

Fraser Township News

November 2015

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From The Supervisor's Desk...Mark Galus

NEW WEB SITE

Fraser Township has a web site. Please check it out at www.frasertownship.org. On It you will be able to check our trash, recycle and yard waste pickup schedule. We also have a Public Notice area for future meetings and events. The Fraser Township newsletter and minutes from our Board meetings will be available along with Zoning Information.

TOWNSHIP HALL ROOF

In August, Herbert Roofing was contracted to do the work on our new Township Hall roof. They were the lowest bidder. Herbert Roofing completed the work in five days in between the raindrops. The Township Board was very pleased with the work that was done. They had to replace some sheets of plywood and replaced the flat roof on the East end of the building. The cost for replacing the roof was paid for from the select cutting of the townships trees.

We also had our parking lot seal coated with the money that was left over from the cutting.

ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

In 2015 Fraser Township invested over \$300,000.00 in road constructions and improvements. The one mill for road construction and money from the general fund helped in the overall improvements of our local roads. Where did the money go? The Village of Linwood and Clara Street was finished. This was a 2 year project. We also chipped and sealed 6.5 miles of local roads, and crushed and shaped Erickson Road from Mackinaw Road to Fraser Road.

The Township Board would like to thank everyone for their support in keeping our local road in the best condition possible.

Have a very Happy Holiday season.

Happy



Holidays

From The Desk of...

George Augustyniak

Rail Trail Update

As in prior years, the approximately 4 mile long trail was cut and cleared of fallen trees in August, making it available to those wishing to walk or ride trail bikes. As a reminder, no motorized vehicles are allowed on the trail. On June 24, 2015 we had a meeting with MDOT and the DNR and they outlined their plans for the constructing of a 10 foot wide trail of a packed limestone aggregate. On September 16, 2015 we had a follow up meeting with MDOT and DNR to review the final plans and proposal for the subject project at the MDOT office on Wilder Road. The scheduled beginning date for quoting this project is February 12, 2016 with completion by early summer 2016.

New Bay Area Water Treatment Plant

The new Membrane Water Filtration Plant utilizing Saginaw Midland Municipal Water Supply Corporation raw water came on line August 31, 2015.

The new plant was constructed on the southeast side of the old treatment plant. It is about 33% in size of the old plant at 40,893 square feet as a result of Membrane filtration method and significantly cleaner water.

The total cost of the new plant is just over \$60 million.

Flushing of the water lines in our township to remove the old water was completed by October 1, 2015.

The water rate per 100 cubic feet of water (748) gallons will increase from \$4.20 to \$4.52 and will be on the bills that will arrive in late October 2015. The last increase was in October of 2013.

An open house of the New Water Treatment Plant is scheduled for early spring 2016. The plant is located at 2701 North Euclid Avenue, Bay City, MI 48706

Trash Pickup Reminder

To minimize damage to the road edge by trash trucks, trash bins should be placed next to the road edge. This keeps the trucks more centrally located in the road. The road edge is the weakest section of road bed. This is most important in early spring when the spring thaw begins leaving the road edge vulnerable.

I wish all a very Happy Thanksgiving, a wonderful Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year.

From Area Code Enforcement...

Al Thompson

Waterline Installation Procedures

1. Contact Fraser Township and Bay County Water & Sewer (DWS) to determine debt fees and

associated connection costs. A debt fee receipt from the township must be provided to DWS when paying for the connection. Installation instructions and a meter bar will be provided at that time. (Note: Current DWS standards only permit use of Type "K" copper tubing between the meter and the water mainline.)

2. A permit must be obtained from Area Code Enforcement (ACE) before starting work.
3. Install water service line from the road right of way to the building. Contact ACE for an inspection before covering the line so it can be inspected. ACE will immediately notify DWS when service is approved.
4. DWS will schedule water service connection to the water mainline.
5. When ready for final connection and meter installation, contact both ACE and DWS to minimize time without water. Provide minimum 2 days advance notice. Water well must be disconnected at time of ACE inspection.
6. DWS will not turn on water unless a plumbing sticker from ACE is present near the meter bar.
7. ACE will immediately notify DWS when final inspection is approved.

It is the responsibility of the property owner to make sure that these steps are followed. The only responsibility of the Inspector is to make sure that the code requirements are met. He will leave a green sticker when approved, but does not contact DWS to schedule the meter set.

Contact numbers:

Area Code Enforcement – 4816 N. M-13, Pinconning MI 48650 – Phone: 989-313-2168

PERMITS: www.areacodeenforcement.com

Bay County Water & Sewer

3933 Patterson Road – Bay City, MI 48706

Phone: 989-684-3883

From the Zoning Administrator...

Thomas Fouchea

I hope everyone has had a good year. In this article I will cover questions asked of me and requirements that residents should know. Please note that it is very important that everyone in the community should call the Township to ask questions prior to building any type of structure on their property.

A Zoning Permit is required when building any structure on property, unless the accessory building is less than 195 sq. ft. There must be a main building on the property and the structure must be located in the rear or side yard. The only exception to this is if the main building is over 100 ft. from the road right of way. Then it can be built in the front yard.

When building a deck, do I need a Zoning Permit? Yes, especially if it will be connected to the main building and have a roof.

Every Township has building codes that are issued

by the State and must be complied with. Therefore, please call the Township when you don't know the codes.

Awareness Permits are required when doing standard maintenance of your buildings, such as replacing roofs, siding, windows and doors. (This information is kept in our files for new owners and existing owners for reference as to when any maintenance was completed.)

From the Assessor...

Christopher Coucke

A reinspection of the Township will be ongoing. We will be doing 1/5 of the township every year.

We want to thank the people of Fraser Township for their patience and support as we go door to door to update all the assessment records.

If you have questions about these reinspections, please feel free to call the Township office.

Land Division Act

This is a brief review of the Land Division Act, Public Act 591 which went into effect in 1996. The act has required local officials to review certain proposed land divisions. Section 109 of the act requires that a township must approve or disapprove the proposed division within 45 days after the filing of a complete application. To comply with the law, anyone planning to do a land division shall file a land division form which is available from the township, and return the completed form to the township with all the required documentation prior to the split taking place. The land division form is also required if the division is a boundary line move. This is when an individual purchases an adjacent parcel and enlarges the primary parcel. If you have questions please call the township office. My hours will be from 9am to 4pm on Tuesdays. Thank you for your cooperation.

From the Treasurer...

Shelly Hadd

The summer tax collection period has come to a close. Anyone wishing to make payments for the 2015 summer collection may still do so at the Township office during normal collection hours on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. If you wish to mail your payment, please call for a payoff amount to ensure the correct amount.

If you haven't noticed, some improvements have been made at the hall. We now have a new roof and the parking lot has been resurfaced. All this was accomplished by the proceeds from the logging of Township property. Also, new mulch has been added to the playground and the fire department parking lot has also been resurfaced. The building has been washed and everything is looking great!

Please check out our new website at FraserTownship.org. Anyone wishing to defer their property taxes may obtain the form on our website. You

can drop the form off at the office or email it to me at treasurer@frasertownship.org. Applications are accepted from July 1 through September 14. A new form must be filled out each calendar year.

The winter tax bills will arrive around December 1, 2015. Collection of taxes will be Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday during the hours indicated on the top left corner of your tax bill. If you are unable to make payment on these days, the drop box is located by the front door of the building.

We will continue to issue cat and dog licenses at the township. You must present your rabies certificate to be issued a new license.

Best wishes to all.

From the Clerk's Desk... Sharon Hugo

The past year has been a very busy year, implementing a new and updated software program in the Clerk's office. 2016 will also be a very busy year with three upcoming elections. There will be the Presidential Primary election in March, the General Primary election in August, and the Presidential election in November. If you have recently moved into our Township or turned 18 years of age and have not registered, please come into my office on Monday or Thursday between the hours of 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. And we will be happy to register you. You may also register in person at the Michigan Secretary of State office or online at Michigan.gov/sos.

I wish you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving, a wonderful Christmas, and a Healthy and Happy New Year. Best of wishes in 2016!

HAPPY NEW YEAR

From the Fire Chief... Dave Ramsey

You are requested to have a house number on your mailbox or a post in front of the house so first responders can see it from the roadway. The department has the sign order forms available at the Township office. The fee is \$15.00. If you have a problem with changing batteries in your smoke alarm or installing the sign, the firefighters will be happy to come and help you. Call 989-233-8898.

The department has a great need for people to volunteer to be firefighters. The training is long, but the return is great. You must be 18 years of age, have a high school diploma and complete the required training.

In closing, I would like to thank the community for their support of the department and the firefighters who give a tremendous amount of time and energy to making it a safe community. Also the Township Board for their support and for the maintenance at Station 16. I would

like to wish everyone a Happy & Safe Holiday.

HALL & PAVILLION RENTAL

Anyone wishing to rent the Township Hall or the pavilion, please contact Theresa Andrejewski at the hall on Friday mornings from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Some specific items of interest about the Pavilion are:

- Pavilion is open to the general public from 7 am to 10 pm
- Rental of the Pavilion for specific events requires completing a form 30 days prior to your event
- Fee Schedule: \$50 total, of which \$25 will cover damages to pavilion and bathrooms and \$25 will be returned if there is no damage

Flood Insurance

Fraser Township has been in the Federal Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) since 1976. This allows residents in Fraser Twp. to purchase Flood Insurance. The NFIP makes federally backed flood insurance available for all buildings, whether they are in a flood plain or not. Flood insurance covers direct losses caused by surface flooding, including a river overflowing its banks, a lake or ocean storm, and local drainage problems.

Mandatory Purchase Requirement applies to all forms of federally related financial assistance for buildings located in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). This requirement affects loans and grants for the purchase, construction, repair, or improvement of any publicly or privately owned building in the SFHA, including machinery, equipment, fixtures, and furnishings contained in such a building. If you wish to have a determination made to see if your property is in SFHA, you can contact the Township Code Enforcement Office (989-313-2188). For a fee of \$30 a determination can be made. You can also view the Flood Maps at the Township office.

DEQ Wetlands

A county wetland inventory has been completed by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) pursuant to Part 303, Wetland Protection, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended. The inventory map is on file at the County Extension Office, Register of Deeds, County Clerk or may be viewed online at www.michigan.gov/deqwetlands.

The map provides potential and approximate locations of wetlands but cannot be used to identify wetlands for regulatory purposes. Property containing wetlands may be subject to regulation under Part 303. For more information, including how to obtain a wetland permit or a determination of whether property contains regulated wetland, visit the MDEQ web site above.

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Linwood, MI 48634



The
Township Officers
Wish You A
Blessed Holiday
Season & A
Happy & Prosperous
NEW YEAR!!!

Holiday Office Closures

2015/2016

November 26-27	Thanksgiving
December 24 - 25	Christmas
December 31 - January 1	New Years
January 18, 2016	Martin Luther King
January 27 -29, 2016	Partial Hours due to MI Twp. EDU Conference
February 15, 2016	Presidents Day
March 25, 2016	Good Friday
March 28, 2016	Easter Monday
May 30, 2016	Memorial Day
July 4, 2016	Independence Day
September 5, 2016	Labor Day
November 11, 2016	Veterans Day
November 24 - 25	Thanksgiving Day
December 26, 2016	Christmas Monday
December 31, 2016	New Year's Eve

Township Hours

9am to 4pm Monday through Friday
Supervisor: Mon & Tues - 9am to 4pm
Treasurer: Wed & Fri - 9am to 4pm
Clerk: Mon & Thurs - 9am to 4pm
Assessor: Tuesday 9am - 4pm
Zoning: Tues & Thurs 7:30am to 11am
Hall/Pavillion Rental: Friday 9am to 12 noon
Permits for Building, Mechanical, Electrical or Plumbing are available at:
 Area Code Enforcement
 4816 N. M-13
 Pinconning, MI 48650
 Phone: 989-313-2168
 Hours are 7:30 to 9:00 a.m.

BURN PERMITS: 866-922-2876

Recycle Calendar

2016 Calendar

H=HOLIDAY R=RECYCLE
Y=YARD WASTE

Fraser Township

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