

SUMMER 2021

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 Treasurer, 14885 Pine Tree Trail, Millersburg, MI 49759 or by appointment by calling 989.938.6515. Neither the date of your check nor the envelope 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 2021 taxes** are due July 1, 2021 through September 14, 2021 without penalty. Payments received after September 14 will accrue 1% interest. On March 1, 2022 all unpaid tax bills are returned to the Presque Isle County Treasurer's office for collection.
- The Bearinger Township Treasurer will be available from 9-5 on Tuesday, September 14th and on December 29th to accept payments in person at 14885 Pine Tree Trail (US23 and Lane 45). No appointment needed on those two days. Please do not send payments to the Township Hall address.
- If mailing tax payments and you need a receipt of payment, please send a note with your tax payment and a self-addressed and stamped envelope would be appreciated.
- **Deferment of Summer Taxes** is granted without penalty & interest until February 14, 2022 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.

BEARINGER TOWNSHIP BOARD

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A great resource for Bearinger Township information and forms
www.bearingertownship.org

Bearinger Township Board Meetings
are held at the Township Hall, 17034
Town Hall Hwy Ocqueoc, MI
2nd Tuesday every month

A Message from your Supervisor, Michael Phillips

The Bearinger Township Board, My Family and I wish this newsletter finds you safe and healthy. As gathering restrictions have evolved over the last year + we have continued to adapt in order to serve you. With mask requirements slowly being lifted in accordance with state and federal guidelines, please enjoy all that Northern Michigan has to offer while keeping each other safe.

As the pandemic continues, so do many programs to assist those negatively impacted by the virus. The programs vary from additional healthcare to monthly broadband stipends. Funds have already been allocated to these programs and they are there for use by any person that meets the program qualifications. Qualifications vary, so check with each supporting agency to see which ones you may be eligible for.

I am pleased to announce that the Township will be hosting its annual BIG TRASH DAY on July 17th from 9 am to 3 pm at the Township hall. Please see page 2 for details on item that will be accepted or rejected. There are fees for tire disposal based on size ranging from \$5 to \$32, payment is due to PAC driver at time of disposal.

If you need to contact me, I can be reached at supervisor@bearingertownship.org or 231-420-8742

Best Regards, ***Michael Phillips, Supervisor***

INTRODUCING:

James Watt, was appointed as the new Township Treasurer on May 16, 2021. He joins the township team with solid accounting experience and a readiness to take on the position as our Treasurer. Our thanks to **Terry Stemple** who stepped in for several months to take on the treasurer challenge.

As we say good-bye to Trustee **Duane Walker**, we thank him for his many years of service to the township and as our representative to the Onaway Area Ambulance and wish him the very best in years to come.

Joining the township board as Duane's replacement is **Lee Stawiarski** on May 1, 2021. Lee adds the Trustee job and representative to the Onaway Area Ambulance to his Township Caretaker position.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS UPDATES

Please remember to submit change of address information to the Township Treasurer by
Email: treasurer@bearingertownship.org
Mail: 14885Pine Tree Trail 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 17th 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.

**JULY BOARD of REVIEW**

Appointments for the July Board of Review must be received before July 16, 2021. Call 989.734.3555 to schedule an appointment.

LOCAL AREA EVENTS

Now that the past year is behind us, residents can once again enjoy several area events. Please observe event restrictions.

***July 10th** Huron Beach Civic Association Big Garage Sale at the Ocqueoc/Bearinger Fire Department. 9:00 to 3:00. Items can be dropped off at the HBCA hall by contacting any board member. For details go to www.hbca-pi.org

***August 3 – 8** Rogers City Nautical Festival. For event details go to <https://rogerscitynauticalcityfestival.com>

***Cheboygan Humane Society Garage Sale August 27 [9-6] and 28 [9-5]**. Donations can be dropped off **Wed. the 25th** from 10-2. They also are accepting Cash, Debt Card and Check donations.

***Onaway Oval Track Racing** is open once again. Go to: <https://onawayspeedway.com/events> for event times and dates

***July 15th at 7:30p.m.** The Presque Isle County Planning Commission will have a public hearing to announce their new ordinance on Short-Term Rentals in the County. The meeting will be in the County Courthouse Commission Room. If you would like to give your input be there at that time. To obtain a copy of the ordinance draft contact the Building and Zoning Dept. at pibuild@picounty.org or 989-734-2915. Be sure to check to make sure no changes have been made to the time of the meeting.

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.**