

KAWKAWLIN TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

SPRING/SUMMER 2019

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Office Hours

Supervisor: Mon—Thurs 8:00-12:00, 1:00-5:00

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Treasurer: Mon-Thurs 9:00-12:00, 1:00-4:00

CLOSED FRIDAYS

Supervisor, Sam Davidson

This is my first article for the newsletter and is the perfect place for me to state how appreciative I am for everyone that supported and voted for me in the recent election. Thank You!!

I heard your message that you want more open and transparent leadership in our local government, and I am committed to giving that to you. My door will always be open to the citizens of this Township, and I promise to listen to what you have to say. We may not always agree on the best path forward, but I promise to listen respectfully to everyone's opinions and to make decisions based on the majority opinion. Working together we will be able to move the Township forward on the challenges we face in our local government.

The debate over DTE leasing land in our Township to install wind turbines here is what got me interested in running for the role of Township Supervisor, so I wanted to share my perspective on where we stand on this issue almost a year later.

A moratorium on Wind Energy development was put in place on July 9, 2018 at the Board of Trustees meeting.

A Citizens Advisory Wind Ordinance Sub-Committee began work in the fall to put together recommendations of changes that should be made, which is covered under Section 528-Wind Energy within the 2010 Zoning Ordinance. Those recommendations were further fleshed out by Spicer Engineering of Saginaw, MI. A local citizen arranged for a well-known wind attorney, Joshua Nolan of Nolan Law, Toledo, Ohio to review that draft. That draft had an initial review by the Planning Commission, and additional changes were made to it by Spicer Engineering following that meeting.

The Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing as part of their regular meeting on Thursday, June 13th at 7:00 pm to review the May 9, 2019 draft Ordinance, which is posted on the website for you to review. I ask you to take the time to read the full document before you attend this meeting so you can draw your own conclusions of what you would like to see your elected officials put in place once the recommendations from the Planning Commission come to the Board of Trustees for adoption.

Treasurer, Melissa Klass

You should receive your 2019 Summer Tax Bill by July 1. It is due and payable on or before Sept. 16th (the 14th is a Saturday). From Sept. 17-30 there will be 1% interest added and another 1% every month after. Any Summer bill not paid by Feb. 14, 2020 will have a 3% penalty added. All real property taxes not paid by Feb. 28, 2020 will be forwarded to the Bay County Treasurers office for collection.

When you receive your tax bill, please open immediately and check for errors. Some errors need to be corrected through the Board of Review, which takes place July 16th, and once corrected may affect the tax amount due.

Taxes may be paid with cash or check payable to the Kawkawlin Township Treasurer, by mail, drop box or in person. **Please make sure your check is dated and signed, and that the written amount and the numerical amount are identical. It is also extremely helpful to include your phone number on your check so if there is a problem you can easily be**

reached.

If you pay by mail or use the drop box and would like a "paid receipt", please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your payment.

If you do not receive your tax bill, please call the Treasurers office (686-8710 ext 223) as the State law says a property owner is responsible for property taxes (including late charges that my accrue) regardless of whether or not a bill was received.

If you own a business and are moving or going out of business you **MUST** still file a personal property statement with the assessor stating that you are no longer in the township. We need this information so that the property can be taken off the tax roll.

Dog/Cat Licenses may be purchased in the Treasurers Office. Please remember to bring your Bay County renewal form along with proof of rabies vaccination.

Closed: July 4, Sept. 2, Oct. 14, Nov. 11, 28, Dec. 24 -27, 31, Jan. 1-3, 20, Feb. 17

Clerk, Greg Petrimouix

If anyone is interested in working an election and becoming an election inspector, please stop by the office and fill out an application. No previous experience needed and all training is provided.

Fire Department - J.M. Burke Jr., Fire Chief

Hours: Monday-Saturday 9-5



The fire department will be having an association fund raiser on July 20th. It will be an open house at the Fire Station from 3:00 pm till dusk. We will be serving BBQ chicken (price TBD). The Michigan State Police will be here, along with the Bay County Sherriff Department, Flightcare, a bounce house for the kids, and possibly the Bangor Twp Fire Dept. Smoke trailer.

This is a friendly reminder that if you are going to burn any materials at all you must come to the Fire Dept. to obtain and sign for a burning permit (Mon - Sat 9 - 5). If the Fire Department receives any complaints a unit will be dispatched to check the complaint out. If the firefighter determines that the fire is a violation of any of the rules the fire will be extinguished and the permit will be revoked.

This mandate has been in effect since June of 2005.

FIRE HYDRANTS

If there is a fire hydrant located on or near your

property we ask that you please keep it clear of tall grass, weeds, debris and snow.

Smoke/CO Detectors

Please remember to change the batteries in your detectors twice a year. A good rule of thumb: change your clocks, change your batteries.

Interested in being a Firefighter?

Ever thought about helping in your community and being a firefighter? You don't need to be a world class athlete or a genius with multiple degrees. All it takes is being physically fit, having common sense and a willingness to make a commitment to yourself and your community. For more information, please call the fire department at 686-1120.

Thank You for your continued support and have a safe summer!

Assessor, Joan Fackler

The Summer tax season is here. When you get your tax bill, please check it immediately for any errors. Clerical issues can be addressed at the July or December Board of Review. The July BOR will take place July 16th. Assessment issues need to be addressed by appointment at the March, 2020 Board of Review.

If you have a name change on your property we **NEED** to have legal documentation showing the change such as a death certificate, marriage license, deed, etc, or we will not make the correction.

Don't forget to file your Property Transfer Affidavit and your Principal Residence Exemption Affidavit when you purchase a new home, so that we can make sure you get credit for living at your new residence. Remember, **you can not claim PRE on rental property.**

If you are thinking of selling lots or a portion of your property, you must file a Land Division Application otherwise, the party you are selling the land to will

not be able to obtain permits, as this is an illegal split.

If you are tearing down a building, you are required to purchase a Demo permit for \$10.00. This allows us to remove the building from your assessment.

Remember, if you are filing for disabled veterans exemption (form 5107) it must be done annually. **We will no longer be sending reminders.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at (989) 686-8710 or go to www.michiganassessor.org.

BAY COUNTY DIVISION ON AGING - KAWKAWLIN TWP. HALL SENIOR CENTER

Kawkawlin Senior Activity Center: Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 - 1:30, Lunch served at 11:30. Reservations must be made one day in advance by calling 686-5127, Marla Backus.

Wednesday & Thursday - Smear & Euchre 9:00

Wednesday - Line Dancing with Milissa, \$3.00 fee. 10:00 am (advanced), 11:00 am (beginner)

Thursday - Bingo 12:15 - 1:30

HOUSE NUMBER SIGNS

Make sure emergency vehicles can find your house. If you would like a green reflective house number sign to put on your mailbox you may come to the office and purchase one for \$15.

OFFICE CLOSED

NOVEMBER 22, 23
DECEMBER 24, 25, 26, 28, 31
JANUARY 1, 2, 21
FEBRUARY 18

STREET LIGHT OUT?

Call Consumers Energy at 1-800-477-5050 or go to ConsumersEnergy.com. Be ready to give cross streets or address nearest the outage.

NEED TO REPORT A COUNTY ROAD ISSUE ?

Go to baycoroad.org, Citizen Connect and fill out the online form or call 686-4610.

2019/2020 MEETINGS

Board Meetings 2nd Monday at 7:00 pm

June 10
July 8
August 12
September 9
October 15 (Tuesday)
November 12 (Tuesday)
December 9
January 13
February 10
March 9

Planning Commission Meetings 2nd Thursday @ 7:00 pm

June 13
July—No Meeting
August 8
September 12
October 10
November 14
December 12
January 9
February 13
March 12

TRASH/RECYCLE

If you did not get your trash, recycle, or yard waste picked up after you had it out on time on your scheduled day, call 1-800-578-2664 the same day or you won't get it picked up until the next scheduled date. If you need a list of what is acceptable recycle and what is not, you can pick one up here in the office or go to our website: www.kawkawlintwp.org and view the recycle guide located under Residents Information/Recycle Yard Waste Schedule. **If you have a large item to be picked up you need to call ahead and schedule a pick-up time.**

The last yard waste pick-up will be November 21 & 22.

Unfortunately, the burn pile in the southwest corner of the ball field is being abused and there are a number of other items being dumped other than brush. We are looking into other alternatives, but for now we ask that you please not leave brush or any other items on the burn pile.

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