

# Bearinger Township

## NEWSLETTER



### SUMMER PROPERTY TAXES

Payable to Bearinger Township Treasurer

Summer 2016 taxes are due and payable as of July 1, 2016. Payments received after September 14, 2016 will accrue 1% interest each month; 3% added after February 15, 2017. Payments may be made **in person** at the Treasurer's residence (no appt necessary), 19223 Ortolan Lane (between #59 & #60 off US23) on Saturday, Sept 10 from noon until 3:00 pm or Monday, Sept 12 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Payment can also be **sent via US Mail, UPS, or FED EX to: Bearinger Township Treasurer, 19223 Ortolan Lane, N, Millersburg, MI 49759-8322**. The majority of payments arrive without issue; however, some do not arrive & interest and penalties are not waived unless proof of mailing is provided. The check date is not considered proof of payment nor is past payment history. Payment in person any other time can be made **by appointment only at: 19223 Ortolan Lane, Millersburg (between Lane #59 & #60)**. Please call 989-938-6490 to schedule a date & time. If you would like a **receipt of tax payment**, please indicate this with your payment. Your canceled check also serves as proof/receipt of payment.

Deferment of Summer Taxes without penalty & interest until February 15, 2017 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, 2016. This deferment needs to be renewed each year for eligibility. Copies of the 1040A Federal Tax Form & MI 1040-CR are required.

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

This past winter has been an eventful start for 2016. Our Supervisor, John Malaski, resigned from the Board and was replaced by myself, Archie Patterson. John will be sorely missed for his *let's make things better* attitude. Joe Lavender, our Assessor, will leave our township on June 30<sup>th</sup> and in the short time he worked with us, he made great improvements in the assessment records, computerizing much of our township data. On July 1, Elizabeth Zabik of Mackinaw City will take on the role of Bearinger's new assessor and comes to us highly qualified. We look forward to working with Elizabeth as she updates our township records even further and visits various property sites in the coming months. The Rogers City Area Ambulance Services Authority is purchasing a new ambulance and updating their building to continue their great service for our community. On July 23<sup>rd</sup> Bearinger Township is hosting the 2016 "Large Trash Day" for residents and property owners within our township. Along with a proof of residency certificate and i.d., property owners will be allowed to drop off large trash items at the Township Hall. Watch for the Residency Form and trash day rules inserted with your Summer tax bill. As your new supervisor, I look forward to serving our constituents and will make myself available to you. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at: [supervisor@bearingertownship.org](mailto:supervisor@bearingertownship.org)

### BEARINGER TOWNSHIP BOARD

Pat "Archie" Patterson, Supervisor  
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[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)

Kay Dowker, Trustee  
989-733-0665

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

### **Bearinger Township Board Meetings**

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month  
at 6:30 pm**

### **Bearinger Township Assessor**

**Elizabeth Zabik**  
827 Pond Street  
Mackinaw City, MI 49701  
231-290-0369  
email: [bettyjo68@gmail.com](mailto:bettyjo68@gmail.com)

[www.bearingertownship.org](http://www.bearingertownship.org)

**A great resource for Bearinger Township information & forms**

### **Bearinger Township Assessor Update**

On July 1, Elizabeth Zabik, of Mackinaw City, will be employed as Bearinger Township's Assessor. She comes to us with her MCAT and MCAO certification and plans to complete her MAAO certification by March 2017. She currently works as the Deputy Director of Cheboygan County Equalization and has considerable experience as a property appraiser and field technician. We welcome Elizabeth to the Bearinger Township support team.

### **Large Trash Day – July 23<sup>rd</sup> 9:00 to 3:00**

Bearinger Township is hosting the Large Trash Day to help residents dispose of big unwanted items. Please locate the Proof of Residency Form included here with your tax bill along with the Trash Day rules and information.



### **Update Your Address for On-line Bank Payments**

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 with an on-line bank check.

### **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. OBFD provides a great opportunity for anyone interested in becoming a **Volunteer Firefighter or First Responder**.

The Fire Dept will

provide training,  
protective gear,  
equipment, & pay



for certification. If interested, please call Fire Chief Gary Yaklin 989-370-7980 or Beverly Rossetto 989-938-6258 for more information.

### **BOARD OF REVIEW**

For: Errors & Principal Residence

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

**Review date is July 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00-9:00 pm.**

**Please note:** Two additional Board of Review meetings will be held for all other issues in December 2016 and March 2017.

### **Bearinger Township / Presque Isle County Tax Allocation**

	<u>Summer</u>	<u>Winter</u>
Senior Services:		3.69%
Senior Transportation:		1.23%
District Library		4.92%
Recycling:		0.49%
Rogers City Ambulance:		3.94%
K9 Unit/Resource Officers:		1.48%
Qualified Forest Program		0.10%
Cheboygan Schools	0.24%	0.00%
Onaway Schools		69.64%
COP Intermediate:		8.60%
County Allocated:	48.08%	0.00%
State Education Tax:	50.48%	0.00%
DNR County Levy:		0.01%
Veterans Relief DNR:	0.21%	0.00%
Admin Fee:	0.99%	0.99%
Bearinger Twp-Operating:		4.92%

### **Absentee Ballots Available**

Absentee Ballots can be obtained up to the day before the date of election until 5:00 pm. The Bearinger Township Clerk, Beverly Rossetto, will receive requests for absentee ballots at her home at 16122 Guyana Lane, Lane #44 off US23. If you would like to request absentee ballots through the mail, you will need to contact the Township Clerk at least two (2) weeks ahead of the election date. This will allow for processing the application and return of your absentee ballot before the election date. For additional information or to request a ballot, contact Beverly Rossetto at 989-938-6258.