

Fraser Township News

November 2016

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From The Supervisor's Desk...Mark Galus

TOWNSHIP HALL PAINTING

If you haven't noticed, the township hall and the out buildings were painted a light gray back in August. We also had gutters installed on the North and South sides of the hall.

CEMETERY UPDATE

The Township is in the process of updating our records and maps of the Township Cemetery. Some of our records are over 100 years old. This is a two year project, starting this year with locating and marking the grave sites. At some time in 2017 we will receive a spreadsheet and a map of the grave sites. The headstones will be cleaned so that the names and dates on the old headstones can be read.

ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

In 2016, Fraser Township invested over \$300,000.00 in road construction 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? Erickson Road from Mackinaw Road to Fraser Road had a double coat of chip and seal because it was crushed and shaped last fall. We also chipped and sealed 7.5 miles of local roads, and crushed and shaped 1.6 miles of Newberg Road from Mackinaw Road west to I-75.

Happy



Holidays

From The Desk of...

George Augustyniak

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.

RAIL TRAIL UPDATE

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) completed the construction of the 4 mile long non-motorized trail in June 2016. The trail is part of an overall plan that is called the Iron Belle Trail and is to run from Belle Isle in Detroit to Ironwood in the Upper Peninsula. This portion of the trail will also serve as part of the inter-regional system connecting Saginaw, Bay and Arenac counties within the Michigan's Bay Region.

Funding for the trail was provided by a Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) grant, with matching funds supplied by the DNR's Recreation Improvement Fund and Recreational Trails Program.

The trail was constructed of a crushed aggregate laid over the existing rail bed. It runs from the Fraser-Garfield Drain (south of Prevo Road) north to Old State Road. A parking lot was also constructed at Kitchen Road on the west side of the rail trail. The trail provides a safe environment for walking and biking.

Since this is a non-motorized trail no recreational vehicles of any type are allowed which includes ATVs, Motorcycles, Snowmobiles, etc.

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 plant is located at 2701 N. Euclid Ave., Bay City, MI 48706.

An open house for the public to view the new plant was held on July 21, 2016. The old water plant which is located just northwest of the new plant is in the process of being demolished and scheduled to be completed by January 2017.

The Bay County Department of Water & Sewer went live on a new billing system at the beginning of September. The next quarterly water/sewer bill you receive will not be on a postcard form, but rather a standard size 8-1/2" by 11" bill mailed in a white envelope. Along with the new billing system is a new customer payment website which can be accessed by a link from <http://www.baycodws.org> or directly at <https://www.municipalonlinepayments.com/baycountywatersewermi>.

The customer payment website is open 24/7/365 and payments can be made with a credit or debit card with no additional fee charged! You can also view your billing and water usage history on the website.

All you need is your account number and the amount of your last payment. If anyone has questions please call the Water/Sewer Department at 989-684-3883.

Office hours are Monday through Friday from 7:30 am to 4:30 pm at the Patterson Road Administration Office. Payment options at the counter are cash, check and now also Credit/Debit cards with no additional fee. Payments can also be made by mailing a check (with the bill payment stub included) to the administration office at 3933 Patterson Rd., Bay City, MI 48706.

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 – 4742 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

2016 summer tax payments can still be made at the township office. Interest of 1% will be added for each month commencing 9/15/16. Please call the office for a current balance if you mail in your payment. If you pay in person, collection hours are Tuesday 11-4, Wednesday 9-4 and Friday 9-4.

This year I am asking residents to please include your phone number with your tax payments by mail. With so many people having cell phones, I am unable to contact people except by mail, if there is an issue with their payment. This could result in a payment being late.

Applications for summer tax deferment will be accepted from July 1 through September 14, 2017. A new form must be filled out each year. The form is available on our website, frasertownship.org.

You can still purchase your cat and dog licenses for 2017 at the township hall. Please provide a rabies certificate at the time of purchase.

Have a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year!

From the Clerk's Desk... Sharon Hugo

The past year has been a very busy year in the clerk's office. We had three elections in 2016: The Presidential Primary election in March, the General Primary election in August, and the Presidential election in November. A big "thank you" to all the registered voters who took the time to vote. My appointed position as clerk will end after the presidential election. I have fulfilled the prior clerk's term and I have chosen not to run for office at this time. The new clerk will take office on November 20, 2016. I have enjoyed my position as clerk and it has been a pleasure serving my township/community for the last couple years. If you have recently moved into our township or turned 18 years of age and have not registered, please come into the 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 holiday, and a Healthy and Happy New Year. Best of wishes in 2017!

HAPPY NEW YEAR

From the Fire Chief...Dave Ramsey

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.

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 installing the sign or changing the batteries in your smoke alarm, the Firefighters will be happy to come and help you. Call 989-233-8898.

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 1978. 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 (989-313-2168). 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.

**Fraser Township
1474 N. Mackinaw
Linwood, MI 48634**



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

**Holiday Office Closures
2016/2017**

- November 24-25
Thanksgiving
- December 26
Christmas Monday
- January 16, 2017
Martin Luther King
- February 20, 2017
Presidents Day
- April 14, 2017
Good Friday
- April 17, 2017
Easter Monday
- May 29, 2017
Memorial Day
- July 4, 2017
Independence Day
- September 4, 2017
Labor Day
- November 11, 2017
Veterans Day
- November 23-24, 2017
Thanksgiving
- December 25-26, 2017
Christmas

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/Pavilion Rental:** Friday 9am to 12 noon
- Permits for Building, Mechanical, Electrical or Plumbing** are available at:
- Area Code Enforcement
4742 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

2017 Calendar

Fraser Township

H=HOLIDAY R=RECYCLE

Y=YARD WASTE

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