# 0BBEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP3BNEWSLETTER

##### December 2017

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***TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS***:

SUPERVISOR – KIM VAN NUCK CLERK – SHARON HARTMAN TREASURER – MAX MEISNER TRUSTEE – CAROL RAYBUCK TRUSTEE – MEAGAN LITTLE

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**IN OFFICE MONDAY MORNINGS, ONLY www.beavercreektownship.com IN OFFICE TWO DAYS PER WEEK**

***BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP OFFICES OFFICE PHONE & FAX NUMBERS OFFICE HOURS***

**8888 SOUTH GRAYLING ROAD OFFICE PHONE: 989-275-8878 9 A.M. – 2 P.M. MONDAY, TUESDAY, GRAYLING, MI 49738 OFFICE FAX: 989-275-9965 THURSDAY AND FRIDAY**

 9 A.M. – 5 P.M. WEDNESDAY

**BOARD MEETINGS:**

The second Tuesday of each month @ 10:00 a.m.

**2017-2018 MEETING SCHEDULES:**

July 11 January 09
August 08 February 13

September 12 March 13

October 10 April 10

November 14 May 08

December 12 June 12

**TRANSFER SITE HOURS:**

Saturday 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Sunday 1 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Wednesday 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

**BEAVER CREEK TRANSFER SITE:**

The transfer site is located at 8756 S. Grayling Road, north of the township hall.  You must have a transfer site sticker permanently attached on your vehicle’s windshield.

Price for a second vehicle sticker is $3.00 with a limit of two stickers per residence. If you change vehicles, or the sticker gets damaged we will replace it free of charge.

The transfer site now is able to accept used tires at a cost of $3.50 each. You will be allowed up to 4 tires per year per improved parcel. The tires can be no larger than auto tires. No rims allowed.

**COMMUNITY CENTER/PAVILION:**

The community center and pavilion are available to rent for all occasions. For more information please visit web page or call our office.

**TRUSTEE CAROL RAYBUCK:**

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year. The past year brought many changes to Beaver Creek Township: Fire Chief Bourgeois; newer fire truck; additions to fire department personnel; fire department extended hours; improvements to South Grayling Road; expansion at Weyerhaeuser and changes to the east and west sides Four Mile Road.
Beaver Creek Township and Grayling Charter Township working together formed a utility authority to bring water and sewer to Four Mile Road. Work will begin on the water and sewer project in early 2018. The availability of water and sewer will attract more businesses, growth and jobs.

**SUPERVISOR KIM VAN NUCK:**

Hello fellow residents! I hope the summer was good to you all. We have been very busy working with the fire department, doing lots of training and I will continue to be very hands on. There have been a lot of changes just in the past few months. I continue to attend most of the meetings I can that involve our community. “Never Stop Learning” is my motto.
The board has approved the process of having our Master Plan rewritten. NEMCOG is in the process of rewriting and updating it within the year. They will be working with our planning commission board. Several positive changes to the planning board have recently occurred. We are building a great team to move us ahead with changes that are inventible. Four-mile road corridor will continue to be busy with all construction in that area. The Beaver Creek Township/Grayling Charter Township Utilities Authority(BC/GRUA) will begin taking bids to construct water and sewer in that area scheduled to break ground in the spring, exciting
 times ahead.
Let’s talk Pere Cheney Cemetery I have continued where Brian Ashton left off. St. Helen Monument is making us a beautiful monument will have the history of Pere Cheney on front and surnames on back. This is all being donated by St. Helen Monument. Speaking of donations, The Lions Club of Grayling donated $500.00 and in addiction we have several more pledges. Max Meisner is working on a fundraiser for new fencing and gate at Pere Cheney Cemetery. This will be done through donations and your community effort no township funds will be used. Your donations can be made at the township office; watch for details. I want to thank you for working with me, as one year now passed. Hope you all have a great holiday season and the new year brings you joy.

**CLERK SHARON HARTMAN:**

Greetings! I hope you enjoyed Thanksgiving and are now getting ready for Christmas, my favorite holiday!
At the township, we will miss our annual cookie plate from resident Mary Weatherly who passed away in September. Condolences to all her family who will miss her so much this Holiday Season.
As of now we will have two elections next year, the Primary Election on August 7, 2018 and the General Election on November 6, 2018. Michigan will be voting on a new governor, U.S. Senator, U.S. House seats (14), State Senator (all 38 are up for grabs), House Seats (all 110) and 2 Michigan Supreme Court Judges. So, as you can see it will be a very busy year with lots of campaign ads, which we all love!
The clerk’s office has a new deputy, Donna Schnoor. We all miss my former deputy, Hope Schram, but she is now working a full-time job, which she wanted, and we hope they appreciate her as much as we did. Donna has lived in Beaver Creek for many years and is learning a very hard job! Welcome Donna!
Merry Christmas to all.

**TREASURER MAX MEISNER:**

The “Tax Year” is made up of two seasons: Summer and Winter; starting in July and ending at midnight on the last day of February, as a rule. In other words, on March 1 delinquent taxes are turned over to Crawford County for collection and are subject to the interest and penalties imposed at that level. Many property owners ask if it’s too late to pay summer taxes at the township office after the September 14th due date. The answer is no. However, interest starts to accrue after that due date on a monthly basis through the end of February. Those, who qualify, may get a deferment on their summer taxes if they sign up before the September deadline. This simply eliminates interest charges through the end of the tax year. For those on fixed incomes this can very helpful. Most chose to spread their payments over time as budgets allow. Others, who don’t qualify for summer tax deferral may still make payments as well. Interest is calculated on the balance owed; not the initial principal amount. I have heard sighs of relief when some inquire about this. From what some folks tell me other municipalities will not accept partial payments. Rest assured-we do!
Recently, I was appointed as Secretary of the Planning Commission Board. We also have three new members on the board and one other who have served for some time. I look forward to this new endeavor and encourage input from those who have a vested interest in our community and those looking to make
investments locally.
In addition to operating a smooth-running office, I have taken on a role in the effort to revitalize Pere Cheney Cemetery along with our township supervisor and staff. Some effort has been made already and a “shout-out” to the Lions Club for their fund-raising efforts to date and the others who have pledged money. I approached Blarney Stone Broadcasting (BSB) with this cause and they are eager to be part of this great community effort. BSB is the parent company of WQON 100.3-FM here in Crawford County and WGRY 101.1-FM…stay tuned, details to follow. BSB has partnered with many fine businesses in the area for which many of you work and patronize and we look forward to bringing positive energy further into our area making Beaver Creek a stronger
community.
In closing, it has been great
reconnecting with many of you I haven’t seen in a few years and meeting new people moving into the township. I know paying property taxes is about as fun as a root canal, but we all must do our part. A good amount of our tax dollars flows to education, law enforcement and other government services. We all benefit in one way or another from the fine job our schools are doing. Thank a teacher if you can read this. Thank a veteran and our active military for preserving our way of life. Thank law enforcement officers and all first responders for helping us be safe this holiday season and beyond.

**ZONING ADMINISTRATION
& ENFORCEMENT DON JOHNSON:**I know it’s hard to believe but summer is gone and fall is slipping away very fast. The zoning department would like to submit a reminder to township residents. A zoning permit is required for most construction, including sheds, carports and decks. The metal storage carport structures that have become popular are considered an accessory building, whether they are enclosed or not, and require a zoning permit if they are 200 sqft. And over. If they are enclosed by more than two sides, they require a building permit, regardless of square footage. As the township assessor finds these structures on your property he is adding them to your taxable value and reporting them to the zoning department.
The township has a noise ordinance and no person, firm or corporation shall cause any unreasonable or improper noise or disturbance, injurious to the health, peace or quiet of the residents and property owners of the Township of Beaver Creek. Check with the zoning office prior to the start of any project to avoid any possibility of confusion.
Zoning applications are available at the township office, Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Applications are also available on our website, beavercreektownship.com if you need assistance or have specific questions you can call or make an appointment on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. or email me at djohnson@beavercreektownship.com.
Have an enjoyable winter and be safe out there. Yours in service

**SECRETARY PAT LARSON:**

I hope you all enjoyed Thanksgiving and that you have a wonderful Christmas. Enjoy the winter activities. Dog Licenses are available at our office November 1 thru the end of February. They will be available at the county building starting March 1, 2018

**TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS:**

KIM VAN NUCK

SHARON HARTMAN

MAX MEISNER

MEAGAN LITTLE

CAROL RAYBUCK

**DEPUTIES:**

DEPUTY CLERK:

DONNA SCHNOOR

DEPUTY TREASURER:

LEANNE SHEEHAN

**BOARD OF REVIEW:**

JOHN HARTMAN (CHAIRMAN)

JOHN WELT

JOHN BROMLEY

KIM VAN NUCK (SECRETARY)

ALTERNATE:

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEAL:**

STEVE NELSON (CHAIRMAN)

SKIP LIBERTY

TIM FRANCIS

**PLANNING COMMISSION:**

STEVE NELSON (CHAIRMAN)

MAX MEISNER (SECRETARY)

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DOUG YANNIELLO