

# KAWKAWLIN TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

## FALL/WINTER 2018

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### Office Hours

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

Clerk: Tues-Thurs 8:00-12:00, 1:00-5:00

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

**CLOSED FRIDAYS**

### Supervisor, Dennis Bragiel

#### Recreation Plan

The Township is currently working on its 5 year recreation plan. We have partnered with the county, which keeps our cost down. Thank you to those that filled out the survey. This plan is critical for the Township in order to receive State grants.

#### Road Millage

The Township Board has put a 1 mill renewal for roads on the ballot for the November 6 election. Currently we are putting between \$250,000 and \$300,000 out of the Township General Fund to maintain, repair, and reconstruct local roads. Unfortunately, some of the local roads have been turned back to gravel. Without any additional funding coming from the state or county road commission more roads may be turned back. The 1 mill is equal to \$1.00 per \$1,000 of Taxable value. A home with a \$100,000 Taxable value would pay \$100.

#### Mail Boxes

The road commission asks that you shake your mail

box to make sure that it is in good shape with a solid post with the box firmly attached to the post. If a snow plow hits your mail box you need to contact the Road Commission to find out about getting it replaced.

#### Fire Hydrants

If you have a fire hydrant near your house, please try and keep it from being buried by snow. Plow snow away from it, so that if needed, the fire department can find them.

Check out the Township web site for further updates, or you are always welcome at our Township meetings to discuss any problems. Board meetings are always the second Monday of the month at 7:00 pm, unless posted otherwise.

If you would like to be included in my Township updates, please send me an email with "updates" in the subject line to [supervisor@kawkawlintwp.org](mailto:supervisor@kawkawlintwp.org).

### Treasurer, Melissa Klass

Your 2018 Winter Tax bill will be mailed on or before December 1, and is due and payable on or before February 14, 2019. On February 15 a 3% penalty will be added to any unpaid tax amount. On March 1, 2019 all delinquent real property taxes 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 December 11, 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 would also be 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 may accrue) regardless of whether or not a bill was received.

**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.

**Office will be Open: Dec. 27, 8:00 - 5:00 for tax collection. Closed: Dec 24, 25, 26, 28, 31, Jan 1, 2**

### Clerk, Greg Petrimoulx

By the time you read this we will have elected many new people to our State, Local and National Governments, including a new Governor. Thank you to all who voted. This was a very important election. Although some of our favored candidates may not have won, we need to give the winners our full support.

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.

I would like to wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season and be safe.



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

**Hours: Monday-Saturday 9-5**

*Congratulations to D.J. Randall who was promoted to Assistant Chief in June!*

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.

Ever thought about helping people in your community? Ever thought about being a Firefighter?

You don't have to be a world class athlete or a genius with multiple degrees. What it takes is being physically fit, having common sense, and having a willingness to make a commitment to yourself and your community. If you think you have these things then take the first step and come talk to us. We'll figure it out from there.

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

**Total Runs:**

June: 44	September: 44
July: 61	October: 28

August: 50



**Assessor, Joan Fackler**

The winter tax season is here. When you get your tax bill, please check it immediately for any errors. Clerical issues can be addressed at the December Board of Review, which will take place December 11. Assessment issues need to be addressed by appointment at the March, 2019 Board of Review.

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. And, 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 helps us to keep any non-existing buildings off your assessment. Remember, if you are filing for disabled veterans exemption (form 5107) it must be done annually.

**If you are filing for Small Business Property Tax Exemption (form 5076) you no longer need to file annually. All qualifying taxpayers must file no later than February 20, 2019 to claim the exemption. Once granted they will continue to receive the exemption until they no longer qualify. Once they no longer qualify, the taxpayer is required to file a rescission form and a personal property statement no later than February 20 of the year that the property is no longer eligible. Failure to file the rescission form will result in significant penalty and interest prescribed by P.A. 132 of 2018.**

Both of these forms and more information on the Small Business Property Tax Exemption may be found on our website: [kawkawlintwp.org](http://kawkawlintwp.org), Departments/Forms, Assessing Information & Forms.

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

**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 and what is not, you can go to our website: [www.kawkawlintwp.org](http://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 23 & 24.**



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

**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 (advanced), 11:00 (beginner)  
Thursday - Bingo 12:15 - 1:30

**NEED TO REPORT A COUNTY ROAD ISSUE ?**

Go to [baycoroad.org](http://baycoroad.org), Citizen Connect and fill out the online form or call 686-4610.

**STREET LIGHT OUT?**

Call Consumers Energy at 1-800-477-5050 or go to [ConsumersEnergy.com](http://ConsumersEnergy.com). Be ready to give cross streets or address nearest the outage.

**2018/2019 MEETINGS**

**Board Meetings**

**2nd Monday at 7:00 pm**

- November 12
- December 10
- January 14
- February 11
- March 11

**Planning Commission Meetings**

**3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm**

- November 15 has been moved to*
- November 8*
- December 20
- January 17
- February 21
- March 21

**COMMITTEES**

We are still looking for people to form a road committee and park/recreation committee. Please call the office if you are interested, 686-8710.

**ROAD PROJECTS**

**Projects Completed:**

- Boutell from Mackinaw to M13 - Chip and Seal
- Mosher from Beaver to Seidlers - Chip and Seal
- River from Mackinaw to M13 - Chip and Seal
- Seidlers from 8 mile to 7 mile - Chip and Seal
- Cottage Grove from 8 mile to I75 - Chip and Seal
- Boutell from 7 mile to I75 - Chip and Seal
- Wetters from 7 mile to I75 - Chip and Seal

**OFFICE CLOSED**

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

**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.

**WIND ORDINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE**

At the July Board Meeting a moratorium was put on the wind ordinance. At a special meeting on August 29, the board approved a citizen advisory committee of Pete Frauson, Jennifer Zielinski, Melvin McNally and Ken MacConnell, to assist with the wind ordinance. They have had several closed meetings a month for September and October, and

have submitted to the Planning Commission their recommended amendments to the ordinance. Please see above for future Township Board and Planning Commission meeting dates. The Planning Commission is also starting to review a Solar Ordinance.

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