

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

**Krakow Township, Presque Isle County, MI
Winter 2020 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.

**The office of the Treasurer now has
standard hours. Please contact
between 9am and 5pm, Monday thru
Friday. Preferred contact is email,
text or voicemail. You will receive
return contact during normal
business hours.**

A note from your Supervisor, Mike Grohowski

This year's election has been a learning curve for the township. I would like to recognize and comment the clerk and her election staff for their dedication and long hours. A total of three elections were run this year and all were non-eventful due to their diligence and hard work. Numerous changes occurred and workers needing to be extra cautious due to the corona virus regulations. The participation in the presidential election was 489 voters (out of 629) with 260 being cast as absentee ballots.

No candidate ended up running to fill the vacant seat of Trustee. Our meeting on November 10, appointed Michael Bennett to serve a 2 year term. Michael resides on Shubert Highway and I believe he will be a good addition to the board of trustees.

At this time, there are a number of vacancies for varying positions. I would ask any citizen that would desire to participate – please go to the website and fill out a job application. Prior experience is not necessary.

The recycling area has gone well for the most part. Unfortunately, it appears that some are unable to follow directions which are currently posted at the site. This becomes costly for the rest of us residents who must deal with their trash.

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday season and stay safe!

Michael Grohowski, Supervisor
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
Winter Tax Bills are due on or before **Feb. 15,**

2021. I will be available at the township hall from 9:00 am-5:00 pm. 12/28/2020 & 3/1/2021 to accept payments. Cash payment **must** be exact change. I no longer accept postmarks as date of payment & do not accept payments at my home. Credit card payments can be made via phone. Please call and wait for a call back for processing. Any postdated checks will be returned.

The township has agreed that with Summer 2020 tax roll, we will be collecting all Posen Schools taxes at that time instead of with the Winter tax roll.

The office of the Treasurer has switched to standard business hours, 9 – 5; M thru F: please email, text or leave a voicemail. You will be contacted during normal business hours.

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, Mike Libby, @ (989) 734-2915 for an application form. Forms can also be obtained from your Township Zoning Administrator.

RECYCLING STATION: The full recycling services are still available and will be available for your use 24/7 as long as the area is maintained and not abused.

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 C

PLANNING COMMISSION

- **Chairperson**, Chad Ennest
- **Secretary**, Mitchel Mulka
- **Member**, Michael Rehling
- **Member**, Marvin Budnick
- **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@krakowtwp.org

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

(meets annually and per hearing)

- **Chairperson**, Chad Ennest
- **Secretary**, Donna Couture
- **Member**, OPEN
- **Member**, Alvin Grundy
- **Member**, Kimberly Wisniewski
- **Alternate**, OPEN

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

- **Supervisor**, Michael Grohowski..... 12706 Blemke Rd, Posen, MI 49776
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 Bennett.....760-218-0427 15917 Shubert Hwy, Alpena, MI 49707
trusteems@krakowtownship.org
- **Trustee**, Mitchell Mulka.....766-8153
9913 Miller Road, Posen, MI 49766

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

RECYCLING CENTER

OPEN 24/7; WALK-IN

TOWNSHIP HALL

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