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November 27, 2007

Ms. Jeffie M. Lynch-Jones, President  
Village of Honor  
10922 Platte Street  
P.O. Box 95  
Honor, Michigan 49640-0095

Dear Ms. Lynch-Jones:

The Department of Environmental Quality, Water Bureau, Drinking Water and Environmental Health Section, On-Site Wastewater Unit, review of the village of Honor Wastewater Treatment Plant Receiving Facility operating plan is complete. The plan meets the requirements outlined in Section 11715b of Part 117, Septage Waste Servicers, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended. Therefore, the operating plan is approved.

The receiving facility must operate in accordance with the approved plan. If a change in operations or conditions is anticipated, please file an amendment to the plan at least thirty (30) days prior to the proposed date for implementation.

Thank you for your continued environmental stewardship and service to those with on-site septic systems in and around your community. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me.

Sincerely,

James Lahti  
Drinking Water and Environmental Health Section  
Lansing Operations Division  
Water Bureau  
517-241-1392

jwl:ckp

cc: Mr. William A. Crawford, Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department, Benzie County

# Village Of Honor

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September 19, 2007

State of Michigan, D.E.Q.  
C/o Matthew Campbell, Septage Program Coord.  
Constitution Hall, 525 W. Allegan St.  
P.O. Box 30273  
Lansing, MI 48909-7773

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Water Division  
Groundwater Section  
WELL CONSTRUCTION UNIT

Re: Domestic/Residential Waste Hauler Receiving Facility  
Village of Honor Wastewater Treatment Plant

Mr. Campbell,

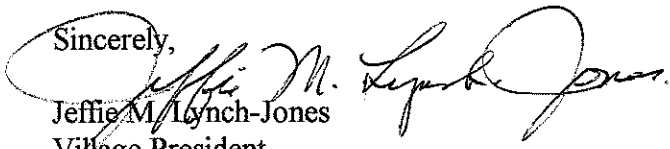
On behalf of the Village of Honor Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP), we have prepared and are submitting a "Domestic/Residential Waste Hauler Receiving Facility Operating Plan" in accordance with Part 117 of the Septage Waste Servicers Environmental Protection Act, 1994, P.A. 451. This operating plan was developed based on your (and our) conversations and correspondence with our WWTP operator, Clifford Grostick, MRWA's Eli Bromley, Gosling Czubak's Mark Hurley, Benzie/Leelanau Health Dept. and MDEQ District Office engineer, Janice Heuer.

In addition to the Operating Plan, enclosed is a copy of the "Notice of Proposed Operating Plan" published July 22 & 25 in two local papers and sent individually to the Benzie-Leelanau District Health Dept. and all communities and governmental contacts within a 15 mile radius of the Village of Honor's WWTP. During the 30-day review timeline, we also hosted a Public Informational Meeting (notice attached), the purpose of which, was to address questions and concerns in an open forum. There were no requests or comments received on the NOI. There were 13 people who attended the Information Meeting. A copy of the overview is also enclosed for your reference.

In accordance with procedure, a Part 41 permit application for this project was submitted to MDEQ – Cadillac District office on July 16, 2007. In that the Receiving Station became part of our current WWTP re-construction project, it is our understanding they have reviewed, and will await a certification of specification statement.

We thank you for your assistance in facilitating this process. The assistance of all the "experts" in this field has made it possible for us to provide this additional service to our community. Please feel free to contact myself at (231) 325-2936 or Cliff Grostick at (231) 325-8432.

Sincerely,

  
Jeffie M. Lynch-Jones  
Village President

Cc: Benzie/Leelanau Health Dept  
Janice Heuer, EE, MDEQ Dist. Off.

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Water Division  
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**FACILITY OPERATING PLAN**  
**FOR RECEIVING**  
**DOMESTIC/RESIDENTIAL WASTEWATER**

**VILLAGE OF HONOR**  
**WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT**  
**2750 ELY ROAD**  
**HONOR, MI 49640**  
**231-325-8432**

**Village Office:**  
**10922 Platte St.**  
**P.O. Box 95**  
**Honor, MI 49640**

**September 2007**

# **Village of Honor Wastewater Treatment Plant**

## **Domestic/Residential Waste Hauler Receiving Facility Operating Plan**

The Village of Honor owns and operates a public treatment plant facility that receives wastewater from domestic and commercial sources within the Village boundaries and from eight ( 8 ) sewer customers outside the Village limits. The treatment plant's license will also include a receiving station for waste haulers of hauled domestic/residential waste.

The State of Michigan has amended Part 117 of the Septage Waste Servicers, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994, P.A. 451, to require the development of an Operating Plan describing the receipt of waste. This Plan is submitted in response to this requirement.

### **1.0 Domestic/Residential Waste Hauler Receiving Facility**

The Village of Honor Wastewater Treatment Plant is located on Ely Road north of US-31. The plant uses bubble aeration by aspirating aerators with additional facultative lagoon treatment prior to being discharged to a particular irrigation zone for groundwater treatment (seasonally) The plant is designed to treat a 0.10 MGD design flow and 167 lb/day of BOD 5. The plant is regulated under GW1810116. The plant is currently operating at a fraction of its design capacity and has more than sufficient ability to adequately treat domestic/residential waste. The plant was not originally designed to accept holding tank waste but is capable of accepting up to 30,000 gallons per day of domestic/residential waste from licensed haulers.

The plant is newly re-constructed and has continued to serve Village customers throughout the re-construction period. Full construction should be completed by December, 2007. At the discretion of the plant operator, the Village will accept a limited amount of hauled domestic/residential waste from May to the middle of September from State of Michigan licensed septic haulers. The plant is currently operating at below design capacity and has more than sufficient ability to adequately treat domestic/residential waste from Village customers and domestic/residential waste from licensed haulers.

- Location: 2750 Ely Rd., Honor, MI 49640
- Treatment Plant Facility Operator: Clifford Grostick, Plant Manager
- Treatment Plant Contact Phone Number: 231-325-8432
- Hours of Operation: 8 a.m. -2 p.m. Monday – Friday
  - (or at T.P.O's availability)
- Closed Saturdays, Sundays and Village observed Holidays
- Category of Waste Accepted: Domestic/residential Waste

### **2.0 Fee Structure**

- Domestic/Residential Waste: The Village Council will establish user rates for septic haulers on an annual basis. The approved rate for 2007/2008 is \$ .04 (cents) per gallon and subject to change per Village Council Resolution.

### 3.0 Domestic/Residential Waste Receiving Area

The Village of Honor Wastewater Treatment Plant will accept domestic/residential waste only from State of Michigan Licensed Haulers within fifteen (15) radial miles of the facility.

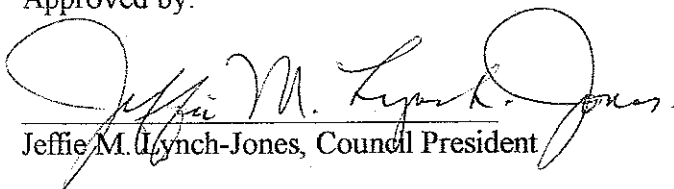
### 4.0 Other Conditions for Receiving Domestic/Residential Waste

The Village of Honor will permit State Licensed waste haulers who have received approval from the Village to bring domestic/residential waste to the facility with any/all of the following conditions:

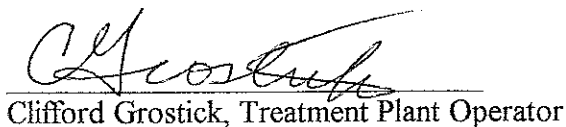
- Hauler/firm must be a State of Michigan Licensed Hauler
- PH range between 6.5 and 8.5
- An account must be established and approved by the Village for the hauling company prior to the delivery of the hauler's first load.
- The treatment plant operator may/will pre-test prior to accepting a load or make hauler provide test.
- The treatment plant operator shall obtain information from the hauler/driver at unloading site as to the origin and quantity of material being delivered.
- Any pollutant, including oxygen demanding pollutants (BOD, etc.) released in a discharge at a flow rate and/or pollutant concentration which will cause interference with the treatment plant process is unacceptable and will be denied.
- The treatment plant operator may revoke the haulers ability to deliver to the plant if and when they find the load or hauler may place the facility in jeopardy of exceeding the plant's operating permit level.
- Discharge will be denied if the hauler/firm is more than 30 days past due on their account.
- The hauler shall use the Village's receiving station and operator generated receipt system. Any discrepancies shall be brought to the attention of the plant operator at the time the driver delivers their load, otherwise the load receipt shall be considered valid.
- Domestic/residential waste shall not be accepted at this facility unless this plan has been approved and/or amended by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ)

This Facility Operating Plan has been developed by the Village of Honor in accordance with the requirements of Part 117, as amended. Questions concerning this plan should be directed to the Village of Honor's Treatment Plant Operator at 231-325-8432.

Approved by:

  
Jeffie M. Lynch-Jones, Council President

9/13/07  
dated

  
Clifford Grostick, Treatment Plant Operator

9/13/07  
dated

**Communities and Government Contact Information for  
Domestic/Residential Waste Receiving Station**

Michigan Dept. of Environmental Quality  
Septage Program  
Matthew Campbell, Coordinator  
525 W. Allegan St.  
P.O. Box 30273  
Lansing, MI 48909-7773  
517-335-4178

Benzie-Leelanau District Health Dept.  
William Crawford, Environmental Health Director  
6051 Frankfort Hwy.  
Benzonia, MI 49616  
231-882-2103

Cities/Villages

Village of Honor  
10922 Platte St. P.O. Box 95  
Honor, MI 49640  
231-325-8432

Village of Benzonia  
1276 Michigan Ave. P.O. Box 223  
Benzonia, MI 49616  
231-882-9981

Village of Beulah  
7228 Commercial Ave. P.O. Box 326  
Beulah, MI 49617  
231-882-4451

Village of Thompsonville  
14714 Lincoln Ave. P.O. Box 184  
Thompsonville, MI 49683  
231-275-5862

Village of Lake Ann  
19322 Maple St. P.O. Box 61  
Lake Ann, MI 49650  
231-275-6260

Village of Copemish  
16798 First St. P.O. Box \_\_\_\_\_  
Copemish, MI 49625  
231-378-4652

Townships

Homestead Township  
11508 Main St. P.O. Box 315  
Honor, MI 49640  
231-325-6772

Benzonia Township  
1020 Michigan Ave. P.O. Box 224  
Benzonia, MI 49616  
231-882-4411

Inland Township  
19971 Kent St.  
Interlochen, MI 49643  
231-275-6568

Almira Township  
7276 Sweet Lake Rd.  
Lake Ann, MI 49650  
231-275-5862

Lake Township  
5153 Scenic Dr.  
Honor, MI 49640  
231-325-5202

Crystal Lake Township  
1651 Frankfort Hwy. P.O. Box 2129  
Frankfort, MI 49635  
231-352-9791

Gov't. contact information, continued

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151 Pearson P.O. Box 8  
Elberta, MI 49628  
231-352-7201

Village of Empire  
P.O. Box 253  
Empire, MI 49630  
231-326-5466

City of Frankfort  
412 Main St. P.O. Box 351  
Frankfort, MI 49635  
231-352-7117

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Arcadia Township  
3422 Lake St. P.O. Box \_\_\_\_  
Arcadia, MI 49613  
231-889-4463

Cleon Township  
18531 Cadillac Hwy. P.O. Box \_\_\_\_  
Copemish, MI 49625  
231-378-2616

Blair Township  
2121 County Rd. 633  
Grawn, MI 49637  
231-276-9263

Glen Arbor Township  
6394 W. Western Ave. P.O. Box 276  
Glen Arbor, MI 49636  
231-334-3539

Greenlake Township  
P.O. Box 157  
Interlochen, MI 49643  
231-276-9329

Gilmore Township  
704 Frankfort Ave. P.O. Box 247  
Elberta, MI 49628  
231-352-7201

Empire Township  
P.O. Box 234  
Empire, MI 49630  
231-326-5182

Blaine Township Clerk  
6352 Putney Rd.  
Arcadia, MI 49613  
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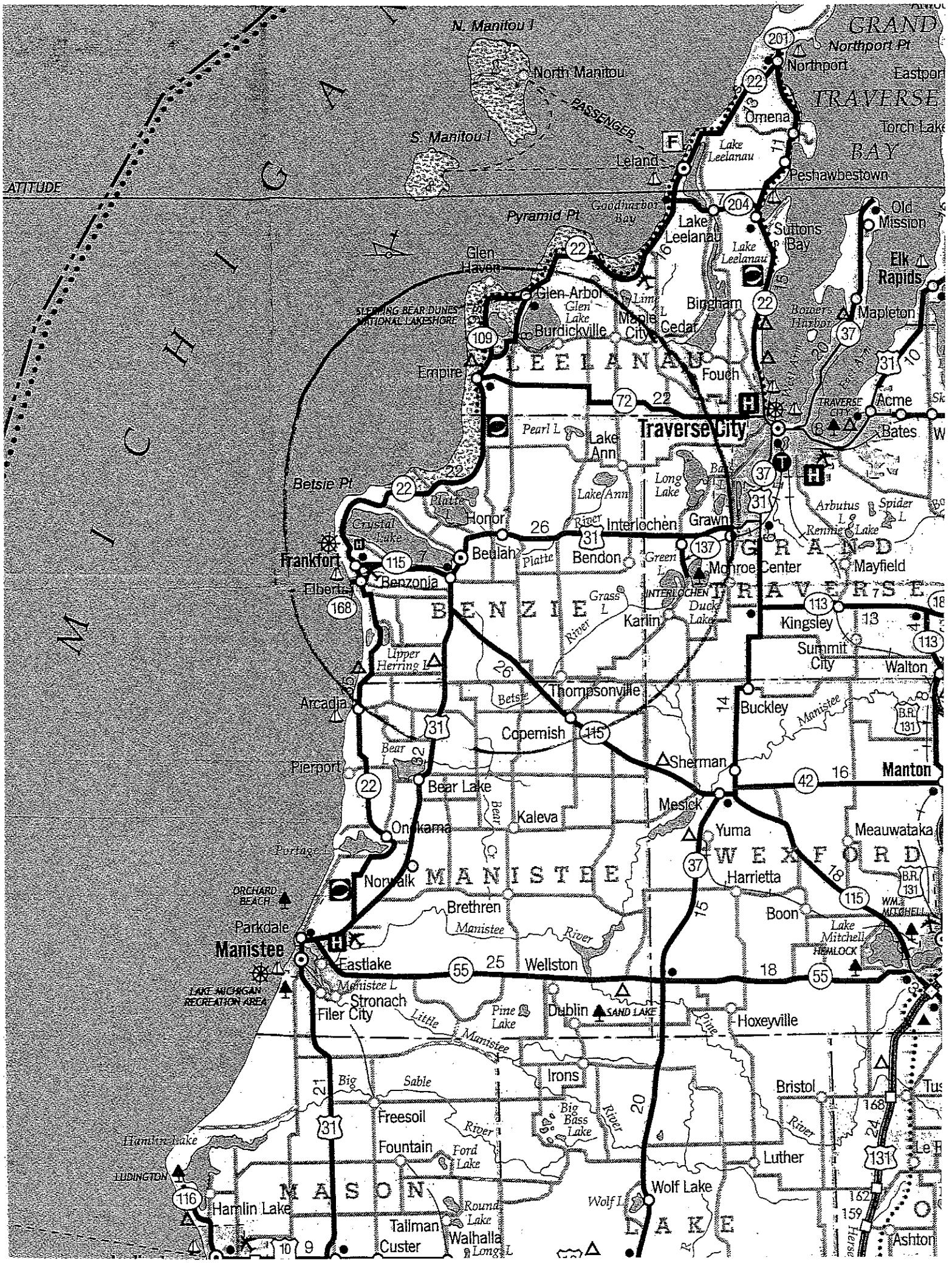
Joyfield Township  
c/o Stanley Putney  
6088 Demerly Rd.  
Benzonia, MI 49616  
231-882-0133

Platte Township Clerk  
6821 Indian Hill Rd.  
Honor, MI 49640  
231-325-2459

Colfax Township  
7607 Michigan Ave.  
Thompsonville, MI 49683  
231-378-2144

Weldon Township  
14731 Thompson Ave. P.O. Box 570  
Thompsonville, MI 49683  
231-378-2477

Kasson Township  
P.O. Box 62  
Maple City, MI 49664  
231-228-5736





**Village of Honor, Mi**  
**Wastewater Treatment Plant**  
**Domestic/Residential Waste Hauler Receiving Facility**  
**Waste Hauler Agreement/Contract**

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The following agreement/contract is between the Village of Honor and the identified Waste Hauler:

**1. Wastewater Treatment Plant**

- Location: 2750 Ely Rd., Honor, MI 49640
- Treatment Plant Facility Operator: Clifford Grostick, Plant Manager
- Treatment Plant Contact Phone Number: 231-325-8432
- Hours of Operation: 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. Monday – Friday
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**Other conditions for Receiving Domestic/Residential Waste, continued**

- *Domestic/Residential* waste shall not be accepted at this facility unless an Operating Plan has been approved and/or amended by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ)

**It is further understood that the Village of Honor, the Treatment Plant Facility Operator or designee, may, at any time, determine that the receiving facility be closed for acceptance of domestic/residential waste from haulers. Notice will be posted at the plant site and a good faith 24-hour notice will be made by the Village.**

**The Village of Honor, facility operator or designee shall be held harmless for any injury or damage.**

***The Village reserves the right to cancel this agreement at any time***

Approved by:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Village of Honor designee  
(circle one)  
Council President  
Clerk

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clifford Grostick, Treatment Plant Operator

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of *Waste* Hauler

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Phone #

\_\_\_\_\_  
Operator License #

\_\_\_\_\_  
(print) Authorized Person to Make Application/Sign Agreement

\_\_\_\_\_  
(signature)

Sunday, July 22, 2007 - 7

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Village of Honor Wastewater Treatment Plant Domestic Holding Tank Receiving Facility Operating Plan

Per amended Part 117, Septage Waste Services, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, the following notice is hereby given of the proposed operating plan for receiving domestic holding tank waste from approved State of Michigan licensed haulers residing within a 15 mile radius of the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The Village of Honor Wastewater Treatment Plant proposed operating plan and associated information is available for review at the Village Hall during normal business hours, 10 a.m. to Noon, Monday-Friday. We welcome your comments on the proposed plan. Please send any written comments to:

Village of Honor  
Proposed Operating Plan  
10922 Platte St., P.O. Box 95  
Honor, MI 49640

Phone/Fax: 231-325-8432  
Email: [honor@centurytel.net](mailto:honor@centurytel.net)

All requests and comments must be postmarked by August 24, 2007.

WEDNESDAY, July 25, 2007 - Benzie County Record Patriot

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Proposed Operating Plan  
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Honor, MI 49640

Phone/Fax: 231-325-8432  
Email: [honor@centurytel.net](mailto:honor@centurytel.net)

All requests and comments must be postmarked by August 24, 2007.

## **VILLAGE OF HONOR INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

**Wednesday 8/8/07 at 6:15 p.m.  
Village Hall - 10922 Platte St.**

To discuss the proposed acceptance of  
Holding Tank Waste at the Village  
Wastewater Treatment Facility

Eli Bromley, M.R.W.A. and  
Mark Hurley, P.E. Gosling Czubak  
Will review plans and address questions

Sunday, August 5, 2007 -

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## **Village of Honor INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

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Village Hall - 10922 Platte St.

To discuss the proposed  
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Waste at the Village Wastewater  
Treatment Facility

Eli Bromley, M.R.W.A. and  
Mark Hurley, P.E. Gosling Czubak  
*Will review plans and  
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Overview of Public Information Meeting  
Wednesday, August 8, 2007  
6:15 p.m. – 7:20 p.m.  
Honor Village Hall

TOPIC:  
PROPOSED RECEIVING STATION  
FOR DOMESTIC HOLDING TANK WASTE HAULERS  
HONOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT  
Ely Rd., Honor, MI

Presenters: Cliff Grostick, Wastewater Plant Mgr.; Mark Hurley, Gosling Czubak Project Engineer for current upgrade project; Eli Bromley, Mich. Rural Water Assoc. Wastewater Technician

In attendance: Thomas Hawkins, Frank Walterhouse, Gretchen McArther, Bill Robinson, Art Jeannot, Kim & Patty Geetings, Cliff Seder, Adele Maher, Carole Waddell, Jeffie Lynch-Jones & late arrivals, Nettie Bellamy and Duane Parker

Cliff introduced Mark and Eli and gave an overview of the proposed plan to accept domestic holding tank waste from local haulers at the upgraded Honor Treatment Plant. The site location, new pond configuration and receiving station site were viewed and referenced (map drawings/layouts on display).

Questions asked and answered:

Q. How would current users benefit from this plan? Possible rate reduction?

A. Early curtailment of the debt, revenue for infrastructure maintenance.

Q. How would the plan impact our current lagoon system?

A. Mark, Eli & Cliff described the acceptance process and treatment process. Monitoring of discharge in terms of quantity and quality to maintain positive balance in the lagoons would allow for refusal or acceptance. That current capacity has been built for some expansion in Village growth.

Q. Would this enhance community growth?

A. Added revenue always has an impact in the community in a number of ways.

Q. How much would the receiving station be used? How long does the disposal process take?

A. The Operation Plan stipulates hours of operation but exceptions may be made, It is estimated that disposal time would take approximately 15 – 20 minutes.

Q. How would we know how much was being discharged?

A. Known factor is the truck capacity. A flow meter has been proposed to provide accuracy in that a truck may not have a full load.

Other issues introduced were that the Village current sewer rate paid is higher than in some other areas, especially down state, but that given the size of our community and the service provided, it seemed appropriate. Mention of the holding tank Cluster Systems being proposed for the Platte Lake area as a need to address disposal issues.

The Geetings, owners of Benzie/Crystal Pumping, provided handouts in support of their request for a lower discharge rate for haulers and talked about the impact new regulations have placed on them. Legislative changes may allow them to go back to land use application and/or self-treatment. All counties have lower rates than Benzie, Leelanau & Grand Traverse.