

KAWKAWLIN TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

FALL/WINTER 2019

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

CLOSED FRIDAYS

Supervisor, Sam Davidson

In August 2019, the Board adopted a revised Wind Ordinance that is now in effect. I learned recently that DTE has started cancelling leases for land that they acquired over the past two years.

At the August Board meeting we voted to "opt out" of Recreational Marihuana. At this time it is our understanding that "opting out" was for stand alone Recreational Marihuana facilities. The State of Michigan has ruled, "If a Medical Marihuana facility has been approved for Provisioning or Growth, it may also sell or grow Recreational Marihuana under the same license". This would mean that the Township has NO authority or recourse to control it if the facility stays within the rules of the license. This is what we have been told to date and we will continue to research until we find a clear answer. Along those same lines, the Board has also capped Medical Marihuana applications until the Planning Commission has a chance to review the future of Marihuana in Kawkawlin Twp. One thing under consideration will be the "Stacking" of Class C (1,500 plants) Grow Licenses. Most grow facilities need the same equipment to grow 1,500 plants as it does to grow 15,000 plants, meaning the same facility/building needs one application to get built and operating, but needs 10 applications to operate at full capacity. The Planning Commission is researching these

options now and will take up this topic in 2020.

Kawkawlin Twp. is working with Fraser Twp., Bay County Environmental Affairs and Community Development, and the Linwood Civic Improvement Club to develop the east and north end of Linwood Road at the boat launch area, commonly known as Linwood Scenic Park. Grant money to accomplish much of the development has been applied for and one has already been funded. Projected construction is targeted for 2020 with completion to allow for use of a new seasonal fishing pier and handicapped kayak launch next summer!

The dumpster for brush (2 inches or less in diameter), leaf and grass clippings located on the southwest corner of the Township property will be back starting April 3th -5th 2020. It will be available every first full weekend thru November 2020.

I hope you will try to attend future Township Board and Planning Commission meetings, because this is where you can let us know what issues are important to you as residents of the Township. My door is always open. You can call me at 989-686-8710 or email me at: supervisor@kawkawlintwp.org.

Thank you for giving me the chance to work for you and I wish you and your family a happy and safe holiday season!

Treasurer, Melissa Klass

The Winter 2019 Tax Bill should be in your mailbox around Dec. 1. It is due and payable on or before Feb. 14th, which happens to be a Friday, and yes the office will be open that day from 8:00-5:00. From Feb. 15-29 there will be a 3% penalty added. All real property taxes not received by 4:00 pm **March 2, 2020** will need to be paid to the Bay County Treasurers office. When you receive your tax bill, please open immediately and check for errors. Certain errors need to be corrected through the Board of Review, which takes place December 10, 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: Dec. 24-27, 31, Jan. 1-3, 20, Feb. 17

Open: Dec 23 & 30 8:00-5:00

Clerk, Greg Petrimoulx

Next year is going to be a busy year for elections. Starting March 10th with the Presidential Primary, August 4th for the regular Primary and November 3rd for the General Election. We will be sending out a new style AV Application, please look them over carefully. Also, for the Presidential Primary you will have to pick your party affiliate in order to get a ballot.

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 9:00-5:00

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 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 July or December Board of Review. The December BOR will take place December 10th. 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.

Also, with all Land Division Applications we now require a certificate from the Bay County Treasurer showing the last 5 years of taxes are paid.

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.

Building Department, Dick Sabias

If hiring a licensed contractor to do work that does not require a building permit, you might consider taking out a permit anyway to protect yourself in case something goes wrong. If something should go wrong and you need to file a complaint with the Bureau of Construction Codes, without a permit the township would not be able to help resolve the issue.

Zoning Administrator, Dennis Bragiel

The Bay County GIS Department has created updated Zoning maps for the Township. The map is on the Bay County web site. Go to the bottom of their page and click on the "Property Tax Query". When that page opens type in the address you are looking for. Then on the top right click on the GIS icon. When the map opens click on the layers icon then the Zoning section. Currently Bangor, Beaver, Hampton and Kawkawlin Townships are available.

Blight and Zoning Ordinance complaints need to be filed with the Township on the Townships complaint form. The form is on the Townships web page or can be picked up in the office. The form must be filled out completely with the filer's name and phone number. If you can bring in some pictures it would be helpful but not required. The Township is a complaint driven ordinance enforcement.

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

2019/2020 MEETINGS

Board Meetings
2nd Monday at 7:00 pm
December 9
January 13
February 10
March 9

Planning Commission Meetings
2nd Thursday @ 7:00 pm
December 12
January 9
February 13
March 12

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.

STREET LIGHT OUT?

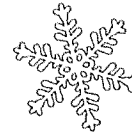
Call Consumers Energy at 1-800-477-5050 or go to ConsumersEnergy.com. Be ready to give cross streets or address nearest the outage.

OFFICE CLOSED

NOVEMBER 28,29
DECEMBER 24,25,26,27,31
JANUARY 1,2,3,20
FEBRUARY 17

NEED TO REPORT A COUNTY ROAD ISSUE ?

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



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.

As an alternative to the brush pile we used to provide in the southwest corner of the ball diamonds, we have started using a dumpster the first full weekend of each month. The same rules still apply as before with the brush pile. Hopefully this will eliminate anything and everything from being dumped back there. The dumpster will be on the same schedule as yard waste, therefore November was the last month for 2019 and will resume in April 2020.

