#### 0BBEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP3BNEWSLETTER

##### December 2014-2015

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***TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS***:

SUPERVISOR – BRIAN ASHTON CLERK – SHARON HARTMAN TREASURER – KIM VAN NUCK

TRUSTEE- CAROL RAYBUCK ENDS 11/20/2014 TRUSTEE – LEE RILEY STARTS 11/20/2014 TRUSTEE – MEAGAN LITTLE

ASSESSOR – CLAYTON McGOVERN OUR WEB SITE: ZONING ADM – DON JOHNSON

**IN OFFICE MONDAY MORNINGS ONLY** [**www.beavercreektownship.com**](http://www.beavercreektownship.com) **Winter Hours Wednesday & Thursday**

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***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:**

Regular meetings are held @10:00 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at the township hall. Special meetings shall be called at the discretion of the board with due and proper notice given.

**2015 MEETING SCHEDULE:**

January 13 July 14

February 10 August 11

March 10 September 08

April 14 October 13

May 12 November 10

June 09 December 08

**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

it 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. All household trash MUST be bagged. Remember, it is up to you to help keep the cost the same on the special assessment shown on your Winter Tax Statement. This can be accomplished two ways: recycling and by not bringing in any garbage from outside our township. You can recycle plastic, tin cans, paper, cardboard and the metal trailer is still on site too. NO GLASS.

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:**

Our rental policy has changed; alcohol is now allowed on premises with the proper filing of our new rental agreement that includes proof of insurance. The Beaver Creek Township Board and employees have had a busy year with several challenges facing us for the upcoming fiscal year as revenue decreases and expenses increase. Every time we are faced with a problem, we have worked to correct it. Our board has worked many hours to bring about the best possible 2014-2015 budget and to solve township challenges. In addition to my regular duties I am still very much involved with the Crawford County Supervisor Association, Co-Chairman of Crawford County Recycling Counsel, Co-Chairman of Crawford County M.T.A. Chapter and The Restoration of Pere Cheney Cemetery. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Donna Schnoor, Deputy Treasurer; Lee Riley, Trustee and Hope Schram, Deputy Clerk. As always my office is open for constructive suggestions and conversation. Reminder: Please recycle and help us promote the use of our community center and pavilion. Have a great winter.

**CLERK SHARON HARTMAN:**

The General Election was held November 4th with 606 of our 1324 residents voting, or 46 %. In the future, if you would like to be put on our “Absentee Ballot Application” List, please let us know.

A wonderful Deputy Clerk and resident, Norma Pless, who has worked on our elections as chair for many years is getting ready to move closer to her children. We will miss her tremendously in the future.

I do have a new Deputy Clerk, Hope Schram, and she is busy learning a lot of different jobs in my office.

We will miss Trustee Carol Raybuck who was seated to fill a board vacancy and has served on the board for 16 months, working tirelessly on whatever was needed by the township and spent many hours writing policies, negotiating, and doing research. Thank you so very much Carol for all your help and hard work.

Beaver Creek Township cemetery lots can be purchased in the spring for $150.00 each for residents. I think our cemetery is lovely and we get many compliments on it.

Have a very Merry Christmas!

**DEPUTY CLERK HOPE SCHRAM:**

Hi, my name is Hope Schram and I am the new Deputy Clerk joining the Beaver Creek Township Office on August 26, 2014. I lived in Crawford County for many years from the age of 4 to 21. I did move away from the Grayling area to pursue other adventures; but now it is my pleasure to be back living in Beaver Creek Township. I have two daughters and a new addition to the family, a granddaughter. I love reading mystery novels, camping and the great outdoors. I love taking on new challenges and pushing myself to learn something new every day and look forward to becoming more familiar with the residents of Beaver Creek. I would like to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!

**TREASURER KIM VAN NUCK:**

I have been working hard on getting the township set up to receive credit and debit cards, and it is finally installed. Most of the time the cost is 2.75%, with those fee’s go to the credit card company; the township does not make any money on this. We also have implemented a $25.00 fee on returned checks. If you have an address change please call our office 989-275-8878 as we have several tax bills that keep coming back.

I am settling into the Office of Treasurer and have attended conferences and several classes; I still have a lot to learn but enjoy the challenge and look forward to working with you in the year ahead.

We are working hard on next year’s picnic and still working on publication of a cookbook to help fund the picnic. Please drop off your recipes to the township with your name on them.

Winter taxes are due on February 17, 2015, without interest or penalty, rather than Sunday February 15th, offices closed on President’s Day falling on that Monday. I will be happy to take partial payments for your taxes and please indicate this on your bill or send a note with your payment. If you cannot make it during business hours we have a drop box by the door outside and I will send you a receipt. 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.

**SECRETARY PAT LARSON:**

I would like to wish all the Beaver Creek Township residents a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! If you ever need anything, please don’t hesitate to call me at the township offices, I’d be happy to assist you.

**ZONING ADMINISTRATION & ENFORCEMENT DON JOHNSON:**

The current Planning Commission and Zoning Department, administers and enforces the standards for land use and development as contained in the Beaver Creek Township Zoning Ordinance. The Planning Commission is made up of resident volunteers.

The Zoning Department with a part time Zoning Administrator is involved with development review, zoning administration and zoning enforcement. Development review is responsible for rezoning, special use permit, special exception and variance applications. The township also will review site plan and subdivision proposals. Zoning administration is responsible for issuance of the permits that are required to ensure that property values are protected and businesses thrive. Zoning enforcement is available to ensure the township’s land use and development standards are implemented in a manner that protects the general public health, safety and welfare. Notices of Violation are used to advise property owners or business owners of possible code infractions. When action is not taken to correct the violation a Municipal Civil Infraction will be issued. The zoning of a property is a designation that specifies how a piece of property can be used within a township. Zoning districts are created to attract certain types of development such as single-family homes, offices, neighborhood business, general industry and institutions like schools and hospitals.

As always, here at the township we are available to serve you with your needs and look forward to your continued encouragement and support. If you need assistance or have specific questions you can call or make an appointment on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. We wish you an outstanding winter. Thank you, Don Johnson

**TRUSTEE CAROL RAYBUCK ENDING 11/20/2014:**

To the residents of Beaver Creek Township and my fellow board members, a heartfelt thank you, for making the time I served as a trustee both satisfying and productive while working on committees with the Clerk, Sharon Hartman; Treasurer, Kim Van Nuck; Supervisor, Brian Ashton and Trustee, Meagan Little. I have the utmost respect for the time and effort it takes to complete a successful project that makes a substantial and lasting difference to the residents of Beaver Creek Township. Our secretary, Pat Larson, is always smiling and happy to help. Also, the Zoning Administrator, Don Johnson for his knowledge and concise input. Again, thank you, Carol Raybuck

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

BRIAN ASHTON-Supervisor

SHARON HARTMAN-Clerk

KIM VAN NUCK-Treasurer

MEAGAN LITTLE-Trustee

LEE RILEY-Trustee

**BOARD OF REVIEW:**

DOUG KEIPERT (CHAIRMAN)

JOHN WELT

JENNIFER SUMMERS

BRIAN ASHTON SECRETARY

ALTERNATE: JUDY UMLOR

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEAL:**

STEVE NELSON (CHAIRMAN)

SKIP LIBERTY

TIM FRANCIS

**PLANNING COMMISSION:**

BERNIE PETERS (CHAIRMAN)

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BILL WEAVER

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**TOWNSHIP CLOSED DATES!**

**Wednesday, 12/24/14 & Thursday, 12/25/14 Christmas Eve & Christmas Day**

**Wednesday, 12/31/14 & Thursday, 1/01/15 New Year’s Eve & New Year’s Day**

**Monday, 1/19/15 Martin Luther King Day**

**Monday, 2/16/15 President’s Day**

**Friday, 4/03/15 Good Friday**

**Monday, 5/25/15 Memorial Day**

**Friday, 7/03/15 Independence Day**

**Monday, 9/07/15 Labor Day**

**Tuesday, 11/11/15 Veteran’s Day**

**Thursday, 11/26/15&Friday, 11/27/15 Thanksgiving Day & the day after**

**Thursday, 12/24/15&Friday, 12/25/15 Christmas Eve & Christmas Day**

**Thursday, 12/31/15 & Friday 1/01/16 New Year’s Eve & New Year’s Day**

**2014 BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP ANNUAL PICNIC:**

As Chairman of this year’s annual picnic I would like to thank the people who helped make it possible. First to my Deputy Deb Helsel, who was Co-Chairman and a great asset to getting the picnic up and running. Please say thank you to Deb when you see her and thanks to many others for all the donations that made this possible.

Thanks to Paulette Capling, Joe Van Nuck, Joey Van Nuck, Josh Larson, Randy King, Lee Riley, Ellen Helsel, Emmett Helsel and Madison Helsel, for your time and donations. Thanks to all the board members, fire department and ambulance crew for being here to help make it a great picnic. To everyone else who made this possible, thank you! We are still working on publication of a cookbook to raise money for a picnic next year. Please drop your recipes off at township and sign them to be included in the cookbook. Thanks, Kim Van Nuck, Treasurer

PERE-CHENEY CEMETERY IS OPEN 9AM ‘TILL SUNSET ONLY!

M.C. LAW 750.387 (5) (A) VIOLATORS WILL BE PROSECUTED