

# The Belknap Township Newsletter

## Supervisor Report...

The seasons are changing and so are things on your board. After 17 years of service, we bid farewell to Supervisor Allan Berg. Trustee Toby Kuznicki was appointed Supervisor, and Building and Grounds person Rich Kamyszek was appointed Trustee. The Township has contracted with Burg Assessing and Consulting for tax assessment.

I am pleased to introduce myself as Supervisor. My name is Toby Kuznicki and have served the township since 2018 as Trustee. With over 15 years of experience in local government, I am the City Planner for the City of Rogers City and a member of the Presque Isle County Planning Commission. My connection to Belknap is deep, my children and I live on our family farm in the same house where I grew up. Feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss Township matters.

As to Township business, we are working to move past the uncertainties of a COVID world and finally get back a new normal. Some of the current topics we are discussing include: strategic planning for roads and the Township Hall & grounds. The Township has applied for Federal monies from the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF) which have limitations on how they can be spent. We are working to come up with a plan for use of these funds.

The Township Road millage expires in 2021. It generates about \$23,000/year and helps pay for special road projects. The average reconstruction cost is over \$250,000 per mile, and the average chip and fog seal treatment costs about \$30,000 per mile. Without the voter's continued support of the Township Road Millage, these projects would not be possible. The road millage will be on this year's ballot.

Enjoy the Holiday Season!

Toby Kuznicki, Supervisor

## Your Township Board

Your Township Board's regularly scheduled meetings are held on the **fourth Thursday** of each month. The meetings are held at the Township Hall at 1720 W. 638 Hwy and start at 7:00 pm. Residents are encouraged to attend.

### Website:

<http://www.belknaptownship.org>

### Toby Kuznicki - Supervisor

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### Danielle Skerski - Clerk

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### Candy Peltz - Treasurer

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### Rich Kamyszek - Trustee

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### Robert Hopp - Trustee

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### Asseser

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### Hall Rentals Contact:

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**The Treasurer's Corner Candy Peltz...**

Hi All!! I hope this letter finds you healthy and happy! Please contact me for any of your tax issues at (989)370-8413 or my email is Treasurer@Belknaptownship.org and of course there's always the mail at 2267 E Heythaler Hwy, Rogers City, MI 49779. I will be happy to assist you. If I can not resolve your problem, I will direct you in the right direction. The Presque Isle County Treasurer's office number is (989)734-4075. The summer 2021 taxes were due by Sept 15th and the winter taxes will be mailed out by our mailing company Dec 1<sup>st</sup>, and they are due Feb 14th. I have a black, locked mailbox at the end of my driveway for your convenience to drop off your tax payments. If you need to arrange a time to meet with me, please call and we can schedule something. I will be home to collect winter tax payments Feb 14th from 9:00AM-4:00PM. I am looking forward to working with all of you.

**Clerk's Corner Danielle Skerski...**

Hello All, I hope this finds you well and ready for the holidays. As far as elections go, there hasn't been any real exciting news. We will have some elections coming up this next year, and I hope to see you all there. I know there have been a lot of questions about the secured drop box that clerks are now required to have. There is a locked mailbox secured to the post on my front porch. It is checked once a day during elections. Please leave all applications for absentee ballots/ballots in this mailbox if you plan to drop them off. Have a great holiday season!

**Assessing Update - 20% Property Inspections**

Please check your tax bill to ensure your PRE exemption is correct. If not, please contact us at 989-734-3555 before December 9, 2021. Appointments for the December Board of Review must be received before December 9, 2021.

As you may be aware, Belknap Township has completed inspections on all parcels in the Township throughout a 5-year period (20% per year). As recommended by the Michigan Dept. of Treasury, we are scheduled to continue 20% each year and start back through the Township. Therefore, you will notice staff inspecting your property again even though it was done approx. 5 years ago. All notices go out in the spring for those parcels to be inspected for that year. Thank you for everyone's cooperation with this process.

**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  
2020 Population: 686

**Belknap Township Voters:**

July 2009: 557  
December 2009: 552  
October 2010: 561  
October 2011: 556  
October 2013: 570  
October 2014: 569  
November 2016: 571  
November 2018: 545

**Voter Turnout:**

November, 2010: 273 (49%)  
November, 2012: 384 (66%)  
November, 2014: 264 (46.4%)  
November, 2016: 388 (68%)  
November 2018: 328 (60.2%)

**Belknap Township - Parcel Count**

12/31/13: 709 Parcels  
12/31/14: 698 Parcels  
12/31/15: 696 Parcels  
12/31/16: 705 Parcels  
12/31/17: 710 Parcels  
12/31/18: 715 Parcels  
12/31/20: 722 Parcels  
12/31/21: 724 Parcels

**Belknap Township - Assessments**

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  
2017 Assessment: 29,537,400  
2018 Assessment: 29,578,300  
2019 Assessment: 30,062,900  
2020 Assessment: 32,226,600  
2021 Assessment: 34,090,900