# 0BBEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP3BNEWSLETTER

##### JULY 2015

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***TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS***:

SUPERVISOR – BRIAN ASHTON CLERK – SHARON HARTMAN TREASURER – KIM VAN NUCK TRUSTEE – LEE RILEY TRUSTEE – MEAGAN LITTLE

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

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

**PICNIC:**

**There will be no picnic this year!**

**BOARD MEETINGS:**

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

**2015-2016 MEETING SCHEDULE:**

July 14 January 12
August 11 February 09

September 08 March 08

October 13 April 12

November 10 May 10

December 08 June 10

**TRANSFER SITE HOURS:**

Saturday 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Sunday 1 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Wednesday 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

**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.

Recycle meetings are posted on the Crawford County Calendar at [www.crawfordco.org](http://www.crawfordco.org).

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 is 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 BRIAN ASHTON:**

Summer has finally arrived after a long and cold winter! It’s great to see children and adults of all ages enjoying our park facilities.

Our county wide tire-clean-up and our township clean-up was a tremendous success, thanks to all who helped.

The Township Board and employees have had a busy year with several challenges facing us from the past and upcoming year. Every time we are faced with a problem, we have worked as a team to correct it. We have worked many hours to bring about the best possible 2015/2016 budget and to solve many township challenges.

In addition to my regular duties, I am still very much involved with the Crawford County Supervisors Association, Co-chairman of the Crawford County Recycling Counsel, Co-chairman of the Crawford County M.T.A. Chapter and the restoration of Pere Cheney Cemetery.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Cindi Dafoe, Deputy Treasure, to our team. She will be a great asset to our organization.

As always, my office is always open for constructive suggestions and conversations.

Reminder: Please recycle and help us promote the use of our community center and pavilion rental.

Have a great summer.

**DEPUTY SUPERVISOR**

**CAROL RAYBUCK:**

I am working for our township Supervisor, Brian Ashton as Deputy Supervisor, and with the Clerk and Treasurer on various committees. As in many townships, much of our work is done with computer communications; so whether near or far work can be completed efficiently to the benefit of the township.

If your schedule does not allow you to attend township meetings, you may keep up to date by accessing the Beaver Creek Township web site at <http://www.beavercreektownship.com/>. The site is a resource for township news, meeting notices, voting information, hall rentals, and department contact information.

**CLERK SHARON HARTMAN:**

The year of 2015 will bring yet another election on August 4, 2015, which is a school election for Crawford Ausable Schools only. If you live in the Roscommon School District, you will not need to vote on that date. If you have sent us an Application to Vote Absentee, the ballots will be received mid-June and sent to you shortly thereafter. July 6th is the last day to register to vote in the August election.

Cemetery lots are available at $150 per lot. Two cremains can be buried in one lot or even one casket and one cremain can occupy the same lot. Let me know if you would like to meet at the cemetery and I can show you what is available.

**BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP CEMETARY**:

As of July 1, 2014, we had some changes to our Cemetery Ordinance. The cost to purchase one cemetery lot has increased from $100.00 to $150.00, for residents. For non-residents, the cost to purchase a lot is $300.00 for each lot. The cost for one grave opening for a full burial will stay the same at $350.00, for residents and non-residents. The cost for opening a cremains burial will go from $50.00 to $75.00 for a resident and from $50.00 to $150.00 for a non-resident.

**TREASURER KIM VAN NUCK:**

For your convenience we now accept credit and debit cards and for most the fee is 2.75% which goes to the credit card company. The township does not make any money when you use your card. We also have a $25.00 fee on any returned check. Please be aware of these changes. If you have any address changes please call our office 989-275-8878 and let us know, as we have several tax bills that keep coming back to us.

I am settling into the office of Treasurer and have been to conferences and several classes; I still have a lot to learn and really enjoy the challenge and look forward to working with you in the year ahead.

I have a new deputy; Cindi Dafoe is training with me. Please welcome her when you come in. Cindi brings a ton of experience with her on all levels and is organizing my office daily.

Summer taxes are due without penalty thru September 14, 2015. I will be happy to take partial payments for your taxes. When you mail your taxes just indicate this on your bill or send 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 do have a drop box by the front door of the office that you can put your check in (NO CASH) and I will send you a receipt. 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 Mondays. He also has a toll free number with all the information at his home office to answer your questions.

**ZONING ADMINISTRATION & ENFORCEMENT DON JOHNSON:**

Many times the need for clarification of Ordinances needs to be explained. Please find what I believe to be a clear and concise version of the intent of our Ordinances. What is the purpose of Beaver Creek Township Ordinances?

Purpose of the Zoning Ordinance and Resolution of Intent:

An Ordinance is for the purpose of protecting the public health, safety and general welfare of Beaver Creek Township; to regulate and restrict the use of land and buildings by dividing Beaver Creek Township into districts for the planned orderly growth and development of the township within which the proper use of land and natural resources may be encouraged and regulated; within which each zoning district there may be adopted regulations and provisions designating the location of, the size of, the land and structural uses that may be permitted without or with special use conditions or planned use developments; to define certain terms used therein; to impose regulations, prohibitions, and restrictions governing the erection, construction, reconstruction or use of structures, buildings and lands to be used for the purposes of agriculture, residence, commerce, industry and other specified purposes; to provide for the orderly growth and development of the township, including the wise and efficient use of public services to be provided to the residents and others within the township; to provide for the conservation of the use of energy; to provide for the conservation of agricultural, forest and open space lands, wetlands and land areas containing natural or cultural resources or features necessary to the social and economic well-being of present and future generations; to regulate and limit the height and bulk of buildings and other structures; to regulate and limit lot occupancy and the size of yards and other open spaces; to establish the boundaries of districts; to create a Township Board of Appeals and define and limit the powers and duties of said board; to set standards to guide actions of said board and to provide the means of enforcing said Ordinance and establish penalties and allow injunctive relief for violation of said Ordinance. Thank you for your cooperation. Zoning Administrator, Donald F. Johnson

**SECRETARY PAT LARSON:**

Hope everyone is glad to see summer finally here. It was a very cold winter and now it is time for the beautiful flowers and warm weather. Hope you are able to get out and do what you like to do and enjoy the great lakes and all we have to offer in Northern Michigan.

**FIRE CHIEF, ROGER WEATHERLY:**

The personnel at Beaver Creek Fire Department have always been dedicated to the protection and service to the residents of Beaver Creek. I would like to take this opportunity to inform our citizens of a new emergency system that Crawford County 911 dispatch has offered. The system is called SMART 911. Persons can sign up for Smart911 and create a Safety Profile to give 9-1-1 dispatches valuable information about yourself, family members, your home, pets and even vehicles that will automatically display on the 9-1-1 call taker’s screen when you make an emergency call. It’s private and secure and you control what information is in your profile. These details can save valuable seconds or even minutes during an emergency. Smart911 is a free service. Sign up using the Internet at [www.smart911.com](http://www.smart911.com). If you don’t have internet, a relative or neighbor can create an account for you using their email.

This is the season for ground fires. We would like to remind everyone to first obtain a burn permit, at

[www.michigan.gov/burnpermit](http://www.michigan.gov/burnpermit).

Burn permits are issued only for: limbs, brush, stumps, evergreen needles, leaves and grass.

Burn permits are NOT required for: cooking or recreational campfires, or anytime there is continuous snow cover adjacent to your fire. Also not required for household paper materials (unless it contains plastic, rubber, foam,) or textiles. They should be burned in a container constructed of metal or masonry, with a covering device having openings no larger than ¾ of an inch.

Items that can never be burned due to air quality regulations: demolition debris, construction materials, automotive parts, household trash that contains plastic, rubber, foam, chemically treated wood, textiles, electronics, chemicals or hazardous materials.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Stay Safe!

**REMINDER:**

As some of you may have seen on the 9&10 News or read in the Crawford County Avalanche, one of our township residents was mulled by a dog while jogging on South Oak Road. The dog was running loose and charged out into the roadway and attacked the man as he jogged past the front of the dog owner’s home.

Please remember that you need to keep your animals under control and in your own yards. Dogs must have a proper license and up to date shots. Dog licenses are available for purchase at the township offices November 1 through March 1 each year. Then they are available at the Crawford County Court House. If this dog had attacked a child instead of an adult, there could have been a much worse outcome!

**TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS:**

BRIAN ASHTON

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KIM VAN NUCK

MEAGAN LITTLE

LEE RILEY

**DEPUTIES:**

DEPUTYSUPERVISOR:

CAROL RAYBUCK

DEPUTY CLERK:

HOPE SCHRAM

DEPUTY TREASURER:

CINDI DAFOE

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