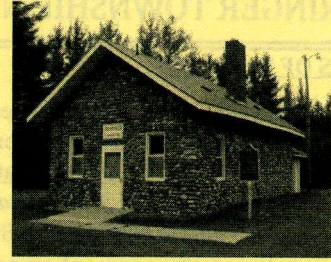


SUMMER 2019

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 2019 taxes** are due July 1, 2019 through September 16, 2019 without penalty. Payments received after September 16 will accrue 1% interest each month & 4% added after February 14, 2020 to February 28, 2020. On March 1, all delinquent taxes are remitted to the county.
- Treasurer's Deputy will be available **from 9-5 on September 16** to accept payments in person at 19223 Ortolan Lane N (between #59 and #60 off US23). No appointment necessary. Receipts will be mailed at a later date.
- If mailing tax payment 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, 2020 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 16, 2018. 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

BEARINGER TOWNSHIP BOARD

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

A Message from your Supervisor, Archie 'Pat' Patterson

Welcome to all former & new residents of Bearinger Township. Our goal is to provide you with a great experience in our township. A few notes on the latest at the Township & your Township Hall. The Township Board once again reduced spending by \$10,000 less than the budgeted amount for FY 2018. Besides the new LED light for our parking lot, we switched from a land line phone to a wireless phone, drastically reducing our costs by half. This summer we will be replacing our dilapidated outside board sign with a new one which will give residents more information about upcoming meetings and events.

There will be an election August 6, 2019 with a referendum on wind turbines. This will be the first time taxpayers can register to vote on the same day as the election. Our Clerk, Beverly Rossetto, has been thru extensive training on not only the new election rules & equipment but how to connect to the State's database when registering voters on site. This system will prevent election fraud & is a new process so if you use it, please be patient. This year to support the Election Day registration, the Township will use a wireless Internet connection & only pay for the day we use it. This will also reduce overhead election costs.

The Township expects another great turn out for our annual Big Trash Day on July 13 from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. More details are listed on the coupon on page two of this newsletter. Please note tires under 17" are \$5 each; over 17" are \$8 each; semi tires are \$15 each; and tractor tires are \$32 each. Payment is made directly to the PAC driver on site.

Your Township fire department & ambulance services work hard to keep their operational costs down while providing top notch service. Please read details on page two of this newsletter about 2018 stats and other information.

As always if you wish to contact me, I can be reached by email at supervisor@bearingertownship.org or by phone at 989.938.6429. Have a safe and wonderful summer.

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 resolution.

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.

ADDRESS UPDATES

Please remember to submit change of address information to the Township Treasurer by

Email: 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.

Township Fire and Medical Services Update

The Ocqueoc-Bearinger Fire Department continues to support tax payers with fire protection and medical first responder volunteers. In 2018 the department volunteers responded to 17 fires, 3 accidents and 59 medical calls. For those living within 5 miles of the Fire Department building your ISO insurance rating is now an 8b which is down from a 9. The department plans on demonstrating its ability to deliver water in quantities to achieve a lower ISO 8 rating. If you live within 5 miles of the building, check with your insurance company for any change in your rates based on the new ISO rating.

The Rogers City Area Ambulance Services Authority which is supported by your tax dollars is in the process of replacing one of their older three ambulances after a well-used three year useful life. They log a lot of miles providing you with emergency medical services. In 2018 the ambulance service responded to 715 calls and transported 524 people to the hospital. In 2017 this number was 432.

Both the Onaway Area Ambulance [989.733.4166] and the Cheboygan County Life Support System [231.627.9348] offer applications for ambulance transport insurance coverage at a very reasonable rate for area residents. Contact them for details.

JULY BOARD OF REVIEW

Appointments for the July Board of Review must be received before July 12, 2019. Call 989.734.3555 to schedule an appointment.

Big Trash Day – July 13th 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.



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

Volunteer Firefighters & First Responders Needed

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.

2019 Election Information

There will be a county-wide 2019 referendum election on wind turbines on August 6. Please remember to vote at the Township Hall. Voter Registration or Absentee ballots can be obtained from the Township Clerk, Bev Rossetto, by calling 989-938-6258.