

# KAWKAWLIN TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

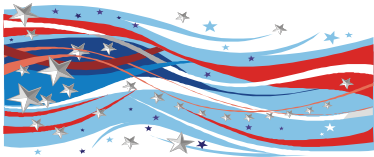
## SPRING/SUMMER 2014

**1836 E. Parish Rd.  
Kawkawlin, MI 48631  
(989) 686-8710**

**Office Hours  
M—W 8:00—12:00, 1:00—5:00, Th 9—12, 1—4  
CLOSED FRIDAY**

### OFFICE CLOSED

May 26 Memorial Day  
July 4 Independence Day  
Sept 1 Labor Day  
Oct 13 Columbus Day  
Nov 11 Veterans Day



### PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS 7:00 p.m.

May 1  
June 5  
July No Mtg  
August 7  
September 4  
October 2  
November 6  
December 4

### BOARD MEETINGS

May 12 7:00	May 27 4:00
June 9 7:00	June 24 4:00
July 14 7:00	July 29 4:00
Aug 11 7:00	Aug 26 4:00
Sept 8 7:00	Sept 23 4:00
Oct 14 7:00	Oct 28 4:00
Nov 10 7:00	Nov 25 4:00
Dec 8 7:00	Dec 23 4:00

### FROM THE TREASURER

Summer tax bills are due and payable July 1 thru Sept 15. Because the 14th falls on a Sunday the last day to pay summer taxes without interest will be Monday Sept. 15. Summer taxes not paid by the Sept 15 will incur a 1% late fee from the 16—30, and another 1% every month thereafter. The Kawkawlin Township Office will accept payment for summer taxes through Feb. 28, 2015. Please call the Kawkawlin Township Office at 686-8710 if you do not receive your tax notice as the State law says a property owner is responsible for property taxes (including late charges that may accrue) re-

gardless of whether or not a bill was received. 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 is scheduled for July 15, 2014. The sooner these errors are caught the easier they are to correct.

If you pay by mail or use the drop box and would like a "paid receipt", we ask that you please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope. We accept only cash or check for payment of taxes. We do not accept credit cards.

**Property Tax Escrow**  
Every July and Decem-

ber, property owners receive their tax bill in the mail. Some owners may have their property taxes escrowed with their mortgage payment. If requested by the escrow agent, the Township will provide them with the tax amount. However, it is the property owner's responsibility to ensure that their taxes are paid in full.

#### *Dates to remember:*

July 1—Tax Bills Mailed Out  
July 4 Office Closed  
Sept. 1 Office Closed  
Sept. 15 Summer Taxes Due. Treasurers office will be open until 5:00

### FROM THE SUPERVISOR

Hopefully spring is finally on its way. With the amount of frost under the roads we can only wait and see what happens to our roads. The Twp. is planning on putting about \$200,000.00 toward reconstruction of the roads. After the frost is out we will be checking which roads are the worst. We pick what roads are fixed based on traffic count and the condition of the road. Every-

one needs to contact their US and state reps and let them know they need to come up with additional revenue to fix MI roads. The average cost of auto repair, because of the bad roads, is over \$1,000.00 a year.

**Read more at**  
[www.milocalroads.com](http://www.milocalroads.com)

**FROM THE SUPERVISOR con't**

The Township pays for the maintenance of approximately 50 miles of local roads within the Township. We have spent approximately \$158,500.00 on local road improvements. These dollars came out of the general budget of the Township and from State Revenue Sharing. In addition to the dollars spent by the Township, the Road Commission provided \$20,000.00 as part of their Building Better Local Roads project. The road commission also provides \$11,500.00 in discretionary money to be used for brush cutting and ditching on local roads. Total dollars spent on local roads in 2010 is approximately \$190,000.00. This only allows us to do one mile of a chip and seal road completely.

The cost to place one coat of chip and seal on one mile of road this year was \$18,500.00. When a road is crushed and shaped, which involves placing a minimum of four inches of new gravel (this is done in October), the following year two coats of chip and seal is placed on the road, the 3rd year a final coat is applied. The total cost for this is between \$130,000.00 and \$140,000.00 per mile. We are using a patch product called Seal Blend that is used to patch large areas. This cost \$50.00 a ton and we are using 700 tons at a total cost of \$35,000.00.

The township operating millage is 1.1208 which generated approximately \$140,000.00. (See attached pie chart which shows all operating millages and the small piece the Township gets). This has to pay for all the Township operating expenses. So, as the property values decline and state revenue continues to decrease, it will be very difficult to fund road improvements.

Other Townships have road millages to help fund road improvement. Without seeing any change in the way funding for roads is done in Lansing we are going to ask the people of Kawkawlin for a road millage in order to get our roads back to an acceptable condition for all. The road commission is considering grinding some of the local roads back to gravel and I don't want to take this step backwards. Please contact me with your concerns.

**FROM THE CLERK**

We will be having 2 Elections this year. The State Primary is August 4, 2014 and the last day to register is July 7, 2014. You must vote a straight party ticket for the Primary. The General Election is November 3, 2014 and

the last day to register is October 6, 2014.

To help us to be able to repair more roads in the Township we are adding a millage request to the ballot.



**HOUSE NUMBER SIGNS**

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 \$15.00.

*Make sure emergency vehicles can find your house.*

**FROM THE ASSESSOR**

Another 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 Board of Review scheduled for July 15. Assessment issues can be addressed by appointment at the March Board of Review. Make sure you file your *Transfer affidavit* and your *Principal Residence Affidavit*, when you purchase a new home so that we can make sure you get credit for living at

your new residence. If you are buying a home please remember to file a *Home Owners Principal Residence Exemption affidavit* with the Assessor. If you are thinking about 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. Also, if you are planning on tearing down a building we require you to purchase a

Demolition permit for \$10.00. This helps us to keep any non-existing buildings off your assessment.



**YARD WASTE**

Yard waste pick-up resumed the beginning of April and will continue through November 28. If you would like a schedule you can visit our website at [kawkawlintwp.org](http://kawkawlintwp.org) or pick one up at our office.

**FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Hours: Monday–Saturday 9–12 & 1–5**

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. 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 shall be extinguished and this permit shall 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 snow, weeds and debris.

**RECYCLE**

We are no longer selling recycle bins. Every resident in the township should have received a blue receptacle for your recycling. 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 recycle/yard waste date.

We have had several calls about paper and debris flying out of the bins as they are being dumped.

**A FEW SAFETY TIPS:**

**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.

**Fire Pits**

Please remember you need a recreational burn permit for those of you who enjoy sitting around a fire outside in the evening.



**INTERESTED IN BEING A FIREFIGHTER?**

You must be at least 18 yrs of age and a high school graduate or pos-

sess a G.E.D. You must fill out an application and upon approval must be willing to have 12 hrs of documented training during your first 6 month probation period. If interested, please contact the fire department.

**DOG/CAT LICENSES**

Dog and cat licenses may be purchased at the Kawkawlin Township Office. Please remember to bring your Bay County renewal form along with proof of rabies vaccination.



Please bundle any loose paper you have in your recycling to help prevent this from happening.



**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.

Yard waste pick-up has resumed and will continue through November 29.

A reminder to anyone who is dumping brush in the Southwest corner of the ball field to be burned, please NO tires or trash of any kind. It is for brush only and twigs/trunks must not be any more than 2" thick. Anyone caught violating these rules may be fined up to \$500.00



## KAWKAWLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS

Dennis Bragiel - Supervisor  
Greg Petrimoulx - Clerk  
Sandra Klass - Treasurer  
Melvin McNally - Trustee  
Jack Hetherington - Trustee



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