

**\*\*\*\*\* Krakow Township News\*\*\*\*\***

**Krakow Township, Presque Isle County, MI**

**Winter 2015 Issue**

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**CHECK OUT THE TOWNSHIP WEBSITE**

**@ [www.krakowtownship.org](http://www.krakowtownship.org)**

for all township information and services.

There is a quick link for Taxes and contacting the treasurer on the tax page.

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Election Information: The Presidential Primary Election will be held on March 8, 2016. To check your election information go to [www.Michigan.gov/vote](http://www.Michigan.gov/vote). Clerk Misiak

**A note from your Supervisor, Mike Grohowski**

The Fall/ Winter season has arrived; boats and docks are out of the lake and many cottages are closed for the year, Grand lake and Long lake are now quiet.

The Presque Isle County Road Comm. has started work on Hill St., Lakeside Dr., and a portion Grand Lake Highway. Work will continue in the Spring and be completed in the early Summer of next year.

There are openings on the Planning Commission, Board of Review and the Zoning Board of Appeals. The Planning Comm. meets every other month, the Board of Review meets in March and the Zoning Board of Appeals meets as needed. This is an opportunity for Citizens to become part of the decision making process, and help guide our Township in a positive direction for the future. I ask anyone interested in serving their Township to please give me a call for more information at 989.595.6295.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable Holiday Season.

*Mike Grohowski*

**From your Assessor, Allan Berg**

In 2012, Krakow Twp residential properties have a 2% increase in their State Equalized Value (SEV) over their Assessed Value as originally reported on your assessment notice in Feb. 2012. The reason this occurred is through the process of equalization. When the township assessors prepare the assessment roll, they are given direction by the County as to the total value within a certain limitation and present that assessment roll to the March Board of Review. The board then hears appeals and makes final decisions on the values. When the process is complete, the values are turned in to the County Equalization office and they ensure that the township has the appropriate values, again, within a specific limitation. This year, the reductions given by the March Board of Review have caused those limitations to be exceeded. Therefore, the County Equalization/Board of Commissioners were required to increase all residential properties in Krakow Township back to 50% of true cash value. This required an additional factor of 2%. What does this mean for my tax bill? Some tax bills will not be impacted because you pay on your taxable value and not your SEV. However, if your SEV and taxable value were the same before this factor, any increase will cause your taxable value to also increase.

**Online Assessment Info:** You can visit online at

**<http://www.assessingoffice.com>**

**From Your Treasurer, Diane Mucciante**

**Winter Tax Bills** are due on or before **February 16, 2016** without penalty. The last day that I can accept any payments for 2015 taxes is February 29, 2016. On 12/28/15 and on 2/29/16, I will be available at the township hall from 9:00 am-5:00 pm. to accept payments. Cash payment must be exact change.

I can no longer accept a postmark as date of payment. **Please** mail in enough time so that I receive it by 2/17 (7 days). After 2/17/16 a 3% penalty will be added to unpaid amounts.

Please send in your remittance advice with your check number entered and do not staple your check to the advice. Any postdated checks will be sent back.

I am not responsible for lost mail so if you don't receive your tax bill or if your check has not cleared after you have mailed your payment; please contact me to issue a new one so that possible late fees may be avoided.

My contact information is as follows:

Diane Mucciante, Treasurer  
7624 Grand Point Road  
Presque Isle, MI 49777  
(989) 595-6615

*Diane Mucciante*

**ZONING PERMITS:** No building may be constructed, altered, enlarged upon, or moved without a Township Zoning Permit. This permit is required before the County Building and Zoning Department will issue a building permit. Contact your **Zoning Administrator, Matthew Bedard, at (989) 595-2842** for information and/or zoning permit application forms, or visit the township website @krakowtownship.org. The current Ordinance Book can be viewed on our website, at the township hall, or at the Posen or Presque Isle Libraries and available for purchase by contacting Clerk, Elaine Misiak at 766-8804.

**BUILDING INSPECTOR:** Once you have obtained a township zoning permit, you must also obtain a building permit by calling the Presque Isle County Building inspector, Jim Zakshesky, @ (989) 734-2915 for an application form. Forms can also be obtained from your Township Zoning Administrator.

**TRANSFER / RECYCLING STATION:** Located at 13936 US 23 S., near the 638 Hwy. intersections. For information, call manager, **Fred Barrett @ 595-2628** during open hours, or Diane Mucciante, Treasurer @ 595-6615.

CLOSED ON ALL HOLIDAYS OR WHEN POSTED ON THE ENTRANCE GATE

**SUMMER HOURS:** (Memorial weekend through Labor Day weekend) **Wed. 1-4, Sat. 10-4, Sun.10-2.**

**WINTER HOURS:** (After Labor Day through the last Sunday in May) **Wed.1-4, and Sat. 10-4.**

**Please note:** Raw organic waste must be sealed in leak proof containers. **If you have a large load of material to dispose of, please call ahead to verify that there is enough space available.** Do not leave garbage outside of the gate as this will be considered littering and is subject to a fine. Do not put garbage in or around the recycle bins as this area is for recycling only. Recycling is easier if you rinse your jars and cans immediately after use before any residue hardens. Plastic jugs and cans should be crushed. Removing the ends of cans make them easier to flatten. Rinse and drain soap bottles thoroughly. Only plastic containers with necks for pouring may be recycled.

**STREET LIGHTS:** Report any township street light outages to the Township Supervisor or Clerk as soon as possible. Do not hesitate to report any unusual activity around township hall, street lights, or the transfer station to a township official. Repairs due to vandalism are billed to the township, and continuous incidents at a specific light may result in a decision by the Township Board to discontinue future repairs to it.

**MEETINGS:** *All meetings are held at the township hall at 12022 Bolton Rd. in Posen, 766-8203*

**Board of Trustees:** Monthly, on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm.

**Planning Commission:** Quarterly@ 7:00 pm. on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs. of the month and on an as needed basis. Rezoning and Special Use permit requests will be heard on dates and times agreed upon by the Planning Commission Chairperson. A fee will be charged to applicants per hearing. **Recommendations from the Grand Lake and Coastal Watershed Steering Committee, sponsored by NEMCOG**, stressed the need to protect and preserve the woodlands and watershed boundaries within Krakow Township, and to provide awareness to citizens living inland and the water's edge. Reducing chemicals from fertilizers, pesticides, and salt will reduce algae in lake water. Natural greenbelts surrounded by native plants, trees, and shrubs become a buffer against pollutants and limits the amount of run off. Not having grassy, manicured lawn areas is another method of eliminating gourmet feed for ducks and with the use of low maintenance wildflowers and perennials, the geese stay away. Of other interest, a recent aquatic invasive in Michigan's inland lakes is the European Frogbit which resembles a small water lily and can quickly choke shallow ponds, open marshes, ditches, and edges of lakes (*U.S. Fish and Wildlife*).

**Zoning Board of Appeals:** Annually for organization, and as needed to hear appeals. Appeals will be heard on dates and times agreed upon by the ZBA Chairperson. A fee will be charged per hearing.

**Board of Review:** July, December and March of each year. Call for dates and times, or visit our website.

**Meeting and public hearing changes and cancellations:** are posted at the township hall and/or published in a local newspaper, and/or announced on radio station WATZ 99.3 FM and TV Channel 11 WBKB-TV.

If you need more info regarding meetings, please call Clerk Elaine Misiak @ 989-766-8804.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- **Supervisor**, Michael Grohowski.....595-6295  
14837 US 23 S. Presque Isle, MI 49777  
[supervisor.m@krakowtownship.org](mailto:supervisor.m@krakowtownship.org)
- **Clerk**, Elaine Misiak.....766-8804  
12470 N. Grand Lk. Hwy., Posen, MI 49776  
[clerk@krakowtownship.org](mailto:clerk@krakowtownship.org)  
Deputy Clerk, Delphine Bisson.....595-6825
- **Treasurer**, Diane Mucciante.....595-6615  
7624 Grand Point Road, Presque Isle, MI 49777  
[treasurer@krakowtownship.org](mailto:treasurer@krakowtownship.org)  
Deputy Treasurer, Art Mucciante..... 595-6615
- **Trustee**, Michael Smith.....595-3619  
6936 Black Bass Bay Rd., Presque Isle, 49777  
[trusteems@krakowtownship.org](mailto:trusteems@krakowtownship.org)
- **Trustee**, Roger Witherbee.....595-3919  
15660 Long Lake Hwy., Alpena, MI 49707  
[trusteew@krakowtownship.org](mailto:trusteew@krakowtownship.org)

## BOARD OF REVIEW

*(call for meeting dates and times)*

- **Secretary**, Michael Grohowski.....595-6295
- **Assessor**, Allan & Jodi Berg.....734-3555
- **Member**, Leroy Flanner, Jr.
- **Member**, Theresa Szczerowski
- **Member**, Arthur Lewandowski
- **Alternate**, Nancy Schellie

## TRANSFER STATION

Fred Barrett, Manager.....595-2628

## TOWNSHIP HALL

12022 Bolton Rd., Posen, MI 49776  
(989) 766-8203  
[www.krakowtownship.org](http://www.krakowtownship.org)

## PLANNING COMMISSION

- **Chairperson**, Carolyn Barrett.....595-3826  
15516 E. 638 Hwy., Presque Isle, MI 49777
- **Secretary**, Roger Witherbee.....595-3919
- **Member**, Alvin Grundy
- **Member**, Sally Mulka
- **Member**,

## ASSESSOR

- Jodi and Allan Berg.....(989)734-3555  
P.O. Box 25, Rogers City, MI 49779  
[assessor@assessingoffice.com](mailto:assessor@assessingoffice.com)

## ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

- Matthew Bedard.....595-2842  
17645 US 23 S., Presque Isle, MI 49777  
[zoningadmin@krakowtwp.org](mailto:zoningadmin@krakowtwp.org)

## ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

*(meets annually and per hearing)*

- **Chairperson**, Leonard Zielinski
- **Secretary**, Patricia Blaser
- **Member**, Alvin Grundy
- **Member**,
- **Member**,
- **Alternate**, George Heinzl, Sally Mulka

## PRESQUE ISLE COUNTY

[www.presqueislecounty.org](http://www.presqueislecounty.org)

- Treasurer..... (989)734-4075
- Equalization.....734-3810
- Clerk.....734-3288
- Register of Deeds.....734-2676
- Road Commission.....734-2216
- Building and Zoning..... 734-2915