

TAWAS TOWNSHIP NEWS

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Summer 2020

Supervisor:

Hope everyone had a good winter. This year we plan to asphalt Timreck Road, ½ mile of Oates Road, ½ mile of Rempert Road and possibly a little more.

We again are asking people to keep our Township clean of blight and to respect our neighbors. This year is going to be our last for a Township Cleanup Day as we can now put out one large item a month with Sunrise Disposal, just be sure to call them ahead of time so they can plan for it. The Cleanup date is July 18 from 8am to noon. This year we are going to limit items to 2 mattresses and 1 pickup truck load or trailer of equivalent size. No wood or newspaper bundles, wire and cardboard must be flattened and bundled. Also no construction material or yard waste.

Thank you and have a nice summer.

Paul Westcott

Assessor:

2020 certainly has been a roller coaster of a year. I hope this newsletter finds you and your loved ones safe and healthy. Over the next few months annual property reappraisals will be taking place. During this time a property auditor may visit your property to perform an exterior inspection. This means the auditor will need to quickly measure any changes to the structures and take updated pictures. As your Tax Assessor it is my duty to maintain our records, which requires a site visit to at least 20% of all parcels within our township. This ensures your property will be visited at least once every 5 years, which is essential to insure accurate and uniform assessments throughout our township. And remember – a visit to the property does **NOT** automatically result in an increase in your assessment. It has been my pleasure to serve the community and I continue to look forward to working with our taxpayers. If there are any questions, please feel free to contact me anytime or visit our website at TawasTownship.com.

Jessica Landry

Treasurer:

Welcome to tax year 2020, a few things to be aware of:

Tax bills should be received the first week of July and December, if you do not get them, please call me.

Summer Taxes are due without penalty by September 14 this is also the due date to file your summer tax Deferment form if you qualify.

Winter taxes are due without penalty by February 15 and will be turned over to the county as delinquent as of March 2, 2021.

If paying after these dates please call for a payoff amount as interest and penalties are added.

After March 1, you will need to call the Iosco County Treasurer's Office at 362.4409.

We do not accept credit cards – cash or checks only. **In this time of uncertainty with Covid 19, I would like to request that if at all possible pay by check and mail it to the Township. I would like to handle as little cash as possible. As always a receipt will be sent to you when requested.**

If your mortgage company pays your taxes, the information has been forwarded to them. Please take a moment to review your bill for accuracy.

If you would like a receipt, please make a notation on your remittance stub.

Hope everyone has a great summer.

Sheri Williams

Interesting Township Facts:

Established.....	1857
Population.....	1,884
Square Miles.....	33.4
Acres.....	21,386
S.E.V. 2018.....	63,792,200
Taxable Value 2019.....	52,831,610
# of Homes.....	896
Seasonal homes inc. above.....	112

Master Plan:

Our new Master Plan is now available on the Township website.

Clerk:

This year will be a busy year with all of the upcoming elections. With the February Presidential Primary behind us, we will still have the State Primary Election on August 4 and the State General Election on November 30. The last day to register to vote in any manner other than in person with the local clerk for the August Primary is July 20 and for the November General is October 19. With the passing of proposal 18-3, every registered voter in Michigan has the right to not only vote in person but to vote by mail with an absentee ballot. To receive an absentee voter application you can print on off on line at Michigan.gov/sos and search for the form or you can call me at 989.254.7759 to have one mailed to you. The absentee ballots for the August Primary will be available on June 20 and the absentee ballots for the November General will be available on September 19. The local clerk will be available for 4 hours on the Saturday and Sunday before the elections for last minute absentee ballots. If you have any questions about receiving an absentee ballot application or ballot please feel free to contact me at 989.254.7759 or melstew78@gmail.com Melissa Stewart

Zoning Administrator:

We ended the year with 19 Zoning Permits being issued and for the first two months of 2020 we have had 2. The Coronavirus has really put a damper on the building trades and so much more. We must all do our part to get through this and hopefully things will turn around. A Zoning Permit is a document issued by a local government permitting a parcel of land to be used for a prescribed purpose. When you have a building, addition, improvement, etc. that you are planning, please call for a permit. A site visit will be made to see if the requested project complies with the zoning in your area. The cost of a Zoning Permit is \$25.00. Hope everyone has a safe and healthy year. Rick Wilson

Road Commission Information:

The Iosco County Road Commission would like residents to use their automated website to register service requests or complaints. In addition to this feature there is information available regarding ICRC operations and structure. The site address is www.ioscoroads.org/. For those without the internet the phone number is 989-362-4433.

Burn Permits:

Permits are issued by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources at 1-866-922-BURN (2786) or on line at www.Michigan.gov/burnpermit.

Township Meetings:

Second Monday of the month, 6pm at the Township Hall, 27 S. McArdle Rd.

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