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# WILBER TOWNSHIP NEWS

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Spring-2019

## Supervisor's Corner

Wilber Township has had a comprehensive zoning ordinance since 1989, which over the ensuing years has been updated and amended as state statutes and conditions warranted.

However, in 2017 the Zoning Administrator, Planning Commission and the Board of Trustees determined that our 20+year old ordinance needed a major overhaul; so in July 2017 the township contracted with NEMCOG (Northeast Michigan Council of Governments) to prepare, with the planning commission, a new, more user friendly ordinance that would better reflect all of the State Zoning Enabling Act's policies.

The ordinance took almost two years to complete, and was adopted on April 1, 2019. I want to thank the planning commission for their work in this endeavor, as they have spent a great deal of time on it, which involved extra long meetings and plenty of reading material. In order to read the material involved. Consideration and discussion was given to even the smallest details in the ordinance. A great deal of care was taken to keep much of the previous ordinance.

I would bet most of you can remember why you chose to live here or why you stay, and our new ordinance shouldn't change that. A copy is available for inspection at the hall, and it is available on our website in a searchable format that will make it easier to locate topics.

**Mark Nunn**

## Annual Township Cleanup Saturday June 8, 2019, 8-11 a.m.

The township's annual spring cleanup is scheduled as indicated above at the Township Hall. MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

We again plan to have receptacles for scrap metal and tires, as well as packer trucks for general refuse materials. NOTE: Tires must be off rims, & large, tractor tires are generally not accepted.

Wilber Township is again partnering with Goodwill Industries of Mid-Michigan, which will be accepting usable items for resale at Goodwill Centers, and Huron E-Waste, to add an electronic recycling component to our cleanup. Both the aforementioned will take "anything with a cord."

Separating these items from other refuse will help in this endeavor.

This provides an opportunity for you to dispose of electronic items in a safe and environmentally friendly way to prevent them from going into landfills.

Accepted items include microwaves, computers, printers, monitors, keyboards, scanners, telephones, hair dryers, fans, coffee makers, small appliances, power tools, vacuum cleaners, etc. etc. etc.

### **Items not accepted by the disposal company include:**

- building materials of any kind
- concrete, cement blocks, stones, bricks, tar paper
- asphalt & asphalt products
- dirt & yard waste
- dead animals
- animal or human waste,
- hazardous or liquid materials, contaminated soils, & asbestos, paints, solvents, petroleum products, & herbicides
- items that are generally more than five feet in length or extremely bulky, or appliances containing Freon (appliances must be certified as 'Freon-free').

**Participants: please assist** volunteers in unloading and disposing of your waste materials.

This annual event is the time to clean up your property. Ordinance enforcement for blight and other similar infractions are scaled back until after the cleanup, but will resume in earnest right after the June 8<sup>th</sup> date.

**This cleanup is for Wilber Township property owners and residents only. You *may* be asked for proof.**



## Wilber Township Has a New Zoning Ordinance

As mentioned in the “*Supervisor’s Corner*”, Wilber Township decided, after much discussion, to embark on the creation of a new and updated Zoning Ordinance. This task fell largely to the Township Planning Commission and the Zoning Administrator.

But because of the many statutes governing zoning policies, including but not limited to the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, as amended of 2007, the Township Board of Trustees contracted with Northeast Michigan Council of Governments (NEMCOG) to facilitate the process and prepare the document.

The first meeting with NEMCOG Deputy Director and Chief Planner, Denise Cline, was held on April 13, 2017 at a regular meeting of the planning commission. Over the next 24 months, and fifteen planning meetings with Denise, (who expertly guided us through all of the facets of development and discussion) the planning commission and zoning administrator logged more than 128 person-hours of meeting time.

In addition, they spent hundreds of additional personal hours reviewing and developing the many drafts of the proposed ordinance re-write.

The process culminated in March 2019 with the adoption of the new ordinance by the Board of Trustees, a subsequent public hearing by the planning commission, and the new zoning ordinance becoming effective on April 18, 2019.

The finished product is now located on the Wilber Township website, and is an interactive document, with more than 3,000 internal links to facilitate locating information. All of the blue text, tables, table of contents bar at the bottom of each page, etc., have active links.

### Other County & Township Ordinances You Should Know About

Ordinance 18-01: Prohibition of Marihuana Establishments Ordinance (Township)  
Ordinance 17-01: Blight & Property Maintenance Ordinance (Township)  
Ordinance 2013-002: Outdoor Wood Furnace Ordinance (Township)  
Ordinance 07-01: Cemetery Ordinance (Township) (Currently being re-codified)  
Ordinance 1-2009: ORV Ordinance (County)  
Ordinance 75-1: Animal Control Ordinance (County)

## Township Zoning Permits

Township Zoning Permits are required for all construction activities, including new residences, additions, garages, signs, fences, pole buildings & demolitions, as well as for many other non-construction situations and activities, depending on the zoning district in which your property is located.

Also contained within the zoning ordinance are specific setback requirements for placement of structures from property and lot lines.

In addition, the ordinance governs such uses as the number and placement of accessory buildings, yard sales, swimming pools, fences, livestock, kennels, roadside stands, and commercial activities, to name but a few.

As mentioned, the entire Wilber Township Zoning Ordinance is posted on our website, as are most Zoning Permit forms.

Zoning Permits must be obtained **before** any such activities begin by contacting the township zoning administrator. His contact information is listed in the directory section of this newsletter. Township zoning permits are \$25.

Remember, a Township Zoning Permit is ***always required***. An Iosco County building permit may also be required, and is obtained at the Iosco County Building Department **after** the issuance of the zoning permit.

## Cemetery

A few reminders about the Wilber Township Cemetery:

1. Anyone planning to have a headstone or other grave monument set must obtain a foundation permit, which is \$15. In addition, the foundation must be set by an approved vendor, and must be authorized in advance by the township, with the township as the payee for the work.
2. Anyone wishing to have Cremains interred in the cemetery must make these arrangements through the township clerk, **and the cemetery sexton must perform the interment**. It is a violation of the law for any others to perform an interment.
3. A reminder that our cemetery does not have perpetual care; maintenance of plots are the responsibility of owners or family members, etc.

More information is in the cemetery ordinance; call the township clerk with questions or for more information.

## TOWNSHIP DIRECTORY

Supervisor: Mark Nunn	989-362-2022
Clerk: Robert D. White	989-362-5410
Treasurer: Steve Ferguson	989-362-5410
Trustee: Sally Krueger	989-362-2510
Trustee: Mary Pingot	989-329-5020
Zoning Administrator &:	
Ordinance Officer: Ron Phillips	989-362-5410
Assessor: Jessica Landry	989-820-6961
Cemetery Sexton: Dave Mioduch	989-362-8222
<u>Planning Commission:</u>	
Robert Golka, Chair	989-362-7047
Rich Fullerton, Vice-Chair	989-362-5509
Robert White, Secretary	989-362-5410
Frank Kassuba, Member	989-362-8515
Cheri Mioduch, Member	989-254-0437

## Calendar of Events & Important Dates

REGULAR **TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETINGS** ARE HELD ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 7:00 PM AT THE TOWNSHIP HALL. WHEN THE FIRST MONDAY IS A HOLIDAY OR HOLIDAY-OBSERVED, MEETINGS ARE THE FOLLOWING MONDAY. REGULAR MEETING DATES WHICH PRECEDE TUESDAY ELECTION DAYS ARE ALSO MOVED TO THE FOLLOWING MONDAY. SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE TOWNSHIP BOARD, OR CHANGES IN MEETING DATES, WILL BE POSTED ON THE TOWNSHIP HALL BULLETIN BOARD.

REGULAR **PLANNING COMMISSION** MEETINGS FOR 2019 ARE FEBRUARY 14, APRIL 11, JUNE 13, AUGUST 8, OCTOBER 10, AND DECEMBER 12. MEETING TIMES ARE **9:00 AM**. SPECIAL MEETINGS ARE HELD UPON REQUEST. ALL MEETINGS ARE AT THE TOWNSHIP HALL.

JULY **BOARD OF REVIEW** – TUESDAY, JULY 16<sup>TH</sup> AT 9AM. THIS MEETING IS TO CORRECT QUALIFIED ERRORS AND MUTUAL MISTAKES. NO APPEALS WILL BE HEARD.

DECEMBER **BOARD OF REVIEW** – TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> AT 9AM. THIS MEETING IS TO CORRECT QUALIFIED ERRORS AND MUTUAL MISTAKES. NO APPEALS WILL BE HEARD.

## **From the Assessor**

Welcome Summer 2019! Another year has come and gone! Over the new few months annual property reappraisals will be taking place. As you all know, it is my duty to maintain our records, which requires annual review of at least 20% of all parcels in our township. **This means that you may receive a visit from either me or a member of my team. This visit is to update our record card, photos and sketch data.** This is essential to insure accurate and uniform assessments throughout our township. Please remember - a visit to the property does **NOT** necessarily mean an increase in your assessment. As always – your cooperation is much appreciated! The 2019 July & December Board of Review meeting dates are elsewhere in this newsletter. It has been my pleasure to meet and work with the taxpayers of Wilber Township and I look forward to continuing to work with the community.

**Principal Residence Exemption:** A Principal Residence Exemption (PRE) exempts a residence from the tax levied by a local school district for school operating purposes up to 18 mills. To qualify for a PRE, a person must be a Michigan resident who owns and occupies the property as their primary residence. This exemption must be received by June 1<sup>st</sup> of the current exemption year.

**Summer Tax Bills** are mailed on July 1<sup>st</sup> – This means that all address changes must be received on or before June 1<sup>st</sup> in order to be placed on the summer bill. As the Oscoda & Tawas Area School districts collect their school operating millage on the summer tax bill, Principal Residence Exemptions must be received on or before June 1<sup>st</sup> to be effective for the next tax cycle

**Winter Tax Bills** are mailed on December 1<sup>st</sup> – This means that all address changes must be received on or before November 1<sup>st</sup> in order to be placed on the summer bill.

**December 1<sup>st</sup>** is the final day to submit Land Division and Combination applications in order for it to be effective for next year's assessment roll. Please be sure to contact Jessica Landry in order to verify that your application has been received and will be processed.

Respectfully,  
Jessica Landry, MAAO ~ Contact Number: (989)820-6961 ~ Email Address:  
[townshipassessor06@gmail.com](mailto:townshipassessor06@gmail.com)

## Dust Control

Dust Control cost for 2019 is \$93 for three applications of 300 feet each. Dust control costs are shared equally by the resident, Wilber Township, and the Iosco County Road Commission.

Checks made out to Wilber Township and mailed to the township hall, and they would be appreciated by May 17th, sooner if possible.

The area to be treated must be staked. Some stakes will be available at the township hall.

## Burn Permits

**Burn Permits are required for all outdoor fires, other than small cooking fires, campfires, or fires contained in an approved and covered outdoor container. Burn Permits are issued by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, either via their web-site, or their toll-free number.**

[www.michigan.gov/burnpermit](http://www.michigan.gov/burnpermit)  
**1-866-922-2876**

**All burn permits are for one day only**

NOTE: Burning of Household Trash is prohibited; this includes plastic, rubber, foam, chemically treated wood, textiles, electronics, chemicals & hazardous materials. (Public Act 102 of 2012)

**Notice to those who choose to burn: You are responsible for fire, smoke, or odors created from open burning....and for damage that results from your fire: Michigan DEQ**

Comments about the newsletter, as well as information and topics you would like to see included in future editions should be submitted in writing:

Wilber Township  
3120 Sherman Road  
East Tawas, MI 48730 or,  
E-mail: [wilbertownship@hughes.net](mailto:wilbertownship@hughes.net)  
Thanks. Bob White, Clerk  
Website: [wilbertownship.com](http://wilbertownship.com)

## 2019 Road Improvement Projects

Following is a brief description of road maintenance & improvement projects recommended by the Township Roads Committee and approved by the Board of Trustees April 1, 2019.

Curtis Road, 3,980 feet from east edge of Brooks Road to the end of the asphalt: (22 ft of pavement with 1 ft shielders on each side), plus shoulder improvements: \$35,563.00, Wilber Township share=\$24,894.10.

Sherman Rd from Cornett to Esmond Rd, 2,145 feet; and Cornett Rd from Sherman Rd. 5,175 feet west, Crack Sealing: \$2,059.20, Township share=\$1,441.44.

Davison Road, 5,464 ft long x 20 ft wide, drainage and road improvements (on approximately the last mile of certification), RAP/Gravel mix (approx. last mile of certification: \$30,868.20, Township share=\$21,607.74.

May Road to Swan Road Bridge Approach, 2,920 ft from north edge of May Rd then southerly to west approach of Swan Rd Bridge, Excavation, RAP, and RAP approaches (gravel driveways): \$59,405.50, Township share=\$41,583.85.

Leone Avenue (Certified Road Portion), Excavating, Machine Grading & Three Inch Aggregate Base: \$971.30, Township share=\$679.91.

Leone Avenue (Non-Certified Road Portion), Machine Grading and Three-Inch Aggregate Base: \$1,388.75, all Township Cost.

Total improvement costs estimates:  
\$130,255.95

Wilber Township share=\$91,595.79

The Iosco County Road Commission asks that residents with general road maintenance complaints or other issues to either call them directly (989-362-4433), or for even faster response, register a service request on their automated web site. The web site address is: [www.ioscoroads.org/](http://www.ioscoroads.org/) Click on Service Request.