

What are you doing with your ARPA Funding?

With a COVID Pandemic surging throughout the United States, the United States Congress and Senate decided to appropriate funding to Local Governmental Entities through the American Rescue Plan Act. With much serious discussion about how to appropriate funding, the Salem Township Board is focusing on the health Safety and wellness of our community with these funds. To this point \$100,000.00 of the \$165,000.00 cost for Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA's), has been allocated to the Salem Township Fire Department. This is after our Fire Chief has requested FEMA funding for the last three years. The Salem Township Board has also allocated \$30,000 to Wayland Area Emergency Medical Services for Self-Loading Cots that were mandated be the Michigan State Bureau of EMS with no funding for the mandate. \$3000.00 will be given to the Allegan County Sheriff's Department on a Radar Speed Control Device than will be used in the township to make people more aware of their speed. Other things in the works for Salem Townships ARPA Funding, will be Salem Township Park Upgrades and possible Fire Station and Library expansion.

We are pleased with the decisions that have been made by our ARPA Fund Committee and hope that other entities might explore the same program as they discuss their ARPA Funding opportunities.



From left to right is Robert Hess (WAEMS Director), Brenda Mays (WAEMS Office Manager), Dan Striegler (Salem Township Trustee) and Donald Sebright (Salem Township Trustee)