

# ISHPEMING TOWNSHIP

## NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2019



### **ISHPEMING TOWNSHIP BOARD**

- Jim Nankervis- Supervisor- 485-5417- by appointment, in office most mornings
- Cory Beth Grigg- Clerk
- Kristin Thornton- Treasurer
- Curt Sjöholm- Trustee
- Charles Johnson- Trustee

### **GENERAL**

- Ishpeming Township Office Hours are Mon. – Fri. - 8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. P: 485-5411
- Closed for lunch 12:00 P.M.-12:30 P.M.
- Tammie Leece –Deputy Clerk/Billing Clerk
- Brittany Yohe - Deputy Treasurer/Billing Clerk
- In some of the residential neighborhoods, the residences have encroached on the alleyways and utility easements, making it impossible for the utility companies to get to the area to maintain their lines. Buildings and fences must be moved off of alleyways and utility easements •

### **CENSUS 2020**

Make sure you complete the Census forms you receive. **Snowbirds, be sure you are counted for Ishpeming Township, for Homestead Tax Exemption purposes.**

### **STREETS & ROADS**

- Copper Street from River Street to Southwood Drive was replaced at a cost of \$84,929.00
- Work was finished on upgrading County Road GGG, with a total cost of \$87,719 with the Township share of \$52,632.00
- Proposed work for 2020 includes: Resurfacing South Westwood Drive from US-41 South to Westwood School parking lot, then crack and chip seal remaining portion to Southwood Drive.
- Thank you to the Township residents for approving the 1 mill for street millage which allows the Township to continue improving their roads.

### **TAXES**

- Summer Property Taxes will be due by September 14, 2020 without penalty
- Winter Property taxes are currently due by February 14, 2020 without penalty
- Property Taxes paid between February 15 & February 29, 2020 will be subject to a 3% penalty • After March 2, 2020 taxes must be paid at the Marquette County Treasurer's office

### **ELECTIONS**

- So far there are three elections scheduled in 2020, they include: March 10, Presidential Primary, August 4, General Primary, and November 3, General Election. Nominating petitions are available at Ishpeming Township if anyone is interested in running for the Ishpeming Township Board. Petition must be turned in by April 21, 2020.

### **DPW - WATER & SEWER**

- **Craig Marietti**- Foreman •**Jason Marietti**-Maintenance •**Mitch Cain**- Laborer
- Notify the DPW if you hear or see a water leak. Phone: 485-5415
- Contact Ishpeming Twp. DPW if you notice a backup or overflow in our sewer system
- If you experience a back-up, file a claim with your insurance company & with the Township within 45 days. Home owner should have check valves in their sewer lines to prevent sewer backups in their homes
- DO NOT dispose of diapers, diaper wipes, sanitary products etc. into the sewer system
- Residents must keep alleys and utility easements open so the DPW can maintain water and sewer lines. If we cannot get to them, we cannot maintain them or repair water or sewer lines.
- You will notice there is WP on your water bill, it stands for Future Water Projects. Michigan, EGLE, is requiring more testing for lead and copper lines, which will be costly. Some water lines in the township have to be replaced in the next 10 years, so we are starting to save money now for the future projects. The DPW will be required to get into the homes to check the water piping coming into the homes.
- The DPW constructed a new newspaper building to replace the one damaged in a hit-and-run.

## **ZONING**

- **Fred VanLuven - Zoning Administrator** - Phone: 906-250-2699
- Zoning Compliance Permits- \$20.00 • Mqt. Co. Building Codes P: 225-8189
- Before building a structure, you must apply for a zoning compliance permit, and then a County building permit. Make sure you aware of the setbacks required regarding alleyways, utility easements, and side lot lines. There is also fence permits available at the office, when building or replacing a current fence.

## **ASSESSING**

- **Jackie Lykins - Assessor** - Phone: 225-8410
- Office Hours vary, please call the office for times • Working on reassessing the Township • Marquette County is now handling our township assessing. Residents can contact Marquette County Equalization with any questions regarding their tax assessment.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

- **Scott Earl Mann- Fire Chief - Emergency # 911**
- Fire Department recycles newspapers in metal building behind the township hall
- National Night Out in August- approximately 800 attended
- Participated in July 4<sup>th</sup> festivities, Pioneer days, Christmas parades, & Fire prevention week at Aspen Ridge
- Change batteries in smoke detectors & Carbon Monoxide Detectors & keep chimneys clean
- Keep roads clear of snow & brush for Emergency Vehicles to access
- Senior Citizen Christmas Party had 12 seniors in attendance due to a snowstorm

## **POLICE**

- **Mike Kohler, Police Chief** • Call Central Dispatch 911 for immediate needs • Keep snow on your side of the street • No overnight parking during winter months on streets • Do NOT plow snow across the roadways

## **RECREATION**

- Keep recreation areas clean of debris, please put garbage in garbage cans
- Report any vandalism • Keep vehicles off grass at all times
- Two new dugouts were constructed on the Fireman's field in the Township

## **ANIMAL CONTROL**

- Dogs must be licensed, contact your Vet or Marquette County Treasurer
- Pick-up after your pets and keep them under your control • Please keep your pets from barking

## **SOLID WASTE**

- Great American Disposal 1-800-774-9006 for any garbage questions or concerns
- Keep recyclables sorted & don't contaminate: fibers one week & rigid the next-schedule at the township office • Maximum weight for Garbage Bags is 35 lbs.
- No SHARPS or NEEDLES are to be put in the garbage bags, without first being put in a solid container
- Due to increase in landfill fees and collection cost, garbage rates will be increasing

## **WEST MARQUETTE COUNTY TRANSFER STATION**

Hours of Operation

Monday - 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Thursday - 8:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m., Friday - 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

- Some metal and grass clippings can be disposed of for no cost
- Transfer station has Fiber & Rigid recycling trailers– Residents have been throwing non-recyclables in the rigid trailer– IF this continues we will not have a rigid recyclable trailer for use at the transfer station! • NO glass in recycle trailers
- \*there is no recycling north of Cooper Lake Road, residents can bring recyclables to the Transfer Station\*
- There is no motorized vehicles allowed on the old landfill—please stay off per MDEQ rules

## **SENIOR CITIZENS**

- Greater Ishpeming Commission on Aging assists seniors. Call 485-5527 for more information. The Township representatives on this Commission are: William Kangas and Thomas Lucas.