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Bearinger Township

NEWSLETTER



SUMMER PROPERTY TAXES

Payable to Bearinger Township Treasurer

Summer 2025 taxes are due and payable as of July 1, 2025 through September 15, 2025. Payments received after September 15, 2025 will accrue 1% interest each month. Payments may be made **in person** on Monday, Sept 15 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm or can be **sent via US Mail, UPS, or FED EX to: Bearinger Township Treasurer, 14885 Pine Tree Trail, Millersburg, MI 49759 or by appointment by calling 989-938-6515**. The check date is not considered proof of payment nor is past payment history. For your convenience we now have a **Tax Payment Drop Box** at lane #45 (in the drive next to the lane). If you would like a **receipt of tax payment**, please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your payment and a note informing your request for a receipt.

A Message from your Supervisor, Cheryl Watt

I just wanted to take a moment and introduce myself as the new Bearinger Township Supervisor. I may be new as Supervisor, but I have been serving the people of the township for the last four years as a Trustee and look forward to continuing to serve in my new role. You may reach me at supervisor@bearingertownship.org or by phone at 989-938-6515.

A Message from your New Township Clerk, Sandra Rhadigan

Hello Neighbors,
I'm excited to introduce myself as your new Bearinger Township Clerk. I'll be handling things like keeping records in order, helping with local elections, and making sure meetings are documented clearly. I look forward to serving our community by being a part of what keeps our township running smoothly – and getting to know more of you along the way. I'm here to help however I can, so if you ever have questions, don't hesitate to reach out.

Sandra Rhadigan
Email: clerk@bearingertownship.org

Bearinger Township Update

Our sincere thanks to former supervisor, Tim Adams, and Deputy Clerk, Cathy Adams, for their support of Bearinger Township residents, their participation in the Township Board, and the Board of Review these past many months. We wish them well in their future endeavors.

BEARINGER TOWNSHIP BOARD

Cheryl Watt, Supervisor
989-938-6515
supervisor@bearingertownship.org

Sandra Rhadigan, Clerk
586-615-9360
clerk@bearingertownship.org

Jim Watt, Treasurer
989-938-6515
treasurer@bearingertownship.org

Lee Stawiarski, Trustee
989-938-6490
trustee.stawiarski@bearingertownship.org

Emilie Stawiarski, Trustee
989-938-6490
Trustee-estawiarski
@bearingertownship.org

Bearinger Township Board Meetings

are held at the Township Hall
17034 Town Hall Highway
Ocqueoc, MI 49759

**2nd Tuesday of every month
at 6:30 pm**

Bearinger Township Assessor

Allan Berg
PO Box 25
Rogers City, MI 49779
989-734-3555
assessor@assessingoffice.com

www.bearingertownship.org

A great resource for Bearinger Township information & updates



ONAWAY AREA AMBULANCE MEMBERSHIP PLAN

The Onaway Plus Membership Plan provides a way to save on the potential cost of an ambulance bill.

The whole family is covered from July 1st thru June 30 including a single, a couple, or a family with all dependent children living at one residence for only \$70 per year. If you have no insurance coverage, the Plan will pay the Onaway Ambulance (OAA) bill in full. If you have insurance, OAA will bill your insurance company and accept the amount they pay as paid in full. Government insurance (Medicare) pays 80% of the approved amount and you may still owe 20% of the approved amount.

Many private insurance carriers have high deductibles of \$2,000 or more. The entire ambulance bill is applied to the deductible many times within the year.

OAA has an agreement with Cheboygan Life Support Systems to honor each other's subscription plans. That means if you are picked up in Onaway, Rogers City, Cheboygan, Indian River or St Ignace, you are covered by the Onaway Plus Membership Plan.

The Plan is mailed out every spring to all area residences. If you haven't received an application by the last week of May, please call 989-733-4166 and one will be mailed to you. Hope you will take advantage of this opportunity as applying for this Plan could save you a lot of money on an ambulance bill.

County Recycle Centers

Bearinger Township does not have a recycling center. With changes in County funding, new recycling bins will be obtained and located at the Ocqueoc Township drop-off center. If you purchase the Ocqueoc Township green trash bags, you may drop off your trash in their trash bins. Bags cost \$2 for small and \$3 for large size. No fee for disposing of recyclables.

Ocqueoc/Bearinger Township Fire Dept

Meetings are held every other month beginning in January at 7:00 pm at the Fire Hall, Town Hall Highway and US23. The public is welcome to attend.

Recruiting Volunteer Firefighters and 1st Responders.

If interested, please call Fire Chief Brian Bilinski 586-747-5450 or Beverly Rossetto 989-938-6258 for more information. Training and equipment will be provided.

BIG TRASH DAY

Saturday, July 19, 2025 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

At the Bearinger Township Hall
17034 Town Hall Highway
Ocqueoc, MI 49759

Trash items include: appliances, computers, televisions, furniture, and household trash.

Not allowed are demolition materials, autos or machinery, brush, leave/grass clippings or hazardous waste items. Tires are allowed at extra cost: under 17" = \$11, Over 17" = \$13
Tractor Tires = \$16, and Semi Tires = \$36.
All Freon loaded Units = \$16.

Maximize Your Safety With CodeRED

CodeRED is the FREE community notification system available to Presque Isle County residents that will send you alerts concerning time-sensitive and/or emergency information that may impact your area via phone calls, text messages, emails, and social media. To register, go to:

<https://presqueislecounty.org/codered/>

DOG LEASH ORDINANCE: Michigan & Presque Isle County have strict dog bite and leash laws, preventing dogs from being off-leash while in public. **The law requires that dogs be kept on a leash at all times when on public property.** While on the owner's personal property (including renters), dogs must be under control of their owners. Dogs 6 months or older must be licensed & wear a collar with a tag. The intent of the law is to protect the health and safety of the public and to protect your pet. **Dogs cannot bark excessively** or cause others to suffer from a nuisance. Offenders of this law may be fined up to \$100 on first offense. Excessive Barking can be described as constant barking for long periods of time, both day and night, for no apparent reason. To report infractions, call the **Sheriff's Dept at 989.734.2156**

Bearinger Twp Emergency Shelter listed with PIE&G

In the event of an emergency call 9-1-1; for all non-emergency information, call 2-1-1. For the location of a weather emergency or power outage shelter near you, PIE&G has offered to provide information to community members. Call: 1.800.423.6634. Bearinger Township currently utilizes the Ocqueoc/Bearinger Fire Department Hall as its local emergency shelter at Town Hall Highway & US23.

Change of Address

Please remember to submit change of address information to the Township Treasurer by
Email: treasurer@bearingertownship.org
Mail: 14885 Pine Tree Trail, Millersburg, MI 49759
Or include a note with your tax payment.