West Branch Township

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Skandia, MI 49885
Kris Shaw – Supervisor

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November 2026

Dear West Branch Township Resident,

Due to the significant cost to West Branch Township of providing service through the Skandia-West Branch Transfer Facility, the price of the six-month Transfer Facility Pass will increase to $100 for each six-month period, effective January 1, 2027. The pass periods will run January–June and July–December.

Over the years, West Branch Township has supported the Transfer Facility by keeping costs to users low — much lower than surrounding townships, and lower even than Skandia Township, which shares use of the facility. In past years, the Township has financially supported the Transfer Facility in the amount of $20,000 to $30,000 annually in tipping and hauling fees alone (see cost breakdown on back for reference). The tax dollars used for this purpose can be put to more fiscally responsible use for township benefit, such as road improvements, recreation, etc. It is no longer fiscally responsible for West Branch Township to continue supporting the Transfer Facility in that amount.

As an additional service, the Skandia-West Branch Transfer Facility will begin accepting electronics and appliances on January 1, 2027. Electronics and appliances will be accepted on Saturdays only, during regular transfer facility hours. This service will be provided at no extra cost to residents with a Transfer Facility Pass.

These changes take effect January 1, 2027.

Sincerely,

Kris Shaw

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Supervisor
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JOINT TOWNSHIPS TRANSFER FACILITY COSTS
JAN. 1 TO SEPT. 30, 2026

MONTH	HAULING COSTS	DISPOSAL FEES TO MCSWMA	EMPLOYEE PAY	CARD SALES
Jan-26	$2,136.05	$3,059.75		$11,040.00
Feb-26	$3,040.64	$3,883.58		$1,500.00
Mar-26	$3,950.76	$2,449.92		$1,860.00
Apr-26	$1,843.80	$2,293.28		$0.00
May-26	$2,977.44	$5,035.54		$1,980.00
Jun-26	$4,732.63	$3,848.01		$0.00
Jul-26	$4,380.12	$4,341.30		$8,935.00
Aug-26	$3,574.30	$3,540.84		$2,400.00
Sep-26	$3,574.30	$4,506.54		$420.00
Sept 28 Tire Disposal		$3,653.64		
TOTALS	**$30,210.04**	**$36,612.40**	**$15,467.59**	**$28,135.00**

TOTAL COSTS (HAULING + DISPOSAL + EMPLOYEE PAY)	$82,290.03
WEST BRANCH'S SHARE (ONE-HALF)	$41,145.02
LESS: CARD SALES COLLECTED	$28,135.00
DEFICIT THRU 9/30	**$13,010.02**

ESTIMATING OUR COSTS FOR THE PERIOD OF OCT - DEC AT $13,500 AND ASSUME THAT WE COLLECT $4,500 MORE IN CARD SALES - OUR DEFICIT FOR THIS CALENDAR YEAR ESTIMATED AT $22,010.00. DEFICIT DOES NOT INCLUDE COSTS FOR REPAIR & MAINTENANCE, PLOWING, LIGHTS, HEAT, INSURANCES...

Chart provided to help explain why a Transfer Facility card rate increase was considered and approved by Township Board. As you can see, costs far exceed the income from card sales. Everything that is hauled out of our transfer facility by GFL is charged $252.50/haul. Marquette County Solid Landfill charges per ton for disposal. Currently charged at $98/ton. **Recycling does not incur any disposal costs at the County Landfill. PLEASE RECYCLE as much as possible - it helps the environment and helps lower our disposal costs.** Further information on recycling can be found at recycle906.com or on our township website westbranchtownship.net.