



From the Desk of: Superintendent Steve Mulka

The Township has had another busy year. With retirements and vacancies, we have had a record year for new personnel, including three new department heads who are continuing the tradition of

providing quality service to the Township. The Board has adopted new Dangerous Buildings and Blight ordinances that will allow for more options to address compliance and safety issues for the protection of our residents and their property values.

The Planning Commission is starting the process of updating the Township's Master Plan. This guides development, identifies issues for improvement, and sets goals for long term planning. There will be public input sessions scheduled in the near future so residents can provide input on what they would like to see as goals, whether it's more services, or parks and recreation projects.

The Township has received federal ARPA funds with designated areas on which the funds can be spent. One of the first designated items listed is mitigating COVID-19 exposure while maintaining services. We will also continue to provide safe and clean drinking water to our municipal water systems and to implement improvements to ensure this continues long into the future. There will be more information available as the Federal Infrastructure Funds are distributed.

As a reminder, we do have a drive-up Drop Box for Township correspondence and bill payments near the Main Boardroom Entrance in the South parking lot. If you have any questions, you can call (906) 779-2055.

Saying HELLO...

Ann Gasperich—

Deputy Assessor/Deputy Zoning Administrator



Ann brings 25 years experience in local government, including Emergency Management, 9-1-1, Zoning and Assessing. She's been a certified assessor in Michigan since 2016 and is currently a MAAO, Level 3 Assessor. Ann enjoys puzzles, fresh air, and quiet contemplation. She and her husband Tim are from Calumet.

Carrie Charette—
Deputy Clerk

Carrie brings over 20 years of business experience to our Township. She is excited to put her experience to work, and says that it is her pleasure to serve the Township and the Public. Stop by and say hello any time! Carrie would love to meet you.



Jim Rose— Fire Chief

Jim has over 40 years of experience in the fire service. He recently retired from being the Safety Director for Champion Inc. He's been an instructor in the fire service and industrial safety, and has a background in EMS. Jim is excited to put his experience to work for the township!

The Breitung Township Fire Department welcomes Christine Dollar, Euriah Blair, and Donica Koerner. All three were approved as Probationary Fire Fighters on October 25th, and bring their own talents and spirit to the team.

...Saying Goodbye

After nearly two decades, Bob Ramels has stepped down from the Breitung Township Planning Commission. Thank you, Bob, for your dedication and your service to our Township and its Residents. You are appreciated!



There aren't many people so fondly remembered as Mary Dixon. She led a full life of serving others, especially children. She was very involved in the Quinnesec Community, raising funds for playground equipment, managing the Ice Rink, running a food pantry, and serving as the Election Chairperson, just to name a few. We at the Township are incredibly grateful to her and for her, and she will be dearly missed.

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Additional Compost Pick-Up December 1st (weather permitting). Have your compost out by 7 am!

2022 Dog Licenses are now available at the Town Hall through Valentine's Day. They are \$10 each. Just drop off an updated copy of the rabies license with your payment, and we'll mail your tag to you.





PAPERLESS BILLING is available beginning January 2022. Call the Utility Clerk at 906-779-2052 to get signed up



FYI

You can still take your scrap tires to the Baler at GAD through December 31st for NO CHARGE!

Letters to Santa

We got the phone call last week from the North Pole notifying us that Breitung Township is a designated site for children (and adults alike) to drop off their Letters to Santa! We are beyond excited to help Santa again this year!!

If you'd like to drop off your letter, here's how:

There is an official mail box connected to the light pole next to the front door at the Town Hall. It's red, it's Christmas-y, and it's just waiting to fill up with your letters!

If you'd like a reply from Santa, please include your name and address along with your letter. Santa is pretty smart, but it gets hard to keep track of the billions of children's addresses all over the world.

You can drop off your letters from December 1st to the 15th. That ensures your letters get to Santa in a timely manner and he can reply back to you before Christmas.

If you have any questions, feel free to call Santa's most excited Helper, Elf Helen, at 906-779-2052.

ASSESSING

So, what exactly does an Assessing Department do? Good question! Assessing departments are responsible for performing and maintaining property assessments for the "equitable distribution of the property tax burden." To do this, an Assessing department reviews and updates all property types (i.e. agricultural, commercial, industrial, and residential) with annual property visits, new construction reviews, property transfers, property exemption evaluations, and public education.

Breitung Township has recently redesigned their Assessing Department, which now includes Assessor Justin Murawski, Deputy Assessor Ann Gasperich, and Assessing Clerk Karie Taff.

Generally, the office is open Monday-Friday 8am—4pm. However, the Assessing Team occasionally leaves the office to do field work. Making an appointment in advance is the best way to meet with them.

Merry Christmas!!

Come see Breitung Township's Christmas Light Displays at Lake Antoine Park ("Lights at the Lake") December 6 through 19

NOW HIRING Paid-on-call Firefighters!

The Breitung Township Fire Department is seeking qualified candidates as a Paid-on-Call Firefighter.



Anyone interested can fill out an application and return it to the Breitung Township Offices (3851 Menominee Street in Quinnesec) or mail it to PO Box 160, Quinnesec, MI 49876. Applications can be found online at www.breitungtwp.org or by stopping by the Township Offices.

Questions?

Email firechief@breitungtwp.org or call 906-282-1223.



MICHIGAN FIREMEN'S MEMORIAL

-ROSCOMMON

On September 18th, 2021, names of 4 past members of the Breitung Township Fire Department were placed on the memorial wall and their names read during the Annual Memorial Service at the Michigan State Firemen's Memorial grounds in Roscommon. The names honored this year included Frank Stout, Jon "Jack" Nord, Herman "Buck" Munday, and Albert "Pooch" Grailer. Other Breitung Township Fire Fighters names already on the Wall include David Drayer, Willard Brin, Joe Brim, and John Young.

Our local Fire Fighters participated in a Stair Climb commemorating those who lost their lives on September 11th, 2001. Some took part at Lambeau Field. Some did the stair climb at Pine Mountain, and were joined by Fire Fighters from other departments.



Those participating from Breitung Township included Ryan Sanders, Montgomery Marshall, Dan Martell, Chris Fries, Tiare Ramos, Chris Gardner, Cameron O'Conner, and Jim Lieburn.

The Fire Department has been busy meeting with the community! Here's a quick recap of our comings and goings:



<u>Lake Antoine Fall Fest</u>—Brought trucks to the park and handed out fun materials

<u>Dickinson County Library</u>—Participated in a Fire Safety Program

<u>Woodland Elementary School</u>—Participated in a Fire Safety Teaching Event for Pre-K, K, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grades <u>Halloween</u>—Station 1 and their families sponsored a family event for the kids in the area



The cold weather is here! It's easy to end up with frozen water or sewer. Here's a few tips to keep things flowing –

- Keep snow piled over the area where water and sewer lines are located. The snow acts as insulation.
- Make sure warm air can freely circulate around your water meter and where your sewer line comes in.
- Check your basement for cold spots. Make repairs where cold air is coming in.
- Make sure crawl space vents are closed for the winter.
- * Check heat tape annually for proper operation.
- Make sure external heat sources (like heat tape) are plugged into a working socket.
- Check that hose bibs are shut off or are frost free.
- * Disconnect, drain, and store garden hoses.

Holiday Office Closures Thursday, November 25th Friday, November 26th Friday, December 24th Monday, December 27th Noon on Friday, December 31st

Treasurer: 906-779-2065

Clerk:

906-779-2050 Utility Clerk:

906-779-2052

Assessing: 906-779-2060

Public Works:

906-779-2064

Code

Enforcement: 906-779-2053

Superintendent:

906-779-2055

Other Useful Phone Numbers:

Dickinson County Road Commission:

906-774-1588

Great American

Disposal:

906-774-9006

Dickinson County Construction Code

906-774-4885

Dickinson County Sheriff's Dept. Non-Emergency

906-774-6262

Office Hours (M-F):

7:30am-4:00pm

DPW Hours (M-F):

7:00am-3:30pm

Lobby Hours (M-F): 8:00am-4:00pm

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