
WILBER TOWNSHIP NEWS

Fall-2013

Supervisor's Corner

One of my goals as your Township Supervisor is to try to involve others in certain township activities. Therefore, I have initiated a Roads Committee-an ad hoc advisory group of three others besides myself-to review roadways in Wilber Township and make recommendations to the Township Board as to possible road improvements, using our road millage funding.

We also receive notifications from the Iosco County Road Commission as to potential problem areas and situations that require actions over and above regular required county maintenance, and with which the township may want to contribute to in accomplishing.

Remember, roads maintenance is not a statutory function of townships; county road commissions hold this authority. And, there are statutes requiring which roads can receive funding.

Committee members are Rich Fullerton, Bob Golka, and Mary Pingot. Contact information appears in the directory section of this newsletter.

Mark Nunn

Township Website

To Launch November 1st

Wilber Township is pleased to announce the launching of its much-anticipated township website in the near future. In collaboration with Land Information Access Association (LIAA) of Traverse City, Clerk Robert White, Trustee Mary Pingot, and IT Specialist Dan Mioduch have been developing and posting various components associated with Wilber Township government and its operation.

While all of the anticipated sections have not yet been fully developed, what will be immediately available includes:

Township board of trustee meeting agendas and minutes for the current calendar year, planning commission meeting agendas and minutes, township ordinances, meetings schedules, contact information for various township officials and boards and commissions members, special notices and announcements, current election information, upcoming events, this and past issues of newsletters. a variety of forms and documents used by residents and property owners for actions regarding zoning permits, principal resident exemption, property tax deferment, etc.

Also posted are township maps and fees schedule.

We plan to include the addition of property assessment records in future updates.

We welcome your comments as to what kind of information you would like to see included.

Our anticipated launch date is November 1, 2013.

The website address is <wilbertownship.com>

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Former Township Officials Recognized at Open House

Peter Pettalia, State House Representative from Michigan's 106 District, was on hand at the Wilber Township Hall on July 14th to join with area officials, township residents and family members in honoring retiring Wilber Township Supervisor Howard Alverson and Township Zoning Administrator Frank Klinger.

As announced in our last edition, Supervisor Alverson announced he would step down March 31st, as he and his wife wanted to relocate in the southeast United States to be nearer their children and their families.

Zoning Administrator Klinger had announced his retirement at the end of November 2012.

In part, Representative Pettalia told the Iosco News Press through a press release: "The people who serve in local government for residents help form the backbone of our communities. Often times, these folks work with little recognition to make our society function, so it's a real pleasure to join with family, friends, colleagues and their constituents to offer appreciation for the years of dedication Howard and Frank have provided."

Rep. Pettalia read and presented special tributes listing their achievements to both men, signed by himself, Sen. John Moolenaar and Gov. Rick Snyder.



Rep. Pettalia presenting Howard Alverson with his Special Tribute



Rep. Pettalia presenting Frank Klinger with his Special Tribute

November School Elections

Both school districts serving Wilber Township, Oscoda Area Schools and Tawas Area Schools, are holding special elections this November 5th.

On the ballot for Oscoda is a Millage Proposal for a Building and Site Sinking Fund Tax Levy. The proposal asks for a levy not to exceed 1 mill (\$1.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 7 years, 2014 to 2020, inclusive, to create a sinking fund for the construction or repair of existing school buildings and all other purposes authorized by law; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2014 is approximately \$582,675.

In Tawas, the proposal is an Operating Millage Renewal. This proposal will allow the school district to continue to levy the statutory rate of 18 mills on all property, except principle residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance.

This millage renewal, if enacted, will be for a period of 10 years, 2014 to 2023, inclusive. If approved and levied, the school district will collect in 2014 approximately \$4,258,400.

This is a renewal of millage which will expire with the 2013 tax levy.

The election for Wilber Township electors will take place at the Wilber Township Hall. The polls open at 7 am and close at 8 pm.

Oscoda Township Community Center

The Oscoda Township Community Center has opened its membership to individuals residing in surrounding communities. The center, located at 4071 East Arrow, Oscoda (on the former Wurtsmith Air Force Base), was improved and upgraded in 2012, and boasts that the facility has something for the entire family, including:

Full-service wood gymnasium; Multi-use room with rubberized flooring (used for basketball, roller skating, tennis, volleyball and more; Three racquetball courts; Locker rooms; Game room with pool table, ping pong, air hockey, and foosball.

The center is open for 6 months of the year, starting October 15th.

Membership rates vary, from 1 month, 3 months, or 6 months, and include single and family versions.

Call 989-739-2251 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: Robert Boschma 989-362-4387

Cemetery Sexton: Dave Mioduch 989-362-8222

Planning Commission:

Robert Golka, Chair 989-362-7047

Rich Fullerton, Vice-Chair 989-362-2213

Robert White, Secretary 989-362-5410

Frank Kassuba, Member 989-362-8515

Corey Swales, Member 989-254-7810

Calendar of Events

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 ELECTION DAYS ARE ALSO MOVED TO THE FOLLOWING MONDAY— SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE TOWNSHIP BOARD, OR CHANGES IN MEETING DATES, ARE POSTED ON THE TOWNSHIP HALL BULLETIN BOARD AND THE MESSAGE CENTER.

REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS FOR 2013 ARE FEBRUARY 14TH, APRIL 11TH, JUNE 13TH, AUGUST 8TH, OCTOBER 10TH, AND DECEMBER 12TH. MEETING TIMES ARE 7:00 P.M. SPECIAL MEETINGS ARE HELD UPON REQUEST, OR AS NEEDED. ALL MEETINGS ARE AT THE TOWNSHIP HALL.

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION, ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS, OR BOARD OF REVIEW, PLEASE SUBMIT A LETTER OF INTEREST TO THE TOWNSHIP HALL.

Plantings

When you clean out your flower beds and start getting your yards and property ready for winter, do you ever have extra perennial bulbs and corms, either from dividing older ones or because you're replacing them with something different?

If you do, think of the township. We're looking for a variety of different kinds of plantings for around the township hall. We have locations that are full sun, partial sun, and mostly shade.

And we would welcome your donations of whatever you have.

If you do, and could drop them off at the township hall, it would be greatly appreciated. If no one is there, feel free to leave them on the front porch. Someone is there at some time every week day and on Saturday as well. It would be helpful to place a note with them telling us what they are. If you can't bring them, depending on where you live, we might be able to pick them up.

For several years now, township residents Jim and Pat Mielke have provided the floral plantings in the three large urns that sit in front of the township hall.

We can't thank them enough, and the above request for your plantings is an attempt to expand our landscaping endeavors on the township hall grounds.

Winter Driving Tips

With the winter driving season approaching, the Iosco County Road Commission wants to remind citizens of the following:

The road commission is responsible for plowing snow & ice, spreading salt and sand, and clearing roadways of ice and snow on certified county roads and state highways.

Please don't plow snow from your driveway onto or across the road. It's against the law.

It is the road commission's policy to *consider* replacing mailboxes only when hit by their equipment, but not when damaged by snow being discharged from snow removal operations.

The Iosco County Road Commission urges residents with general road maintenance or other issues to either call them directly, or for even faster response, register a service request on their automated web site. In addition to this feature, there is much more information available regarding ICRC's operations and structure on this site. Check it out! The web site address is: www.ioscoroads.org/ Click on Service Request.

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3120 Sherman Road
East Tawas, MI 48730-9784

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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

Robert D. White

3120 Sherman Road

East Tawas, MI 48730 or,

E-mail: wilbertownship@hughes.net

Thanks. Bob White

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