

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

**Krakow Township, Presque Isle County, MI
Summer 2016 Issue**

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CHECK OUT THE TOWNSHIP WEBSITE
@ www.krakowtownship.org
for all township information and services.

DID YOU KNOW that you can change your tax bill address, access your tax history, legal property description, tax bill amounts, taxable and equalized values for the current and previous two years and more by visiting the Presque Isle County website @ www.presqueislecounty.org

A note from your Supervisor, Michael Grohowski

The summer season has arrived; I welcome back all the seasonal residents as well as the many visitors to our Township.

The Township is working with the Presque Isle County Road Comm. on resurfacing Hill St., Lakeside Dr., Karol St., and a portion of Grand Lake Highway. Work will begin after the 4th of July and be finished by the Fall. 638 Highway has been placed on the 5 year plan for reconstruction, with money coming from State and Federal government funds.

The building season is in full swing, with that said, it is important to remind all residents of the requirement for building and zoning permits also the responsibilities of the contractor to be licensed and insured.

Anyone interested in serving on the planning commission, zoning board of appeals or board of review please me for more information at 595.6295, this is a great opportunity to become involved in the future of our Township, these positions take a minimal time commitment.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and fun summer in Northern Michigan.

Michael Grohowski

From your Assessor, Allan Berg

For 2016, we are now starting the 3rd round of the 20% annual reinspection project which started in 2014. If you received a letter in April, we plan on physically visiting your parcel to verify measurements of buildings, measure various items, and take photographs.

What does this mean? It means that we are going through our assessing database which already contains building information and we are verifying that it is accurate. It has been many years since this was last done. Any changes to our information will be updated the year following the inspection.

How does this work? We have mailed a letter to parcels which are to be inspected in a given year. Then, if you wish to opt-out of the inspection, there will be a return form for you to complete and submit to our office. There will also be additional details on the letter we mail out.

Why do we do this? It is important and it is legally required for us to have accurate records for fair property taxation. Also many other agencies rely on our information, such as real estate agents, appraisers, banks, and other governmental agencies. It is helpful for them and the property owner that it is accurate.

Questions: Email assessor@assessingoffice.com

or our office at 989-734-3555. Please allow 2

ZONING PERMITS: No building may be constructed

Zoning Permits is required before the County

permit. Contact your Zoning Administrator, Matthew Bed

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.

From Your Treasurer, Diane Mucciante

Summer Tax Bills are due on or before **Sept 14, 2016**. On Sept. 14th, 2016, I will be available at the township hall from 9:00 am-5:00 pm. to accept payments. Cash payment should be exact change.

Following MTA recommendations, payments will no longer be accepted in person at my home. Postmarks are no longer accepted, if mailing allow 7 days. After Sept. 14th a 1% interest per month 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. Receipts will be mailed per request only.

I am not responsible for lost mail so if you don't receive your tax bill or if your check does not clear after mailing, please call me immediately so that a course of action can be started and late fees avoided.

My contact information is as follows:

Diane Mucciante, Treasurer

7624 Grand Point Road

Presque Isle, MI 49777

(989) 595-6615

Diane Mucciante

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 the 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 4th 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
- **Clerk**, Elaine Misiak.....766-8804
12470 N. Grand Lk. Hwy., Posen, MI 49776
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
Deputy Treasurer, Art Mucciante..... 595-6615
- **Trustee**, Michael Smith.....595-3619
6936 Black Bass Bay Rd., Presque Isle, 49777
trusteems@krakowtownship.org
- **Trustee**, Roger Witherbee.....595-3919
15660 Long Lake Hwy., Alpena, MI 49707
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**,
- **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

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

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

- Matthew Bedard.....474-4339
17645 US 23 S., Presque Isle, MI 49777
zoningadmin@krakowtwp.org

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

(meets annually and per hearing)

- **Chairperson**, Leonard Zielinski
- **Secretary**, Michael T. Smith
- **Member**, Alvin Grundy
- **Member**, Patricia Blaser
- **Member**,
- **Alternate**, George Heinzl

PRESQUE ISLE COUNTY

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