#### 0BBEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP3BNEWSLETTER

##### DECEMBER 2013

***TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS***:

SUPERVISOR – BRIAN ASHTON CLERK – SHARON HARTMAN TREASURER – KIM VAN NUCK TRUSTEE – CAROL RAYBUCK TRUSTEE – MEAGAN LITTLE

ASSESSOR – CLAYTON McGOVERN ZONING ADM – DON JOHNSON

**IN OFFICE MONDAYS ONLY IN OFFICE TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS**

***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.**

GRAYLING, MI 49738 OFFICE FAX: 989-275-9965 MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

**BOARD MEETINGS Temporary Time Change:** For the winter months of November, December, 2013, and January and February of 2014, the Meeting time has been changed to 10:00 a.m. In March 2014, Meeting times will return to 7:00 p.m. Board meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month.

2014 MEETING SCHEDULE:

January 14 July 08

February 11 August 12

March 11 September 09

April 08 October 14

May 13 November 11

June 10 December 09

The underlined dates are Tuesday meetings at 10:00 am in meeting room at Beaver Creek Township for the winter months.

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 TOWNSHIP TRANSFER SITE: The transfer site has been open since November 10, 2007 and 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 is $3.00 with a limit of two stickers per residence. If you change vehicles, bring in the old sticker or a portion of it and we will replace it free of charge. All household trash MUST be bagged. Over the last four years, the local units of government have discussed the best possible way to continue providing recycling service, while at the same time, sustain the funding for the service. Over the last year, the County, the City, Beaver Creek, Frederic, Grayling, Maple Forest, and South Branch Townships have agreed to continue recycling services for its residents. Each municipality has agreed to pay a pre-determined amount based on the number of improved parcels. The Recycling Committee, after public input, decided the best funding was a surcharge of $6.00 this year. Beaver Creek residents are currently contributing $1.50 per year; therefore their yearly contribution will increase $4.50. The

money will go to the county and will be used to pay for capital improvements, the cost of transferring recycling material to the recycle center and the cost of processing recyclables at the recycling center.

Representatives from each municipality will meet each month to determine:

possible improvements to the program,

possible capital needs of the program and necessary funding needs for the following year (surcharge minimum $0.00 to $24.00 per year).

Recycle meetings are posted on the Crawford County Calendar at [www.crawfordco.org](http://www.crawfordco.org).

**ATTENTION- PLEASE TAKE NOTE: 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.**

**SUPERVISOR BRIAN ASHTON:**

2013 is drawing to a close and it has been an interesting year to say the least. I’d like to take the opportunity to welcome the new members of our organization Carol Raybuck (Trustee), Kim Van Nuck (Treasurer) and Don Johnson (Zoning Administrator). In the last election the race for supervisor was very close and I consider myself very fortunate to be allowed to serve our township for another term. I appreciate all the support I received. Our annual cleanup day was a tremendous success and I thank all of you who volunteered to help out. I’d also like to thank our fire department and MMR for the great job they do for our township and community. As always, my office is always open for constructive communication! I wish all a happy holiday.

**CLERK SHARON HARTMAN:**

The clerk’s office has been busy, as usual! The snow has come early this year, so we are through with burials at The Beaver Creek Township Cemetery until spring. Please remember to call the clerk’s office before a tombstone is set or a cremation takes place. A marker must be located upon a suitable foundation and it should be 4” larger than the marker. Also, no marker shall be installed without the approval of the clerk or board. Please remember to remove winter flowers or grave blankets by April 15th each year, if you want to save them. If you would like to purchase a burial site in the spring, we can meet you at the cemetery to pick out a lot. Both Deputy Traci Nelson and myself can notarize your signature when needed. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

**DEPUTY CLERK TRACI NELSON:**

Hi, my name is Traci Nelson and I have been a resident since 1978. I joined the Beaver Creek Township office in September of 2012, as Deputy Clerk and I also work two days a week as the township secretary. I am married and I have two daughters and a step-son. I love camping, hunting and I am in the process of learning how to quilt. I look forward to becoming more familiar with the residents of Beaver Creek and I always look forward to new questions to help me learn all that is involved in the jobs at the township level. I will be attending the Michigan Township Association’s (MTA) Conference the end of January 2014. I would like to take this time to wish you & your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

**TREASURER KIM VAN NUCK:**

Hello, my name is Kim Van Nuck and I am Beaver Creek Township’s new Treasurer. I have lived in the township all my life; my parents are Ralph and Carolyn Helsel. I have been married for almost 28 years to Joe Van Nuck, and we have 3 children. I have worked several jobs in retail and have a great head for money. I have worked with the previous treasurer on and off for the past year before I was appointed to this position by the board on September 3, 2013. I will be running in the August 2014 Election to keep the position. I promise to represent you, the residents, to the best of my ability. My office is always open for you to stop in and ask questions or check up on anything you wish to see as I work for you. I attended the Michigan Municipal Treasurers Association (MMTA) Conference in October and gained a lot of knowledge. I will be attending the Michigan Township Association’s (MTA) Conference the end of January 2014. I look forward to working with the township board and making improvements to our great township.

This is my first time setting up winter taxes, so please bear with me as I learn my job. Winter taxes are due on February 14th at the township hall without interest or penalty. I will be happy to take partial payments for your taxes. When you mail your taxes just indicate this on your bill or send a note with your payment. If you cannot make it to our office between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. there is a drop box by the door outside that you can put your check in and I will send you a receipt so you know that it was received. If you have any questions regarding your tax bill, please do not hesitate to call. If it is an assessing question, our Assessor Clayton McGovern is usually here on Mondays. He also has a toll free number with all the information at his home office to answer your questions.

**DEPUTY TREASURER**

**DEB HELSEL:**

I am the new Deputy Treasurer and have lived in Beaver Creek my whole life. I have one daughter and son-in-law with an awesome grandson, about 1 year old. I love to stay involved with the community and make special events for children programs. I love the outdoors, crafts and gardening.

**ZONING ADMINISTRATION & ENFORCEMENT DON JOHNSON:**

I have lived in our township for 17 years, with wife Judy, and have been married for 53 years. Judy was my high school sweetheart. We have 4 children, 13 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren. I am a retired Police Sergeant from Ferndale, Michigan serving for 27 years. I have had various jobs after retirement.

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 over 200 sq. ft. 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. Beaver Creek Township now has a new Anti-Noise Public Nuisance Ordinance which should be helpful in discouraging improper noises or disturbances. The Ordinance is numbered (#41) and can be found on-line in the Ordinance Section of the Beaver Creek Township home page.

A. 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. Zoning applications are available at the township office, Monday thru 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](mailto:djohnson@beavercreektownship.com).

**TRUSTEE MEAGAN LITTLE:**

Greetings everyone! I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome all of our newcomers to the township: Kim, Carol, Don, Pat and Traci. I have heard nothing but good things and how well the township’s day to day operations are going. Thank you all for bringing a great attitude to work and “laughs” back to the township. Merry Christmas to all of you, and I pray that this New Year is full of health, happiness and peace.

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**TRUSTEE CAROL RAYBUCK:**

Carol has been a resident in the township since 1994 with husband Richard. Carol received degrees in business and accounting in 1983 and before retirement was employed in corporate accounting and finance. Also, she was previously a State licensed Real Estate Agent and Appraiser. Carol has served as President of the Friends of the Crawford County Library, Michigan State Republican Convention Delegate, Beaver Creek Republican Precinct Delegate since 2002, previous Crawford County Library Board of Trustees member, previous Crawford County Republican Party Chair secretary and Ad hoc Committee member Title 9 for Warren Consolidated Schools. The members of the township board are working as a team to provide the township residents with the benefit of our experiences while furthering our knowledge and understanding of the laws, ordinances and regulations that govern Michigan Townships. Beaver Creek Township’s web site: <http://www.beavercreektownship.com> has a host of valuable information easily accessed from any computer. The page is compact, a useful resource and easy to navigate. Wish a Merry Christmas to all and a prosperous New Year.

**SECRETARY PAT LARSON:**

Hi, my name is Pat Larson and I have lived in Beaver Creek most of my life; my parents are Bob and June Chambers. I have been married for 17 years to Ron Larson and we have two sons Zack and Josh. I have worked in the cleaning business for many years. I am a graduate of Kirtland Community College with a certificate of completion Office Assistant 2006, and an Associate Degree in Applied Science, Administrative Assistant 2007. I am glad to be a part of the Beaver Creek Township team. I am here to assist you, the residents. Have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year!

**TRANSFER SITE ATTENDENT & MAINTENANCE JOHN BUGGS:**

John moved to Grayling in 1998 as a manager at Central Michigan Lumber until they closed. Since then he has worked for Camp Grayling and now the township. He is a single dad with one child Billy who lives with him. John likes hunting, fishing and golf.

**LIST OF BOARDS AND MEMBERS TOWNSHIP BOARD:**

BRIAN ASHTON

SHARON HARTMAN

KIM VAN NUCK

MEAGAN LITTLE

CAROL RAYBUCK

**BOARD OF REVIEW:**

DOUG KEIPERT (CHAIRMAN)

JOHN WELT

JENNIFER SUMMERS

BRIAN ASHTON SECRETARY

ALTERNATE: JUDY UMLOR

**PLANNING COMMISSION:**

JOHN WELT (CHAIRMAN)

STEVE NELSON

BILL WEAVER

MEAGAN LITTLE

BERNIE PETERS

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEAL:**

STEVE NELSON (CHAIRMAN)

SKIP LIBERTY

TIM FRANCIS

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