 - Camp only where permitted
- Be a sober river user...
 - Use alcohol responsibly

Parks & Recreation

Our mission is to cultivate a vibrant community that values its youth and honors its seniors. Through volunteerism, we enhance our parks, appreciate natural resources, and create beautiful spaces for all to enjoy!



Meeting Dates 5:30pm at Township Hall

7/21, 8/18, 9/15, 10/20 2025

- Memorial bricks are available to purchase
- Looking for volunteers to help with trees, flowers & construction
- Monetary donations are greatly appreciated and thank you in advance
- We are getting closer to our final project, thank you for your work on this.

Historical Society



Thank you to everyone who attended the trout opener and participated in the Leaky Wader Race! We invite you to visit our new website at <http://www.lovellshistory.org> and check out our Facebook page to stay updated on our activities for the season.

Our schoolhouse exhibit features vintage quilting and fabric arts, while the Trout Museum exhibit focuses on bamboo rod making. Throughout the season, we will be crafting a fishing rod in the museum. Raffle tickets will be available for purchase, and the rod—a Paul Young Driggs River replica—will be awarded at the Fall Upland Fundraiser on October 18th. Several local rod makers are contributing to the creation of this rod.

The Upland Fundraiser will take place on October 18th and will celebrate grouse and woodcock hunting.

We are pleased to announce that our grant program has received sufficient funds to replace the windows in the schoolhouse. Many thanks to Great Lakes Energy for their generous donation

**Lovells Museum and School House opened from
11am until 3pm Saturday**

www.Lovellsmi.org - New Website

To provide the Lovells Community with enhanced transparency and improve experiences with the Township Board. This year, a working group approved by the Board, decided to develop an improved website that interacts better with the Community. This new website will provide more immediate and timely information, contacts, points, and access to online forms as well as informational documents. Look us up at www.Lovellsmi.org!

Transfer Station

Township Hours

Weds & Sat – Noon to 4pm

Sunday – 9am to 1pm

CLOSED CHRISTMAS & EASTER

Transfer station attendant on duty may ask to see your dump permit. If you need a resident or a non-resident permit, they are available at the township Hall. Call or email info@lovellsmi.org Multiple large items or trailer truck loads of refuse please contact waste management at:

989-705-8942 wmsolutions.com

"SHOW YOUR CARD"



Fire Department

<https://www2.dnr.state.mi.us/burnpermits/>

Before you burn check the website above to see if conditions are allowed. 9 out of 10 wildfires are caused by humans and threaten lives, property and our natural resources.

#1 - Use a metal ring or firepit container

#2 - Keep fires small

#3 - NEVER leave your fire & extinguish completely

#4 - Dont burn anything that creates embers