

February 2019

NEWSLETTER

Twp. of Evart, Osceola Co.

The past few months have brought some changes to your local township government. Doug Derscheid has graciously accepted the board's appointment to finish Chad's term. Following is an introduction from Doug:

Dear Evart Township Residents and Property Owners,

Following the recent resignation of former township supervisor, Chad Booher, due to his new job responsibilities, I was recently appointed by the township board to finish out the final two years of the current term as the township supervisor.

I have served on the Township Board of Review for the past 10 years, and during that time, my knowledge of the township has increased. While surprised when initially approached about the position of township supervisor, I eventually came to realize my appreciation for our community, the joy found in service and the satisfaction of helping others find solutions to problems was leading me to allow my name to be considered for this position of public service.

I am a third-generation resident of Evart Township, and I have lived within Evart Township nearly all of my life. The rolling farm lands, woods, lakes and streams of Evart Township and the surrounding area have been my world, and the neighbors, friends and relatives living nearby have shaped and molded me and what I value.

Much of my life has been dedicated to working with boys and young men at Pineview Homes, a residential child caring program started by my grandparents in 1965, just north of Evart. I have spent the last 21 years working with boys with troubled, neglected and abused backgrounds as well as their families, social workers and judges from 58 counties across the State of Michigan.

My wife and I built our home in the township and have thoroughly enjoyed raising our four children in this community where they have participated in the youth sports programs, and I have had the privilege of assisting as a coach for the past 14 years. I also have served the past 17 years as the Youth Director for our Church Conference, overseeing our annual Youth Camp and Winter Youth Retreat.

On matters of concern for the citizens and property owners, I look forward to providing a listening ear and inviting dialogue on issues and ideas pertaining to various township services as we continue to make Evart Township a wonderful place to live, work and enjoy.

Sincerely,

Our Board of Review also has changed. Now sitting on this board are the following members:

Aaron Maney
Dennis Bryant
John Cataldo

As of this writing there is not an alternate appointed, however this will be on the agenda for the Township Board monthly meeting on February 5th.

March Board of Review will be held on the following dates at the Evart Township Hall located at 327 S. Main Street in the City of Evart. You may also submit your request to the Board of Review in writing rather than appearance if you so wish.

March 5th @ 9 a.m. Administrative Meeting
March 12th 3:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
March 13th 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

The reassessment of Evart Township is now completed. All properties should now be assessed properly, and any omitted property should be added to your "card". As a reminder: your property "card" belongs to you. Anyone may request a copy of their card from the assessor.

Kimber Westmaas has informed the Board that she will not be seeking an extension of her contract with us as Evart Township Assessor. She will vacate the position at the end of her term; March 31, 2019. The Evart Township Board wishes to thank her for all her hard work and dedication these past couple years to bring us into compliance with state regulations.

Township "clean-up" day. Due to a scheduling conflict the original date announced has been changed to **Saturday, May 11th**. This starts at 8 a.m. and runs until the dumpsters are full. This is held at the Evart VFW hall on 85th Avenue just south of Evart.

Middle Branch Township is again hosting the tire pickup at the Middle Branch Hall. The drop off days are: Wednesday, May 29, Thursday, May 30, Friday, May 31, and Saturday, June 01. This year if you have more than eight (8) tires to drop off you must call Peggy Hoard at 231 631 9970. Please also call Peggy if you have time to volunteer your help with the collection on any of these days. The drop off is free for individuals wishing to dispose of their old tires – or those found along the roadside.

We need to remind all taxpayers (or anyone wishing to mail information) that the Evart Township Hall does NOT contain offices. No mail or packages are received there. Mailing addresses/phone numbers can be found on our website (which we share with Osceola County) or can be obtained by calling any board member listed below. Also, the Treasurer has a request to make of anyone who sends payment(s) via an on-line check service. The address for Evart Township Treasurer **MUST** be changed to read: 1373 90th Avenue, Evart, MI 49631. I have stopped at the former treasurer's home many times to pick up mail that is still being sent to her. I have attempted to mail a letter to each of these; however, the next year they are again sent to the incorrect address. Winter Tax Payments must be sent to the address on the Winter Tax Bill!!! Your Summer taxes are paid to Osceola County Treasurer, 301 W. Upton Ave., Reed City, MI 49677. These addresses are clearly printed on the tax bills under "Payment Information: Pay this bill by mail to:"

I appreciate your assistance in addressing your payments correctly to ensure that your tax payments are received and receipted in a timely manner.

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