

KAWKAWLIN TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

SPRING/SUMMER 2021

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Office Hours

Supervisor: Mon-Wed 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

The remainder of 2021 looks to be another unusual year, and as we begin the late Spring/Summer season I would like to thank the voters of Kawkawlin Township for your support in the election last fall. I look forward to serving you for the next four years as your Supervisor.

As we continue to work around the Covid-19 Virus we have several projects in the works for the up coming year. Starting with the final chip/seal coats on the roads that were ground/shaped and chip/sealed in 2020, and also adding several roads for grinding/shaping and gravel. There is also another 1.5 miles of water main in the final stages. The bids are back in the Township's hands for approval with completion expected before the fall/winter season sets in. Republic is having staffing issues resulting in some recycle and yard waste pick ups to be missed. They have lost nine drivers in our area, but have folks in training now that should be able to pick up the slack soon. Please be patient, as they hope to have these issues resolved in the next 2-4 weeks.

I am happy to report that we have several boys/girls ball teams using the diamonds for practice and scrimmage games. I want to add that all the teams are doing their part to help keep the ball diamonds in shape. The Township has furnished a load of "diamond" sand for the infield on the middle diamond, and in the near future we are looking to replace the pitchers mound and several bases.

Earlier this spring I spoke to several parents that had their children playing on the swings and found there were some broken/cracked pieces that have now been

repaired, so come out and enjoy the park with your family!

We have completed the parking lot lighting, and the tennis court fencing has been approved for repair scheduled to begin the middle of June. Upon completion, we will be looking to repaint the tennis courts and also adding marker lines for the courts to be used for Pickle Ball games.

We are making slow but sure progress with a number of the blight issues that continue to plague the M-13 corridor (Huron Rd.) with some parcels in the Bay County Court System, and others being cleaned up by the property owners.

I would like to remind everyone that the Township is having a "Special Election" to fill the remaining term of Trustee on August 3, 2021. Please note there will be NO Primary Election. Currently, there are three candidates, one each for the Democratic and Republican Party and one person running as an Independent. If you plan to vote absentee, please return the Request for Ballot form to the Clerk, either by mail or drop it off at the Township Office no later than 4:00 pm on August 2, and you will receive a ballot to vote at that time.

I appreciate all the support and great suggestions that I have received since I took office, so please keep them coming. If you have questions or comments, please consider coming to our monthly Board Meeting, stop in the office, or call the office at (989) 686-8710, my cell (989) 460-7076 or send me an email at supervisor@kawkawlintwp.org.

Treasurer, Melissa Klass

Summer tax bills will be mailed June 28th. It is due September 14th without interest. On the 15th 1% interest will be added and another 1% the 1st of every month thereafter. All real property taxes not received by February 28, 2022 need to be paid to the Bay County Treasurers office. Personal Property tax is always paid here in the Township 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 July 20th, and once corrected may affect the tax amount due.

Taxes may be paid with cash, money order or check payable to 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 may accrue) regardless of whether or not a bill was received.



Clerk, Greg Petrimoulx

On August 3rd we will be holding an election for the open Trustee position that needs to be filled, so please get out and vote either in person or by absentee ballot. I will be in the office on July 31 from 8:00—1:00 and August 1 from 10:00—1:00 for anyone who needs to register to vote and to issue ballots. You have until 8:00 pm on election day to complete and return your ballot to the clerk's office. If you choose not to vote absentee the poll will be open from 7:00 am—8:00 pm on Aug 3.

Also, we are looking to fill positions on the Planning Commission and Board of Appeals, so if you or someone you know is interested in one or both, please contact the office at (989) 686-8710.

Have a safe and healthy summer!



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

Hours: Monday–Saturday 9:00–5:00, 686-1120

This is a friendly reminder that if you are going to burn any materials at all **A BURN PERMIT IS REQUIRED**. Burn permits are free and available at the fire department Mon-Fri, 9:00-5:00. 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 becoming a Firefighter?

If you'd like to be involved in your community and become a firefighter, 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.

We would like to Thank the residents of Kawkawlin Township for supporting the Fire Department Millage Renewal. The money received for this millage goes towards maintenance, housing and necessary equipment used to keep our firefighters safe.

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

Assessor, Joan Fackler

When you get your tax bill, please check it immediately for any errors. Clerical issues can be addressed at the Board of Review on July 20th. Assessment issues need to be addressed by appointment at the March, 2022 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, to make the change.

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.

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.

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

Zoning Administrator, Dennis Bragiel

Site plans need to be submitted to the Zoning Administrator for any new Development, Redevelopment, Rezoning, Variance or Special Use permit request.

Residential site plans need to be submitted to the Zoning Administrator and approved before Building Permits will be issued.

Blight and Zoning Ordinance complaints need to be filed with the Township on the Township Complaint Form. The form is on the web page (kawkawlintwp.org) 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.

Planning Commission

The Planning Commission is in the process of putting together a Solar Ordinance that has been in progress since 2018, and hope to hold a public hearing sometime in July. Please refer to the Pinconning Journal or the township website for the scheduled date. The current (6/10/2021) draft ordinance can be found on the website under the Solar Ordinance tab or a copy is available for viewing here at the office. The PC is also continuing work on the Master Plan.

Bay County Division on Aging - Kawkawlin Twp. Hall Senior Center

All activities and meetings remain cancelled and all Activity Centers are closed. The Department on Aging will be offering Curbside Take Out Meals at their Riverside Center (800 JFK Drive) every Monday-Friday. A hot or cold meal will be offered for you to come and pick up between 12 noon and 1:00 pm. Please call the Riverside Center (893-7070) by 2:00 pm at least one day in advance to reserve your meal. (To reserve for Monday you will need to call the previous Friday). For more information, please call the main office (989) 895-4100.

Heavenly Rest Cemetery

Thank you to the volunteers that came to the cemetery for spring cleanup day on April 17th. We plan to continue this annually, so anyone interested in helping or joining the Cemetery Committee, please call the office (989) 686-8710.

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.

Trash/Recycle

Many of you are already aware and for those of you that aren't, Republic Services is experiencing a shortage of drivers. Their priority right now is trash collection. Therefore, recycle and yard waste is not being picked up until further notice. They hope to be back on their normal schedule the first part of July. If your trash does not get picked up on its scheduled day, please leave it out and call the township office 686-8710 or Republic Services 1-810-768-2220 (Teresa) to report the missed pick up. In the meantime, to help alleviate the issue, we have 3 dumpsters located down the gravel drive to the ball diamonds. The first two are for recycle and the last one is for yard waste.

Please check the Supervisor's Corner on the home page of the township website for updated information as to when the recycle/yard waste collection will resume.

Bay County Department of Veteran Affairs (989) 895-4108

Did you know that Bay County has accredited service officers available to assist veterans and their families with claims and paperwork to the US Veteran Administration (VA)? We can assist with filing a new claim, checking on an old claim or case before the Board of Veteran Appeals (BVA). Or if you just have general questions about benefits that you may be entitled to such as healthcare at the Saginaw VA hospital.

We may also be able to assist with financial assistance in an emergency to qualified wartime veterans. There are program requirements that need to be met before assistance can be given.

In addition we have a transportation program that can get veterans to their appointments at the Saginaw VA Medical Center or VA Annex. Scheduler phone #989-525-5164.

We're here to help veterans and their families. Call us today :

Mark Kaczmarek, County Veteran Service Officer,
(989) 895-4190, kaczmarekm@baycounty.net
Gary Bowersock, Emergency Relief Coordinator,
(989) 895-4189, bowersockg@baycounty.net

2021/2022 Meetings

Teleconference still available (518) 418-1478)

Board Meetings 2nd Monday at 7:00 pm

June 14
July 12
August 9
September 13
October 12
November 8
December 13
January 10
February 14
March 14

Planning Commission Meetings 2nd Thursday @ 7:00 pm

June 10
July 8 (No Meeting)
August 12
September 9
October 14
November 11
December 9
January 13
February 10
March 10

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.

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 CLOSED

May 31
July 5
September 6
October 11
November 11, 25
January 17
February 21

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.

Committees/Boards

Anyone interested in being on the Zoning Board Of Appeals, being a part of the Park and Recreation Committee or Cemetery Committee, please call the office 686-8710.

Mosquito Control

Routine surveillance has detected the first evidence of Jamestown Canyon Virus in a mosquito from Kawkawlin Twp. Control efforts have taken place to reduce mosquito populations. The risk is low, but we encourage everyone to use insect repellant when outdoors. For more information, visit the Bay County Mosquito Control website: Baycounty-mi.gov/mosquitocontrol

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