

SUMMER 2020

# Bearinger Township

## NEWSLETTER



### SUMMER PROPERTY TAXES

Payable to: Bearinger Township

Tax Payments can be sent via US Mail, UPS, or FED X to: Bearinger Township, 19223 Ortolan Lane N, Ocqueoc, MI 49759-8322 or by appointment by calling 989.938.6490. . Neither the date of your check nor the postmark will count as the date funds are received. Please allow at least 4-5 days for your payment to reach the Treasurer on the date taxes are due to avoid interest fees.

- **Summer 2020 taxes** are due July 1, 2020 through September 14, 2020 without penalty. Payments received after September 14 will accrue 1% interest each month & 4% added after February 16, 2021 to February 28, 2021. On March 1, all delinquent taxes are submitted to PI County.
- Treasurer will be available **from 9-5 on September 14** to accept payments in person at 19223 Ortolan Lane N (between #59 and #60 off US23). No appointment necessary. If mailing tax payments and you need a receipt of payment, indicate this on your tax payment bill or include a note with your payment.
- **Deferment of Summer Taxes** is granted without penalty & interest until February 14, 2021 for any taxpayer who is a senior citizen (62 years+), is totally **AND** permanently disabled or otherwise eligible, **AND** whose household income does not exceed \$40,000 per year. Applications are available by contacting the Township Treasurer & must be returned by Sept 14, 2020. This deferment needs to be renewed each year for eligibility. Copies of the 1040A Federal Tax Form & MI 1040-CR are required.

A great resource for Bearinger Township information and forms  
[www.bearingertownship.org](http://www.bearingertownship.org)

### BEARINGER TOWNSHIP BOARD

Archie "Pat" Patterson, Supervisor  
989-938-6429  
[supervisor@bearingertownship.org](mailto:supervisor@bearingertownship.org)

Beverly Rossetto, Clerk  
989-938-6258  
[clerk@bearingertownship.org](mailto:clerk@bearingertownship.org)

Emilie Stawiarski, Treasurer  
989-938-6490 or 734-730-9192  
[treasurer@bearingertownship.org](mailto:treasurer@bearingertownship.org)

Duane Walker, Trustee  
989-733-4637  
[trusteewalker@bearingertownship.org](mailto:trusteewalker@bearingertownship.org)

Patricia Augustine Frost, Trustee  
231-758-7696  
[trusteefrost@bearingertownship.org](mailto:trusteefrost@bearingertownship.org)

Bearinger Township Board Meetings  
are held at the Township Hall, 17034  
Town Hall Hwy Ocqueoc, MI  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday every month at 6:30

#### ***A Message from your Supervisor, Archie 'Pat' Patterson***

The Bearinger Township Board hopes this newsletter finds you safe and healthy. We regret that the COVID-19 virus has caused us to cancel several of our Board Meetings. With improved state-wide conditions, we will resume our meetings with added protection as needed, hopefully on June 9<sup>th</sup>.

The Township now has new election equipment and under the new election law the Clerk can register township residents to vote on Election Day and there is now no-reason absentee/mail-in voting in place as well. This applies to the August Primary and the November General Election. With the COVID-19 virus still lingering, older voters and those with pre-existing medical conditions may consider absentee/mail-in voting for their own protection. Contact the Clerk for an application. After the November General Election, a new Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer and Trustees will begin their terms of office for the Township. The current Township officers will work with them to ensure a smooth transition.

On **July 18<sup>th</sup>** the Township will host our annual **Big Trash Day** so plan ahead for all those big items you want to dispose.

The weather and higher Lake Huron water levels have caused beach erosion in many areas. A reminder that the State requires all waterfront lots to be taxed on frontage and not the conditions of the beach; that assessment criteria is out of the Township's hands. Many are installing rip-rap for erosion protection with permits thru the US Army Corps of Engineers and Michigan DEQ's EGLE program. Should you have questions contact EGLE at <https://www.michigan.gov/egle> or an excavation company. Wishing you a happy summer. Be sure to continue practicing safe distances and protecting yourself with masks when appropriate. Your Township Board cares about you.

Sincerely, **Archie "Pat" Patterson, Supervisor**

**NOTES OF INTEREST:**

**Leash Law:** State of Michigan dictates that whenever dogs are not on their owner's property, they must be restrained with a leash. Michigan dog owners can be liable for dog bites and other injuries caused by their pet. See Michigan statute MCLA 287.262

**Burn Permit Site:** <http://www.dnr.state.mi.us/burnpermits>

**Medical and Recreational Marijuana** commercial facilities have been prohibited within the Township by Township Board Ordinance #2019-02.

**Recreational Vehicle Ordinance:** See information details below.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS UPDATES**

Please remember to submit change of address information to the Township Treasurer by  
**Email:** [treasurer@bearingertownship.org](mailto:treasurer@bearingertownship.org)  
**Mail:** 19223 Ortolan Lane, N., Millersburg, MI 49759 Or include a note with your tax payment. Don't forget to update your **payee address** when paying your taxes with an **on-line bank check** and notify your new bank for any escrow payments.

**Big Trash Day – July 18<sup>th</sup> 9:00 to 3:00**

Bearinger Township is hosting the Large Trash Day at the Township Hall, 17034 Town Hall Highway, to help residents dispose of big unwanted items. Please use the coupon below with your tax bill as proof of residency.

**2020 Voting & Election Information**

For any 2020 Election for Township Board Position please observe the following instructions:

**Nonpartisan Candidate** - Bearinger Township Registered voters interested in seeking Township Board position in the November 3, 2020 General Election must file an Affidavit of Identity and a nonpartisan nominating petition by **July 16, 2020** with the Township Clerk (989.938.6258).

**Write-in Candidates** - must file Declaration of Intent forms for the August 4, 2020 Primary Election by **July 24, 2020** and for the November 3, 2020 General Election by **October 23, 2020**.

**Mail-In Ballot for the August Primary Election and the November General Election** – Bearinger Township Registered Voters may vote by mail-in ballot. Contact the Township Clerk, Beverly Rossetto, to obtain an application and ballot by mail at 16122 Guyana Lane 44, Millersburg, MI 49759-9316 or telephone 989.938.6258.

**JULY BOARD of REVIEW**

Appointments for the July Board of Review must be received before July 16, 2020. Call 989.734.3555 to schedule an appointment.

**COUPON FOR BIG TRASH DAY**

Bring this coupon with you in order to participate in Bearinger Township's Big Trash Day. Proof of Property Ownership is required, for example, a tax bill or driver's license with Bearinger address. The following rules apply:

1. There is a one-way entrance and one-way exit to the parking lot.
2. Only property tax payers are allowed to drop off items.
3. **No** refrigerators or window air conditioners due to environmental coolant restrictions.
4. **No** large quantities will be accepted (ex., 20 mattresses)
5. **No** demolition materials, automobiles or machinery or yard debris such as leaves, brush, or grass clippings will be accepted.
6. **No** hazardous or toxic waste including paint will be accepted.
7. Household items such as appliances, ovens, microwave ovens, furniture, or household trash **will be accepted**.
8. Tires **will be accepted** at no charge if they are cut up into sections such as halves or the sidewalls have been removed.
9. Whole tires **will be accepted** for the following fees: Up to 17"=\$5; Over 17"= \$8; semi-tires=\$15; tractor=\$32. Pay PAC Sanitation.

The PAC compactor truck driver has the final say on what is acceptable for disposal.

**Volunteer Firefighters & First Responders**

If you are interested in becoming a Volunteer Firefighter or First Responder, the Ocqueoc/ Bearinger Fire Dept will provide training, protective gear, equipment, and certification costs. Please call Fire Chief Gary Yaklin 989.370.7980 or Bev Rossetto 989.938.6258 for more information. Fire Dept Board meetings are held every other month beginning with January at 7:00 pm at the Fire Hall. Public Welcome.

**Recreational Vehicle Ordinance**

By Presque Isle County ordinance #2007-1, a recreational vehicle cannot be used as a temporary living arrangement on any vacant lot, parcel, field, or tract of land for more than 30 days in a 90-day period and no more than 90 days in any calendar year, unless located in a licensed recreational vehicle park or campground. Contact the Building/Zoning Department of Presque Isle County for details and **to report violations at 989.734.2915**.