The Belknap Township Newsletter

Supervisor Report...

With the election season finally over, we welcome a new board member to the Township and also bid a long-time board member goodbye.

We congratulate Eileen Brege for winning the election this November. Her term will start on November 20, 2016. The board welcomes her and we look forward to her input on issues in Belknap Township.

Eileen takes over for long-time board member Harlow Hardies. Harlow served Belknap Township for 32 years. We wish him the best and thank him for his excellent service to the Township. Harlow was a valuable asset to the Township, it's residents, and taxpayers. His knowledge and dedication will be missed.

In other news, the Fire Board millage renewal passed on the November ballot. This millage will continue to allow the department to provide fire protection services and properly outfit the department with the necessary supplies and equipment needed. Also, the department is planning to construct a new fire hall. This has been a long-term plan of the department and it is very much needed. We are currently renting from the City of Rogers City and we are out of space. The tentative location for the new hall is in the RC industrial park.

Belknap Township is part of an authority for fire protection and first responder service. The authority members also include Bismarck Twp, Moltke Twp, Rogers Twp, and the City of Rogers City.

News on Roads: Our last project was S. Rogers Rd. With that complete, the board will start to look at new projects as we build more funds. The Township Road Millage generates about $23,000/year and helps pay for special road projects. The average reconstruction project may cost over $200,000 per mile and the average seal coat project can run over $18,000. Without the voter's continued support of the Township Road Millage, these projects would not be possible.

Your Township Board

Your Township Board's regularly scheduled meetings are held on the **fourth Monday** of each month. The meetings are held at the Township Hall at 1720 W. 638 Hwy and start at 7:30 pm in summer months and 5:30 pm in winter months. Residents are encouraged to attend.

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The Treasurer's Corner (Terri Koss)...

Please give me a call to get a correct total if you are paying your summer taxes after September 14. One percent Interest is added monthly beginning on September 15. Summer/Winter 2016 tax payments are accepted at the township level until February 28, 2017. If paying on March 1, 2017 or later please contact the Presque Isle County Treasurer for payoff amounts. Please give me a call to set up an appointment if you would like to pay your taxes in person on days other than those listed on your tax bill. I can be reached at 989/734-8418 or by email at treasurer@belknaptownship.org if you have questions or need payoff amounts. Thank you.

A "THANK YOU" from Clerk Terry L. Basel…

As expected 2016, was a very busy election year. So, my first THANK YOU is to the election inspectors for Belknap Township; Joyce Schwiesow, Roger Fleming, Kathy Berg, Jessica Claus, and Deanna Sellke - you all ....ROCK! I couldn't have asked for more competent workers. Even through all the issues with the various equipment, they remained calm and worked their tails off!!! For example, we had a 68% turnout for the November General Election, which meant the election inspectors processed 1 voter every 2 minutes, awesome job!

....and my second THANK YOU is for the patience of all the voters who had to wait due to the equipment hiccups, especially the four voters at 7:40 PM, on November 8th. It was truly appreciated!! Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year...

Assessing Update - 20% Property Inspections

We have now completed our 3rd year (60%) of the recommended property inspection project. All notices go out in the spring for those parcels to be inspected for that year. Thank you for everyone's cooperation with this

Change of Address

If your mailing address has changed, please notify the **Township Treasurer** of your new address. Without this information, we are not able to send you your tax bill, assessment notices, and any correspondence that may be needed on a timely basis. Contact information is in the right margin on the front of the newsletter.

Belknap Township Statistics

1990 Population: 920

2000 Population: 854

2010 Population: 751

Belknap Township Voters:

July 2009: 557

December 2009: 552

October 2010: 561

October 2011: 556

October 2013: 570

October 2014: 569

November 2016: 571

Voter Turnout:

November, 2010: 273 (49%)

November, 2012: 384 (66%)

November, 2014: 264 (46.4%)

November, 2016: 388 (68%)

Belknap Township - Parcel Count

12/31/08: 691 Parcels

12/31/09: 692 Parcels

12/31/10: 693 Parcels

12/31/11: 697 Parcels

12/31/12: 703 Parcels

12/31/13: 709 Parcels

12/31/14: 698 Parcels

12/31/15: 696 Parcels

Belknap Township - Assessments

2008 Assessment: 34,157,200

2009 Assessment: 33,416,400

2010 Assessment: 31,957,200

2011 Assessment: 30,116,500

2012 Assessment: 27,924,400

2013 Assessment: 28,060,840

2014 Assessment: 28,527,200

2015 Assessment: 28,681,400

2016 Assessment: 29,009,700