

TAWAS TOWNSHIP NEWS

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Supervisor's Notes: Hope everyone had a great winter. **Road Update:** Spring is always hard on our roads, if you are on a gravel road and it gets bad, give the Road Commission a call; they have been good at blading them up in a timely manner. We are looking at improving Timreck Road and Bischoff Road this year, also a culvert replacement on Oates Road south of Townline. For the second year in a row we are going to dust control all necessary gravel roads at no cost to you, this is a trial with no guarantees that it will continue in the future. **Fire Millage Update:** Due to a surplus in our Fire Account we have suspended the collection of the millage for 2015, 2016 and 2017. **Township Cleanup Day:** Our cleanup day is scheduled for July 15 from 8am to noon, this will be our 8th year for this program and we encourage our residents to take advantage of it. Items accepted are normal household refuse including appliances (Freon free), furniture, carpeting, etc. We do not accept construction materials, yard waste and hazardous materials. There is a \$5.00 per tire fee for passenger vehicle tires. **Blight Ordinance:** We are currently working on a new Fight Blight Ordinance that will help make our Township more attractive. We are hoping for everyone's cooperation. If you have any questions on the above issues please contact me. Paul Westcott, Supervisor

Message from the Clerk: This year is a much slower year with all of the major elections behind us. Tawas Township had a record turn out for the Presidential Election with 989 of our 1368 registered voters casting ballots. Coming in 2018 the whole state will be receiving new updated voting equipment. The old equipment has been used for many years and is starting to wear out. Iosco County just signed the contract for the new equipment with the same company that we have been working with for years. The cost of the new equipment will be covered by a grant for each jurisdiction, so there will not be any major cost for the townships. Melissa Stewart, Clerk

Treasurer's Tax Update: Your **tax bills** should be received on or around July 1 and December 1, if you do not receive them within a week of those dates, please call to verify your address and request a duplicate bill. Taxes are then due by September 14 and February 14, depending on weekends and holidays. If you are paying after those dates please call for a payoff amount as additional fees are added. Check all information on your bills for accuracy. If your taxes are **escrowed** the information will be sent to your bank, etc. If you are claiming and qualify for a **deferral of your summer bill** until the winter season, contact me for a form that must be filed by September 14. If you wish a **receipt** please make note of that on your remittance slip and I will mail you one. Sheri Williams, Treasurer

Assessor: Summer has finally arrived! 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 to your assessment. If you would prefer to set an appointment, please contact me. The Board of Review will be meeting July 18th at 6pm and December 12th at 6pm to correct qualified errors. No appeals will be heard at these meetings. 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. Respectfully, Jessica Williams, Property Tax Assessor Contact Number (989)820-6961 or Email: HHROscoda08@gmail.com

Planning and Zoning:

Note: Scheduled Planning & Zoning Meetings are the first Thursday of February, May, August and November – 6pm at the Township Hall. Call Steve Finley at 362-0458 to confirm date and time if you wish to attend one of these meetings.

Road Commission Information:

The Iosco County Road Commission would like residents to use their automated website to register services requests or complaints. In addition to this feature there is information available regarding ICRC operation 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 (2876) or on line at www.Michigan.gov/burnpermit.

Township Meetings: Second Monday of the month – 6pm at the Township Hall.

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