

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

**Krakow Township, Presque Isle County, MI
Summer 2018 Issue**

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CHECK OUT THE TOWNSHIP WEBSITE
@ www.krakowtownship.org
for all township information and services.
There is a quick link for Taxes and contacting
the treasurer on the tax page.

**We are changing our tax collection
software to stay in compliance and
coordination with the county and state.
Your bills and receipts will look a little
different, but the process is the same!**

A note from your Supervisor, Mike Grohowski

Summer is Here! Hard to believe we had ice on Grand Lake the 1st of May.

We will have one additional container for recycling this summer. The Transfer Station will not be open on Wednesdays. Trash left at the gate of the Transfer Station will be returned to the owner as this is considered littering and will be turned over to the Sherriff's department.

The Zoning Administrator and I have received a number of complaints about trailers on water front lots. If you have a trailer on a water front lot or are planning on setting one on a lot, please check with the Zoning Administrator to comply with the zoning ordinance. You may also go on line to see the requirements. Also sanitary compliance is required, so you will need to check with the Health Department for code requirements. Travel trailers have set backs from lot lines just as homes do. The Zoning Administrator will be out to check for compliance, as he has received 22 complaints this year. Please make a call if you're not sure about the requirements. The Zoning Administrator's cell # is (989) 255-8129 (no calls on Sunday, please). Thank you for your help in this matter.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Mike Grohowski

From your Assessor, Allan Berg

For 2017, we are now starting the 4th 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 business days for replies.

From Your Treasurer, Diane Mucciante

Summer Tax Bills are due on or before **Sept. 14, 2018** without penalty, I will be available at the township hall from 9:00 am-5:00 pm. to accept payments on that day. Cash payment **must** be exact change.

I can no longer accept a postmark as date of payment.

Do Not send anything to my office that requires a signature for acceptance. I have a full-time job and our post office is only open 9 til 2 and it is impossible for me to pick up this type of delivery. If you wish confirmation, send using priority mail.

Please send in your remittance advice with your check number and amount 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

Dianemucciante64@gmail.com

Diane Mucciante 989-464-8659

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, Arthur Lewandowski, at (989) 255-8129 for information and/or zoning permit application forms or visit the township website www.krakowtownship.org. **A gentle reminder.** All travel trailers must be removed from vacant water front lots by November 1st.

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, **Mike Puchasz @ 595-2628** during open hours. CLOSED ON ALL HOLIDAYS OR WHEN POSTED ON THE ENTRANCE GATE

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

WINTER HOURS: (After Labor Day through the last Sunday in May) **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.....464-8659
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**, Mitchell Mulka

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**, Helen Rygwelski

TRANSFER STATION

Mike Puchasz, Manager.....595-2628

TOWNSHIP HALL

12022 Bolton Rd., Posen, MI 49776
(989) 766-8203
www.krakowtownship.org

PLANNING COMMISSION

- **Chairperson**, Chad Ennest
- **Secretary**, Mitchel Mulka.....595-3919
- **Member**, Wayne Tulgestke
- **Member**, Gary Stanek
- **Member**, Bernadette Kenjorski

ASSESSOR

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

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

- Arthur Lewandowski.....255-8129
zoningadmin@krakowtp.org

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

(meets annually and per hearing)

- **Chairperson**, Chad Ennest
- **Secretary**, Donna Couture
- **Member**, Michael Smith
- **Member**, Alvin Grundy
- **Member**, Kimberly Wisniewski
- **Alternate**, Marian Smith

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