# 0BBEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP3BNEWSLETTER

##### December 2016-2017

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***TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS***:

SUPERVISOR – KIM VAN NUCK CLERK – SHARON HARTMAN TREASURER – MAX MEISNER TRUSTEE – CAROL RAYBUCK TRUSTEE – MEAGAN LITTLE

ASSESSOR – CLAYTON McGOVERN OUR WEB SITE: ZONING ADM – DON JOHNSON

**IN OFFICE MONDAY MORNINGS, ONLY www.beavercreektownship.com IN OFFICE TUESDAY, & THURSDAYS**

***BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP OFFICES OFFICE PHONE & FAX NUMBERS OFFICE HOURS***

**8888 SOUTH GRAYLING ROAD OFFICE PHONE: 989-275-8878 9 A.M. – 2 P.M.**

GRAYLING, MI 49738 OFFICE FAX: 989-275-9965 MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

**BOARD MEETINGS:**

Are now held in the mornings, the second Tuesday of each month @ 10:00 a.m.

**2016-2017 MEETING SCHEDULES:**

July 12 January 10
August 09 February 14

September 13 March 14

October 11 April 11

November 08 May 09

December 13 June 13

**TRANSFER SITE HOURS:**

Saturday 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Sunday 1 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Wednesday 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

 **FIRE CHIEF POSTING, BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN:**

Under the supervision of the Beaver Creek Township Board, the fire chief coordinates and directs all firefighting, fire prevention, fire inspections and emergency operations and activities of the Beaver Creek Township Fire Department. Directs a staff of full-time, part time and paid on-call employees. Responsible for the acquisition and maintenance of vehicles, apparatus and equipment. Develops and administers departmental policies in compliance with all relevant governmental regulations.

Employment Qualifications:
Education: Associates Degree or equivalent in Fire Science, Management, Business or related area.
Experience: Ten years of experience in fire service, with at least five years of command experience.
Other Requirements: State of Michigan Firefighter I & II, State of Michigan Fire Officer I & II, State of Michigan Emergency Medical Technician Basic (Preferred), State of Michigan Driver’s License.
Wages & Benefits:
Salary is negotiable and competitive with the area with benefits.
Application Procedure:
Submit a resume with cover letter to the Beaver Creek Township Clerk, 8888 S. Grayling Road, Grayling, MI 49738. Apply on or before Monday, December 19, 2016 @ 2:00 pm. A job description for this position may be obtained by contacting kvannuck@beavercreektownship.com.

**BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP TRANSFER SITE:**

The transfer site has been open since November 10, 2007 and is located at 8756 S. Grayling Road, north of the township hall. You must have a transfer site sticker permanently attached on your vehicle’s windshield.

Price for a second vehicle sticker is $3.00 with a limit of two stickers per residence. If you change vehicles, or the sticker gets damaged we will replace it free of charge.

Attention-Please Take Note: The transfer site now is able to accept used tires at a cost of $3.50 each. You will be allowed up to 4 tires per year per improved parcel. The tires can be no larger than auto tires. No rims allowed.

**COMMUNITY CENTER/PAVILION:**

The community center and pavilion are available to rent for all occasions. We have roasters and igloo coolers available for use free to residents with hall rental and $5.00 for non-residents with hall rental. For more information please visit web page or call our office.

**SUPERVISOR KIM VAN NUCK:**

As I write this newsletter I am the treasurer. I want to thank each and every one of you for having patience as I learned, the last three years has been great getting to know more of our residents. Thank you for the chance to serve you.

Now as you receive these newsletters, I will be the new supervisor and looking forward to that change. I have been attending lots of meetings and joining several boards in the community. I look forward to being part of this township moving ahead. As before, I am always available for you. I will take criticism and compliments.

If you have a problem or suggestion, I am always available. I hope your winter is healthy, and a Great Holiday Season and I look forward to serving you.

**TRUSTEE MEAGAN LITTLE:**

Greetings and happy fall, I hope this newsletter finds you well. I have been thinking about putting together a social event once a month at the township and wanted to get your opinions. My thought would be an open invite, maybe on Friday evenings to get together and fellowship, maybe cards or some other games… something to get people out of the house during the long winter months. If you’re interested, please contact our secretary, Pat and let her know what day of the week and what time of the day would best suit you. As soon as I get interest, I will plan a night and post it on the website. If you are interested, please leave your name and phone number with Pat and she will call you to update you. Have a safe and blessed winter season.

**TRUSTEE CAROL RAYBUCK:**

Historic Pere Cheney Cemetery, in Beaver Creek Township, is undergoing some much-needed improvements. The road into the cemetery and the parking area has been widened, leveled and the parking area filled with gravel. Lighting will be added along with a high-tech security camera. The camera is digital, has a GPA locator and can be remotely accessed via satellite. A total of $3,200.00 has been pledged for fencing. These improvements are the results of many hours of work by our past supervisor, Brian Ashton.

**CLERK SHARON HARTMAN:**

Well, we all survived the November 8th election! The township had 886 voters; approximately 65% of our registered voters cast ballots. This was Norma Pless’ last election in Beaver Creek Township as chair of the election committee and she has done a wonderful job for many years, but will be moving down state to be closer to family. We will miss you Norma! Other workers: Marian Hilliker, Shiela Kraycs, Pat Millikin, John Welt, Jim Lawless, Donna Schnoor and my Deputy Clerk Hope Schram all worked 17 hours before everything was done, and all were very tired at the end of the night! Thank you to each and every one for the great job.

Call me in the spring if you need to go to the cemetery to purchase a lot.
This year we will say goodbye to two board members who will be missed, Brian Ashton and Lee Riley. We wish you both well with your retirements.
We welcome Carol Raybuck back as trustee, a job she previously held 2 years ago, In the interim she has helped the township as deputy supervisor. We wish Kim Van Nuck good luck in her new role as supervisor! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our residents!

**TREASURER MAX MEISNER:**It has been great seeing a lot of familiar faces at the township office over the past few weeks. I have been working closely with Kim as we both take on our new roles here. For all the rest of you and our new neighbors, I look forward to visiting with you, too. Please stop in to say hi to me and my deputy, Paula.
The Year 2016 has had many strange events. Most noteworthy in the world of professional sports was the World Series. Congratulations to the Chicago Cubs after their 108-year drought! They were the first team to win back-to-back World Series championships. That was in 1907 and 1908 and have appeared a total of 10 times; up to this year their last appearance was 1945; the last year of WWII.
Looking forward to 2017 the only thing that may top the Cubbies’ drought would be if the Lions not only make it to the Super Bowl, but win it, and to have that happen the same year that the Red Wings fail to make the post season in over 25 years…stranger things have happened, but this would possibly make the top 10.
Roscommon Area Schools, COOR and Kirtland CC will be putting their school taxes on these winter bills going forward. They should reflect what you would have paid on summer taxes. This will cause issues with mortgage company escrow accounts; please be aware of these changes this tax season and possibly beyond.
We have credit and debit card payment capability now available. There is an additional fee of 2.75% which is a third-party company charge. In other words, this fee is an add-on fee not collected by the township, also be aware that there is a $25.00 fee on any returned checks. Please be aware of these charges.
If you have any address changes or new mailing preferences please call the township office at 989-275-8878 to let us know. Several tax bills keep coming back to us.
I will be happy to take partial payments for your taxes. When mailing your tax payments please indicate on your bill or a note with your payment. If you cannot make it to our office between the hours of 9:00 am and 2:00 pm., we have a drop box, outside the office door, for your convenience: (checks or money orders only no cash). I will send you a receipt so you know payment was received. If you have any questions regarding your tax bill, please do not hesitate to call. If it is an assessing question, our Assessor Clayton McGovern is usually here on Monday. He also has a toll-free number with all the information at his home office to answer your questions. Thank You!

**ZONING ADMINISTRATION & ENFORCEMENT DON JOHNSON:**

What is Zoning?

Zoning is governmental regulation of the use of land. The purpose of zoning is to function as a tool to implement a community’s master plan, ensure the compatibility of land uses, protect natural resources and protect property values. Both general law and charter townships may adopt zoning ordinances, pursuant to the provisions of the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act (MCL 125.3101, et seq.). Typical zoning regulations address the physical development of the township. Enacting zoning involves adopting an ordinance that divides the community into various districts or zones and developing regulations specific to those zones for uses, lot and building requirements related to the use of land.

The zoning department looks forward to a substantial, thriving, productive year in 2017. Have a great time this winter and please be safe in your activities. Stop in and visit with us. We would enjoy seeing you.

**SECRETARY PAT LARSON:**

Greetings, I hope that all residents of Beaver Creek Township have a great and safe winter.

**FIRE CHIEF, ROGER WEATHERLY:**

The Beaver Creek Fire Department Firemen would like to express their appreciation and thanks to all of the residents of Beaver Creek Township. Your fire department offers many services free of charge, such as Home Fire Safety Inspections and Fire Wise Home Inspections. Residents are encouraged to contact the fire department to schedule these inspections. Crawford County 911 has started a new program called SMART 911. All residents are encouraged to take part in this free service (Information on these programs is provided below).

FireWise: Protecting property from wildfires
 Learning about the dangers of wildfires can help save your home and those you love. According to experts, wildfires across the country are burning hotter and faster than ever before. After a severe fire season in which fourteen hundred homes burned, the national fire protection association created the FireWise program. The program offers simple ways community members can work together to prevent their properties from becoming fuel for a wildfire. Residents can reduce the risk of their home’s ignition by simply modifying their homes and immediate surroundings, for example, clearing a space around the home can reduce wildfire threats, reduce surrounding vegetation and prune large trees and even something as simple as cleaning gutters and eaves of leaves and debris can prevent an ember from igniting a home. When possible choose heat, and flame resistant construction materials for homes, decks, porches and fences. The most protective roofing materials will be rated class-a, including asphalt shingles and metal, cement and concrete products. For more information, visit FireWise.org. To schedule an inspection of your home, call your fire department.

SMART 911: Smart911 is a free and new service available in your community to help you when you call 9-1-1-. Once you’ve signed up, first responders will be aware of important information you have provided that will help them address your emergency. This information including medical issues, current location and even your pets can help police, fire and ems locate and help you. It is private and secure you control your information. It saves time in an emergency, when seconds count. For more information visit Smart911.com, or call your fire department office.

With the winter heating season upon us, we would like to remind all residents to have their furnaces, wood stoves and chimneys inspected prior to the heating season, and make sure smoke detector/carbon monoxide detectors are in place and operational. The personnel at Beaver Creek Fire Department have always been dedicated to the protection and service of its residents and encourage any persons interested in assisting the department to contact this office. Stay Safe

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