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CLEON TOWNSHIP 2023 WINTER NEWSLETTER



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TOWNSHIP BOARD

Supervisor:
Dave Myers

Clerk:
Amy Herrst

Treasurer:
Linda Cudney

Trustee:
Abe Canfield

Trustee:
Gary Porter

OTHER OFFICIALS:

Assessor:
Bill Muha

Zoning Admin:
Barbara Stanton

Deputy Clerk:
Michelle Tinoco

Deputy Treasurer:
Barbara Stanton

Sexton:
John Larsen

Land Division:
Bill Muha

Fire Chief:
Mark Griner

Asst. Fire Chief:
Dave Saunders

Township Meetings:
2nd Wednesday of the
month at 7:00 PM

Planning Commission:
1st Wednesday of the
month at 6:30 PM

Township Fax:
231 378-2262

*Cleon Township is
an equal opportunity
employer and provider.*

Update on the new Township Fire Station & Township Offices:

After two years of working with USDA Rural Development, Cleon Township signed final papers for a new Fire Station and Township Offices and meeting room. Cleon Township was approved for a \$650,000.00 loan and a \$385,000.00 grant from USDA. Cleon Township also received \$150,000.00 in ARPA money from Manistee County for this project. Construction has started on the building and hope to be done by June 1, 2024. Cleon Township is very excited to be offering this to the constituents of Cleon Township. See below for rendition of what the building will look like.



Cleon Fire Department

The Cleon Fire Department is actively seeking grants to help defray the cost of equipment and received a \$20,000.00 grant from the State of Michigan for new firefighter protective equipment and gear. This allows the Fire Dept. to purchase new radios to communicate with neighboring departments, along with gloves, helmets and shields. If interested in joining, please feel free to contact Chief Griner at 231 640-0562 or chiefgriner@gmail.com

OFFICE HOURS

Treasurer:

Thursday 6:00 -8:00 PM

Friday: 10:00 AM-5:00 PM

Clerk:

Thursday 5:00-7:00 PM

The clerk and treasurer are in the office other times during the week, so leave a message and one will be returned. We also have a drop box in the front door of the hall and it is checked on a regular basis.

ORV Ordinance

Manistee County has updated their ORV Ordinance and we have them available at Cleon Township. Just a reminder that the speed limit for ORV's is 25 mph and a child under 16 years of age may not operate an ORV on a road unless under the supervision of an adult.

A friendly reminder from Sheriff Brian Gutowski and Manistee County Road Commission regarding snow removal.

Act No 82, Public Act of 1978 states that it is illegal and dangerous to push snow on or across roadways. Just a friendly reminder to not plow or shovel snow from your driveway or sidewalk onto or across a public road. Snow pushed onto a highway or across the roadway can cause snowdrifts which are hazardous to all drivers or cause personal injury resulting from an accident. Please follow the law accordingly. Subjects who break the law can be cited for violating Michigan Law.

Treasurer's News:

Winter taxes are due December 1st, 2023 and payable until Feb. 14, 2024 without penalty. If you have a mortgage company, your tax bill will have a bright sticker on it stating that it was sent to the mortgage company. You can pay by mail or in person at the Township Hall. I will be at the hall on Thursday evenings from 6:00-8:00 PM and Fridays from 10:00 AM-4:00 PM. For those who have not paid their summer taxes, there is a yellow colored sheet that shows what the payoff will be for December, January and February. After March 1, 2024, all delinquent taxes are payable to Manistee County. If you would like a receipt, please send a self addressed stamped envelope. Please let us know if your address changes, so we can send it into the county. If you have any questions, feel free to call 231 378-2616.

Notes from the Assessor's Office:

December Board of Review will meet on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 6:00 PM, to address clerical errors and mutual mistakes of fact, homestead exemptions, qualified agriculture and poverty exemptions. You may not protest your assessment at December B.O.R.

If you have any questions regarding assessments, or land divisions feel free to contact Bill Muha at 231 492-3844. See below for explanation regarding rising taxes.

In 2023, Michigan property owners faced the highest taxable value increase in 28 years, at 5%. This is due to the rate of inflation, which was 3.3% in 2022, with current inflation at 5.1% for 2023, and possibly 2024. If you purchased a home during 2023, your 2024 taxable value will increase, which means when a property transfers ownership, the taxable value is uncapped and the taxable value becomes the state equalized value (SEV). Feel free to contact me at 231 492-3844 if you have any concerns or need assistance.



American Legion Read- Osborne Post #531

Will be hosting their annual American Legion Christmas party for kids on Saturday, December 16, 2023 from 1-4 PM at the American Legion Hall. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be there with treats and all children will receive a special gift. If you have any questions, feel free to call Janet at 231 383-0771.

The Clerks Corner:

Election dates are February 27-May 7-August 6-November 5 for 2024. You may vote 3 different ways (1) Absent Ballot (2) Early Voting, which will be available beginning with the Presidential Primary with the early voting site located at the Maple Grove Community Center in Kaleva (3) Election Day voting at the Cleon Township Hall. For more clarification or questions, contact the clerk at 231 378-2616.

The Cleon Township Offices

will be closed the week between Christmas and News Years, except for the treasurers office, which will be open Friday, December 29, 2023 from 10:00 AM—4:00 PM for taxpayers who want to pay their taxes before the end of the year.

