

SUMMER 2017

Bearinger Township

NEWSLETTER



SUMMER PROPERTY TAXES

Payable to: Bearinger Township

Summer 2017 taxes are due and payable as of July 3, 2017. Payments received after September 14, 2017 will accrue 1% interest each month; 4% added after February 16, 2018. 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 9 from noon until 3:00 pm or Monday, Sept 11 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, Ocqueoc, MI 497598322**. 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, Ocqueoc (between Lanes #59 & #60)**. Please call 989-9386490 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. 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.

Deferment of Summer Taxes is granted without penalty & interest until February 14, 2018 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, 2017. 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

Archie "Pat" Patterson, Supervisor
989-938-6429
supervisor@bearingertownship.org

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989-938-6258
clerk@bearingertownship.org

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989-938-6490 or 734-730-9192
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Duane Walker, Trustee
989-733-4637
trusteewalker@bearingertownship.org

Patricia Augustine Frost, Trustee
231-758-7696
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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

A Message from your Supervisor, Archie 'Pat' Patterson

As a result of the Board's rational & conservative management philosophy, township expenses were reduced by nearly \$10,000 from the previous year. At the same time interest income increased 75% due to excellent fund management. Bearinger Township still has 2016 delinquent taxes of around \$81,000 and four property foreclosures while county-wide there are 53 foreclosures.

This summer the cracks in the stone exterior to the Township Hall will be repaired to prevent further damage. This spring there was standing water in the crawl space below & two 1920's abandoned septic drums. To prevent further damage & any health risks from mold or mildew, the septic drums will be removed as well as the crawl space dried out. Once the drums are removed, there will be back fill and the foundation repaired and sealed. The two side perimeter drains, that take water off the roof, drain it into the ditch. These have been flushed to ensure they are in proper working order. To reduce the hall's fly & beetle infestation, a twice yearly treatment program has been scheduled.

Check out the Bearinger Township website (www.bearngertownship.org) for important information. There you will find Onaway Ambulance EMS+ & the Rogers City Area Ambulance's Cheboygan Life Support Plus Plan brochures. If you apply for coverage, it will provide additional insurance protection for ambulance services. The Ocqueoc-Bearinger Fire Department now has lightweight vehicle extraction tools to not only cut a car apart but also expand openings to extract anyone trapped inside a vehicle. The medical responder now has an AED for both child and adult application. Your Township Board and taxes at work.

Sincerely, Archie "Pat" Patterson, Supervisor

Bearinger Township Assessor Update

Elizabeth Zabik, 827 Pond Street, Mackinaw City 49701, is our Bearinger Township's Assessor. She comes to us with her MAAO certification received this past March 2017. She currently works as the Director of Cheboygan County Equalization & has considerable experience as a property appraiser and field technician. She can be reached at (231)290-0369 email: bettyjo68@gmail.com

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**
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.**

Big Trash Day – July 22nd 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.



Ocqueoc/Bearinger Township Fire Dept

5 new firefighters have joined the Hottest Team in Town. If you are interested in becoming a **Volunteer Firefighter or First Responder**, the Fire Dept will provide training, protective gear, equipment, & pay for certification. Please call Fire Chief Gary Yaklin 989-370-7980 or Beverly Rossetto 989-938-6258 for more

information. If you are a **registered Red**

Cross volunteer,

please contact Bev Rossetto even if you are only in the area periodically throughout the year. Fire Dept Board meetings are held every other month beginning with January at 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Hall.



BOARD OF REVIEW

For: Errors & Principal Residence

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

Review date is Tuesday, July 18th at 5:00 pm.

Please note: Two additional Board of Review meetings will be held for all other issues in December 2017 and March 2018.

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"=\$3.50; Over 17"= \$5.25; semi-tires=\$12.75; tractor=\$30.25
10. The PAC compactor truck driver has the final say on what is acceptable for disposal.

Ambulance & Fire Dept Information for 2016

Ocqueoc/Bearinger Fire Dept.:

Total Medical Runs for the area = 67

Total Fire Runs/Accidents for the area = 16

Onaway Ambulance:

Bearinger Twp = 14 ambulance runs during 2016.

Rogers City Ambulance Authority:

For 2016-2017, total transports for the entire area (including Bearinger Twp and other townships) = 385. 14,402 miles were driven during that period.