
WILBER TOWNSHIP NEWS

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Spring-2023

Supervisor's Corner

On occasion the subject of fire protection for Wilber Township comes up. Taking a look at the basics of how it works in our township, we currently collect one mill from all the tax payers in Wilber Township, which brings in roughly \$35,000 per year. This translates to approximately \$50 to \$100 bucks per year for most of our taxpayers. In turn we contract with the three neighboring fire departments (City of East Tawas, Oscoda Charter Township, and Grant Township, with each covering a portion of our township. These contract amounts are based on the taxable value of properties in their areas.

Often departments will respond beyond the area they are contracted to cover because of mutual aid agreements they have with the department who is contracted to cover that area. The millage currently in place expires in 2024, at which time we will ask voters to again approve this very critical funding mechanism. That is just the basics of our fire protection.

A Centennial Farm is defined as a farm of 10 acres or more that has been continuously owned and operated by the same family for more than 100 years. The Cholger Farm in Wilber Township was recently awarded that honor & recognition. Started in 1919 by Albert Cholger, then passed to Harold Cholger, it is now owned by Harold's son Dennis Cholger.

Harold Cholger was active in Wilber Township government for 33 years: 14 years as a township trustee, and 19 years as township supervisor, until he retired in 2000.



Mark Nunn

Annual Township Cleanup Saturday June 10, 2023, 8-11 a.m.

We are scheduling our annual township cleanup for June 10th, at the Township Hall

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 cannot be not accepted.

Wilber Township is again hoping to partner with Goodwill Industries of Mid-Michigan, which will be accepting usable items for resale at Goodwill Centers. We regret that we do not have an outlet for E-Waste (electronics), such as computers, printers, monitors, keyboards, scanners, TVs and cell phones, which contain heavy metals and pose ground water contamination.

Items not accepted by the disposal company:

- 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 are asked to 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 after June 11th.

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

Township Zoning Permits

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

Also contained within our zoning ordinance are specific setback requirements for placement of structures from property and property/lot lines, or other existing structures.

The ordinance also 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 a few.

The entire Wilber Township Zoning Ordinance No. 19-01, is posted on our website, as are 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.

From the Assessor

Summer is the air! Just a reminder that annual property reappraisals and permit checks will be taking place; as you all know, it is my duty to maintain our property records, which require annual reviews of at least 20% of all properties in the township. This means that you may receive a visit from either myself or a member of my team. This visit is to update our record cards, photos, and sketch data. This is essential to ensure accurate and uniform assessments throughout our township. Please remember – a visit to the property does NOT automatically mean an increase in your assessment.

All requests for land division and combination of parcels must be received by the Assessor on or before December 1st to take place on the following year's assessment roll. Also please be sure to have any mailing address changes submitted on or before June 1st for summer tax bills or November 1st for winter tax bills. All submissions can be made via email, phone call, postal service or dropped off at the township hall. Please visit www.twp.assessor.com for additional assessment information.

Jessica Landry, MAAO: 989-820-6961
Email: townshipassessor06@gmail.com

Wilber Township Cemetery Information

There is a misconception that persons acquiring cemetery plots for the burial or interment of the deceased “own” those plots due to the once common custom of receiving a Cemetery Deed. This is not correct. What is purchased are burial rights, according to the rules and statutes of the state of Michigan and the Township of Wilber. All actions and activities within the cemetery must occur under the direction of, and authorization and auspices of the Wilber Township Board and Cemetery Sexton

A few other reminders about the Wilber Township Cemetery:

1. Anyone planning to have a headstone or other grave monument set must obtain a foundation permit from the township, which is \$15. In addition, the ***foundation must be constructed and set by a vendor approved by Wilber Township, and must be authorized in advance by the township.*** Call the town hall for more information. It is contrary to statute for those who have Burial Rights (cemetery plots) to arrange on their own for someone to prepare and set a monument or headstone foundation. These must be constructed and placed in accordance with specific dimensional guidelines.
2. Anyone wishing to have Cremains interred in the cemetery must make these arrangements through the township clerk or the cemetery sexton, ***and the cemetery sexton or other township-authorized individual, 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.
4. It is illegal to scatter ashes in cemeteries.

For more information about the Wilber Township Cemetery, please call the township clerk.



TOWNSHIP DIRECTORY

Supervisor: Mark Nunn	989-362-2022
Clerk: Robert D. White	989-362-5410
Treasurer: Steve Ferguson	989-362-5410
Trustee: Cheri Mioduch	989-254-0437
Trustee: Mary Pingot	989-329-5020
Zoning Administrator &	
Ordinance Officer: Ron Phillips	989-362-5410
Assessor: Jessica Landry	989-820-6961
Cemetery Sexton: Debbie Mioduch	989-362-8222
Elections Clerk: Gary Mallon	989-362-5410
<u>Planning Commission:</u>	
Robert Golka, Chair	989-362-7047
Evan St. Aubin, Vice-Chair	989-254-0324
Robert White, Secretary	989-362-5410
Frank Kassuba, Member	989-362-8515
Deborah Mioduch, Member	989-362-8222

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 THE BALANCE OF 2023 ARE, JUNE 9, AUGUST 11, OCTOBER 14, AND DECEMBER 8. MEETING TIMES ARE **8:00 AM**. SPECIAL MEETINGS ARE HELD UPON REQUEST. JULY

BOARD OF REVIEW – TUESDAY, JULY 18TH AT 9AM, AND TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19TH AT 9 AM

THESE MEETINGS ARE TO CORRECT QUALIFIED ERRORS AND MUTUAL MISTAKES. NO APPEALS WILL BE HEARD.

ALL MEETINGS ARE AT THE TOWNSHIP HALL.

From the Township Treasurer

The Wilber Township Treasurer is seeking applicants for the position of Deputy Township Treasurer (a part-time position).

The successful applicant must be a resident (elector) of Wilber Township, and must be willing to run for the Township Treasurer's position (also a part-time position) in the August 6, 2024 State Primary Election, and if successful, again in the November 5, 2024 General Election.

The successful applicant must have well developed interpersonal skills in the areas of communication, working with others, including with banks, mortgage companies, insurance and investment firms, be cognizant of what constitutes ethical behavior, knowledge of generally accepted accounting practices and proper internal controls, sound cash management procedures, and the ability to generate required financial reports and statements.

Statutory Duties include:

- Collects real and personal property taxes
- Keeps an account of township receipts (revenues) and expenditures
- Issues township checks
- Deposits township revenues in approved depositories
- Invests township funds in approved investment vehicles
- Collects delinquent personal property tax
- Responsible for jeopardy assessments in collecting property tax
- Collects mobile home specific tax
- Must appoint a deputy
- Must post a surety bond

Other duties and responsibilities include:

- Attends all regular and special Township Board of Trustees meetings
- Prepares monthly and other financial reports as requested by the Board of Trustees
- Works with auditing firms in the preparation of documents pertaining to regular required audits.

Letters of interest, along with resumes & other relevant information, should be addressed to Steve Ferguson, Wilber Township Treasurer, 3120 Sherman Road, East Tawas, MI 48730, by June 14, 2023

Dust Control

Pricing for Dust Control for 2023 is \$102, the same last year, for three applications of 300 feet each. Dust control costs are shared equally by the resident, Wilber Township, and the Iosco County Road Commission.

The 300 feet length to be treated must be staked at the beginning and end, on the road shoulder. Some stakes are available at the township hall with fluorescent tops, since the dust control solution is usually applied in the middle of the night.

Checks are made payable to Wilber Township and can be mailed to or dropped off at the township hall, and they would be appreciated ASAP.

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
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 to:

Wilber Township
3120 Sherman Road
East Tawas, MI 48730 or,
E-mail: wilbertownship@hughes.net
Thanks. Bob White, Clerk
Website: wilbertwp.com

2023 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 on February 6, 2023.

Aggregate Base on various roads:

- May Road: Sherman to Brooks.
- Brooks Road: Esmond Rd to Dead End North of Cornett.
- Wilber Road: North of Esmond Rd.
- Galion Road: Brooks Rd East.
- Sherman Road: North of Cornett.

\$9,157.50; Wilber Township Share=\$6,410.25

May Rd to Curtis Rd: 1,846 feet, RAP from POE to Curtis Rd: \$41,618.50; Wilber Township Share=\$29,132.95

Swan & Davison Rds, 2,896 feet, Aggregate Base and RAP: \$58,938; Wilber Township Share=\$41,256.60.

Total Improvement Cost Estimates: \$109,714.

Total Wilber Township Share=\$76,799.80

These roads improvements are possible because of the extra-voted millages approved by voters in Wilber Township.

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/ Click on Service Request.