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# WILBER TOWNSHIP NEWS

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Spring-2013

## Supervisor's Corner

As many of you may have heard, Mr. Alverson plans on moving south to be closer to children and grandchildren. We appreciate his service and past dedication to our community. As of April 1<sup>st</sup>, I was appointed to fill the position of Township Supervisor. I appreciate the board's faith and confidence that I can do the job. As the Deputy Supervisor, member of the Assessing Board of Review, and member of the Planning Commission, I have gained considerable knowledge of and an appreciation for the various aspects and complexity of township government.

It is my expectation that in the future you will have questions, concerns, or complaints (my favorite). Please feel free to address those that are appropriate for the supervisor to me (see page 2). My contact information is in the directory portion of this newsletter. I will appreciate the opportunity to hear from you and respond with accurate information. Generally, I will be checking my messages that are left at the township hall or my home phone in the evenings after work. If you would prefer a return call at a certain time, please let me know.

Mark Nunn

## Township Observes

### Two Retirements

Wilber Township has had two retirements in the past four months. At the March Board of Trustees meeting, Supervisor Howard Alverson announced that he would step down effective March 31<sup>st</sup>, as he and his wife want to relocate to the southeast United States to be nearer their two children and their families.

Howard has been associated with Wilber Township government all of his life, racking up an incredible 41 years in various elected and appointed positions. Born in Wilber, he is a lifelong township resident. His mother was the Wilber Township Treasurer for many years, and his father served in several township capacities, including many years as the cemetery sexton.

Howard began as the township zoning administrator in 1971, and then in 1987 was appointed to serve on the Zoning Board, which later became the Planning Commission. He served as a commission member, then as its secretary, and finally its chairman. In 1999 he was appointed by the Township Board to fill a vacancy as a trustee on the Board. And, in 2000 he ran for and was elected Wilber Township Supervisor, a post to which he was re-elected three times. With his retirement, Wilber Township loses an incredible amount of organizational and institutional knowledge and memory. Please join the Board of Trustees in wishing Howard and Penny the very best as they embark on this new chapter in their lives.

In November 2012, long-time Zoning Administrator Frank Klinger announced his retirement, effective December 1<sup>st</sup>. Frank began serving as the zoning administrator in 1997, and has observed many changes in the look and 'feel' of Wilber Township, as people moved in and out and as new construction activities blossomed in all areas of the township. As the zoning administrator, Frank also served as an Ad Hoc member of the planning commission and the zoning board of appeals. The Board wishes him and his wife Sandy every success and happiness in their future endeavors.

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## Annual Township Cleanup

Saturday June 8, 2013

8-11 a.m.

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

We again plan to have receptacles for scrap metal and tires, as well as packer trucks for general refuse materials. **Items not accepted include:**

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

We are asking those of you who participate in the cleanup to *please* assist township officials and 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 has been suspended until after the cleanup, but will resume in earnest right after the June 8<sup>th</sup> date.

Every year, we see many items that could be used by someone else, so before bringing your items for disposal, consider donating usable things to one of the many local charitable organizations. Usable items can be donated to any of the area non-profit agencies, such as St. Vincent DePaul, the Domestic Violence Thrift Shop or Goodwill Industries in Oscoda. In addition, consider recycling.

There are several establishments listed in the yellow pages and local shopper that pick up junk cars and appliances, and that accept scrap metal.

Help keep Wilber Township green, and a good place to live.

### Electronics Recycling

Recycle Alcona County Inc. is again sponsoring an electronics recycling event which is open to all surrounding counties. It's scheduled for Saturday, August 3, 2013 from 10:00 am –1:00 pm at the Alcona County Fairgrounds (ARA Site) in Lincoln. It's a little later in the year than in previous years, so mark your calendars now. We will print a reminder in our summer edition.

## Duties of Township Officials

*The following is from the Michigan Townships Association and parts were originally printed in our summer 2004 edition*

Township government is conducted by a township board consisting of either five or seven members, depending, in part, on population. The officers of the board are supervisor, clerk, treasurer and trustee, with the trustees numbering either two or four. The term of office for all township officials is four years. The terms commence on November 20 following the general election, provided the newly elected officials qualify for office by that time, i.e., they must take an oath of office before the township clerk or other officer qualified to administer the oath.

### Township Supervisor's Statutory Duties

- Moderates board and annual meetings
- Chief assessing officer (if certified)
- Secretary to Board of Review
- Township's legal agent and spokesperson
- Must maintain records of supervisor's office
- Responsible for tax allocation board budget (if applicable)
- Develops township budget
- Appoints some commission members
- May call special meetings
- May appoint a deputy

### Township Clerk's Statutory Duties

- Maintains custody of all township records
- Maintains general ledger
- Prepares warrants for township checks
- Records and maintains township meeting minutes
- Keeps township book of oaths
- Responsible for special meeting notices
- Publishes board meeting minutes (if taxable value is \$56 Million)
- Keeps voter registration file and conducts elections
- Keeps township ordinance book
- Prepares financial statements
- Delivers tax certificates to supervisor and county clerk by September 30
- Must appoint a deputy
- Must post a surety bond

### Township Treasurer's Statutory Duties

- 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

### Township Trustee's Statutory Duties

- Township legislators, required to vote on all issues
- Responsible for township's fiduciary health
- Other duties as assigned by board

## 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
Vacant, **	

### 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 14<sup>TH</sup>, APRIL 11<sup>TH</sup>, JUNE 13<sup>TH</sup>, AUGUST 8<sup>TH</sup>, OCTOBER 10<sup>TH</sup>, AND DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>. 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.

## **Zoning Permits**

The Board of Trustees again wants to remind all residents and taxpayers that Wilber Township is a zoned community and has had a comprehensive, enforceable zoning ordinance in place since 1989.

Permits are required for all such construction activities, as well as for many others, 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.

The ordinance covers such uses as the number and placement of agricultural buildings, accessory buildings, swimming pools, fences, livestock, kennels, roadside stands, and commercial activities, to name a few.

Permits must be obtained *before* any construction activities begin by contacting the zoning administrator. His number is listed in the directory section of this newsletter.

Township zoning permits are \$25, and are obtained from the zoning administrator. 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.

## **Dust Control**

It's dust control time again for those living on unpaved roads! The treatment consists of three applications of an environmentally friendly Lignin-Brine mixture, the cost of which is shared equally by the resident, the township, and the Iosco County Road Commission (the township's portion is derived from our Road Construction & Maintenance millage budget). Cost to residents is \$96 for 300', and payments would be appreciated by May 15<sup>th</sup>. Mail them to the township hall.

## **Iosco County Road Commission**

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/](http://www.ioscoroads.org/) Click on Service Request.

Wilber Township  
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](http://www.michigan.gov/burnpermit)

**1-866-922-2876**

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