

******* *Krakov Township News* *******

**Krakov Township, Presque Isle County, MI
Summer 2014 Issue**

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CHECK OUT THE TOWNSHIP WEBSITE

@ www.krakowtownship.org

for all township information and services.

DID YOU KNOW that you can change your tax bill address, access your tax history, legal property description, tax bill amounts, taxable and equalized values for the current and previous two years and more by visiting the Presque Isle County website @

www.presqueislecounty.org

A note from your Supervisor, Michael Grohowski

After a very long winter, the summer season has arrived. This winter has been a busy one for Township Officials, working with the Presque Isle County Road Commission and MDOT, we have requested a Park and Ride area at the junction of 638 Hwy and US 23 on Township Property.

We have also sent a request to Lansing for road improvement dollars to have 638 Hwy resurfaced from US 23 to the junction of 638 Hwy and Highland Pines Rd. This is a much needed repair and long overdue.

The Michigan Tax Commission sent a bulletin out to all Assessing Officers and County Equalization Directors on February 10, 2014 “recommending” that assessors inspect 20% of properties in their local unit annually, with that said, 20% of the property owners in the Township will be notified by mail that their property will be inspected this year to update the files. If we do not comply with this “recommendation” the State may do the inspections and bill the Township for the work. We have contracted with our assessor to do the inspections. The cost is considerable, 13,000.00 per year, with little or no benefit to the Township and the State of Michigan claiming the additional property tax dollars. The long arm of Lansing is looking for every dollar they can.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and fun summer in Northeast Michigan.

Michael Grohowski

From your Assessor, Allan Berg

In 2012, Krakow Twp residential properties have a 2% increase in their State Equalized Value (SEV) over their Assessed Value as originally reported on your assessment notice in Feb. 2012. The reason this occurred is through the process of equalization. When the township assessors prepare the assessment roll, they are given direction by the County as to the total value within a certain limitation and present that assessment roll to the March Board of Review. The board then hears appeals and makes final decisions on the values. When the process is complete, the values are turned in to the County Equalization office and they ensure that the township has the appropriate values, again, within a specific limitation. This year, the reductions given by the March Board of Review have caused those limitations to be exceeded. Therefore, the County Equalization/Board of Commissioners were required to increase all residential properties in Krakow Township back to 50% of true cash value. This required an additional factor of 2%. What does this mean for my tax bill? Some tax bills will not be impacted because you pay on your taxable value and not your SEV. However, if your SEV and taxable value were the same before this factor, any increase will cause your taxable value to also increase.

Online Assessment Info: You can visit online at

<http://www.assessingoffice.com>

From Your Treasurer, Diane Mucciante

Summer Tax Bills are due on or before **Sept 15, 2014**. On Aug 5th, 2014 and on Sept. 15th, 2014, I will be available at the township hall from 9:00 am-5:00 pm. to accept payments. Cash payment should be exact change.

If you need to make a payment at my residence, please call first. If I am not available, you can leave your payment at my residence and I will mail you a receipt. After Sept. 15th a 1% interest per month will be added to unpaid amounts.

Please send in your remittance advice with your check number entered and please do not staple your check to the advice. Also, any postdated checks will be sent back. My office cannot accept and hold checks for processing.

I am not responsible for lost mail so if you don't receive your tax bill or a receipt after you have mailed your payment, please call me immediately to issue a new one so that possible late fees may be avoided.

My contact information is as follows:

Diane Mucciante, Treasurer
7624 Grand Point Road
Presque Isle, MI 49777
(989) 595-6615

Diane Mucciante

ZONING PERMITS: No building may be constructed, altered, enlarged upon, or moved without a Township Zoning Permit. This permit is required before the County Building and Zoning Department will issue a building permit. Contact your **Zoning Administrator, Matthew Bedard, at (989) 474-4339** for information and/or zoning permit application forms, or visit the township website @krakowtownship.org. The current Ordinance Book can be viewed on our website, at the township hall, or at the Posen or Presque Isle Libraries and available for purchase by contacting Clerk, Elaine Misiak at 766-8804.

BUILDING INSPECTOR: Once you have obtained a township zoning permit, you must also obtain a building permit by calling the Presque Isle County Building inspector, Jim Zakshesky, @ (989) 734-2915 for an application form. Forms can also be obtained from your Township Zoning Administrator.

TRANSFER / RECYCLING STATION: Located at 13936 US 23 S., near the 638 Hwy. intersections. For information, call manager, **Fred Barrett @ 595-2628** during open hours, or the Diane Mucciante, Treasurer @ 595-6615.

CLOSED ON ALL HOLIDAYS OR WHEN POSTED ON THE ENTRANCE GATE

SUMMER HOURS: (Memorial weekend through Labor Day weekend) **Wed. 1-4, Sat. 10-4, Sun.10-2.**

WINTER HOURS: (After Labor Day through the last Sunday in May) **Wed.1-4, and Sat. 10-4.**

Please note: Raw organic waste must be sealed in leak proof containers. If you have a large load of material to dispose of, please call ahead to verify that there is enough space available. Do not leave garbage outside of the gate as this will be considered littering and is subject to a fine. Do not put garbage in or around the recycle bins as this area is for recycling only. Recycling is easier if you rinse your jars and cans immediately after use before any residue hardens. Plastic jugs and cans should be crushed. Removing the ends of cans make them easier to flatten. Rinse and drain soap bottles thoroughly. Only plastic containers with necks for pouring may be recycled.

STREET LIGHTS: Report any township street light outages to the Township Supervisor or Clerk as soon as possible. Do not hesitate to report any unusual activity around township hall, street lights, or the transfer station to a township official. Repairs due to vandalism are billed to the township, and continuous incidents at a specific light may result in a decision by the Township Board to discontinue future repairs to it.

MEETINGS: *All meetings are held at the township hall at 12022 Bolton Rd. in Posen, 766-8203*

Board of Trustees: Monthly, on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm.

Planning Commission: Quarterly @ 7:00 pm. on the 4th Thurs. of the month and on an as needed basis. Rezoning and Special Use permit requests will be heard on dates and times agreed upon by the Planning Commission Chairperson. A fee will be charged to applicants per hearing. **Recommendations from the Grand Lake and Coastal Watershed Steering Committee, sponsored by NEMCOG**, stressed the need to protect and preserve the woodlands and watershed boundaries within Krakow Township, and to provide awareness to citizens living inland and the water's edge. Reducing chemicals from fertilizers, pesticides, and salt will reduce algae in lake water. Natural greenbelts surrounded by native plants, trees, and shrubs become a buffer against pollutants and limits the amount of run off. Not having grassy, manicured lawn areas is another method of eliminating gourmet feed for ducks and with the use of low maintenance wildflowers and perennials, the geese stay away. Of other interest, a recent aquatic invasive in Michigan's inland lakes is the European Frogbit which resembles a small water lily and can quickly choke shallow ponds, open marshes, ditches, and edges of lakes (*U.S. Fish and Wildlife*).

Zoning Board of Appeals: Annually for organization, and as needed to hear appeals. Appeals will be heard on dates and times agreed upon by the ZBA Chairperson. A fee will be charged per hearing.

Board of Review: July, December and March of each year. Call for dates and times, or visit our website.

Meeting and public hearing changes and cancellations: are posted at the township hall and/or published in a local newspaper, and/or announced on radio station WATZ 99.3 FM and TV Channel 11 WBKB-TV.

If you need more info regarding meetings, please call Clerk Elaine Misiak @ 989-766-8804.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- **Supervisor**, Michael Grohowski.....595-6295
14837 US 23 S. Presque Isle, MI 49777
supervisor.m@krakowtownship.org
- **Clerk**, Elaine Misiak.....766-8804
12470 N. Grand Lk. Hwy., Posen, MI 49776
clerk@krakowtownship.org
Deputy Clerk, Delphine Bisson.....595-6825
- **Treasurer**, Diane Mucciante.....595-6615
7624 Grand Point Road, Presque Isle, MI 49777
treasurer@krakowtownship.org
Deputy Treasurer, Art Mucciante..... 595-6615
- **Trustee**, Michael Smith.....595-3619
6936 Black Bass Bay Rd., Presque Isle, 49777
trusteems@krakowtownship.org
- **Trustee**, Roger Witherbee.....595-3919
15660 Long Lake Hwy., Alpena, MI 49707
trusteew@krakowtownship.org

BOARD OF REVIEW

(call for meeting dates and times)

- **Secretary**, Michael Grohowski.....595-6295
- **Assessor**, Allan & Jodi Berg.....734-3555
- **Member**, Leroy Flanner, Jr.
- **Member**, Ricky Bloxom
- **Member**, Arthur Lewandowski
- **Alternate**, Nancy Schellie

TRANSFER STATION

Fred Barrett, Manager.....595-2628

TOWNSHIP HALL

12022 Bolton Rd., Posen, MI 49776
(989) 766-8203
www.krakowtownship.org

PLANNING COMMISSION

- **Chairperson**, Carolyn Barrett.....595-3826
15516 E. 638 Hwy., Presque Isle, MI 49777
- **Secretary**, Roger Witherbee.....595-3919
- **Member**, Alvin Grundy
- **Member**, Sally Mulka
- **Member**, Janet Jaynes

ASSESSOR

- Jodi and Allan Berg.....(989)734-3555
P.O. Box 25, Rogers City, MI 49779
assessor@assessingoffice.com

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

- Matthew Bedard.....474-4339
17645 US 23 S., Presque Isle, MI 49777
zoningadmin@krakowtwp.org

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

(meets annually and per hearing)

- **Chairperson**, Leonard Zielinski
- **Secretary**, Michael T. Smith
- **Member**, Alvin Grundy
- **Member**, Patricia Blaser
- **Member**, Ricky Bloxsom
- **Alternate**, George Heinzl

PRESQUE ISLE COUNTY

www.presqueislecounty.org

- Treasurer..... (989)734-4075
- Equalization.....734-3810
- Clerk.....734-3288
- Register of Deeds.....734-2676
- Road Commission.....734-2216
- Building and Zoning..... 734-2915