

2022 Greetings from the Michigamme Township Board

Here's hoping that this newsletter finds you safe and well. We are expecting a busy summer with the Township wide implementation of the recycle program in May and June and the Sesquicentennial Celebration in July. Please check the website at www.michigammetownship.com or notices posted at the Township Office, Post Office, new Information Station, and Michigamme Market for updates. As always, the Township Board is open to your suggestions and ideas to make our community the best that it can be.

Township Office Hours:

- The office is open from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday from June 1st through September 30th. October 1st through May 30th the hours are 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Call 906-323-6608 with any questions or to speak with an official. Arrangements to meet outside office hours will be made at your convenience.

Township Officials:

- Supervisor: William (Bill) Seppanen – office #906-323-6608 - super@michigammetownship.com
- Treasurer: Nicole Haskett - treas@michigammetownship.com
- Clerk: Neil Hanson - clerk@michigammetownship.com
- Trustees: Julia Anderson-Leake - trustee1@michigammetownship.com and Donald DeRoche trustee2@michigammetownship.com
- NEW Zoning Administrator: Erin Bertucci - zoning@michigammetownship.com
- NEW Assessor: Dylan Jurasin – michigammeassessor@gmail.com cell #906-361-6787

Township Employees:

- Administrative Assistant: Debbie Kinnunen (retiring in June, replacement to be announced) admin@michigammetownship.com
- Receptionist: Michelle Suring – recep@michigammetownship.com
- DPW: John Howe, Supervisor – DPW@michigammetownship.com

Elections: Make sure you VOTE! – 202 West Main Street, Michigamme

- May 3, 2022, is the Special Election from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Township Community Building
- August 2, 2022, is the Primary Election from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Township Community Building
- November 8, 2022, is the General Election from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Township Community Building

Garbage, Hazardous Waste and Recycling:

- Wednesday is garbage pick-up day (Thursday if Monday is a holiday). Please make sure your garbage is bagged, under 35 lbs., and placed in a covered container by 6:00 a.m. **weekly.**
- **Dumpster Clean Up Days:** Please see the 2022 list of events for dates on the last page. The following items will not be accepted: septic tanks, hazardous materials, gas tanks, building materials or shingles. Appliances that contain Freon will be accepted with a \$15 payment, come into the office prior to disposing.
- If you have brush or yard waste, please come to the Township office to get the gate key before disposing at the brush pile.
- West End Transfer Station tickets (located in West Ishpeming) are available for purchase at the Township office for \$8 per ticket per 100 pounds. Tickets for the disposal of tires are also available. 2022 Marquette County Household Hazardous Waste Collection dates for the West End Transfer Station are on Wednesdays 3-7 p.m. June 8, August 10, and October 5. These dates are posted in the outdoor bulletin board.
- Forms are available at the Township office authorizing you to bring construction materials (shingles, etc.) directly to the Marquette County Landfill located at 600 County Road NP, Marquette (off County Road 480 near Lindberg's Gravel Pit). The Township has the list of acceptable materials for disposal and bills you directly for the materials you bring there. For more details access their website at www.mcswwa.com.

Roads/Streets:

- Please call the Township office with the pole number if you notice a streetlight out. The Township will call WE Energies to expedite the repair.

- The Peshekee Grade/County Road 607 paving project will be completed in 2024.
- The Township is getting new street signs to replace the current signs. The old ones will be sold by some sort of auction or bid process. Stay tuned for more details.

Sewer:

- Please refrain from flushing feminine products, towels, rags, etc., down the toilet; monitor your children for toys being flushed as these items get caught in the traps and may cause problems with the grinders.
- TIP! Check your water softeners for efficiency to save \$ and reduce excess chloride in the wastewater.
- If you have a sump discharging into the sewer system, it causes an overload to the wastewater system. This causes our system to be in violation of our license.
- Credit card payment of sewer bills with an additional service fee will be coming soon.

Lakeview Cemetery:

- The opening of the cemetery will be posted. Preparations are being made for Memorial Day services to be held at the cemetery at 10 a.m., Monday, May 30th. Refreshments will be served at the Community Building following the ceremony.
- Please remove your decorations before it closes in early October.
- Michigamme and Spurr Townships have been working on updating the Cemetery Ordinance and when it is completed and adopted, we will move onto the final phase of online grave locations.

Grants:

- The Township applied for two grants to renovate the tennis and basketball courts and ADA pathways. Notification will be in September and if awarded construction is expected to begin in the summer of 2023.
- The Township was awarded a grant from EGLE and The Recycling Partnership for our new recycle carts and glass collection trailer for a total of \$46,427. Please take the time to review enclosed **recycle** information.
- The Michigamme-Spurr Fire Department was awarded a \$5,800 grant from the 2022 Volunteer Firefighters Assistance Project.

EMS and Fire Department:

- The Michigamme Township Emergency Services (both the Fire Department and the First Responders) are always looking for new members to serve their communities. Free training is available. For more information, please call Fire Chief Joseph Perry at (906) 362-9617.
- Before burning remember to check the DNR website for burn permits at www.dnr.state.mi.us/Burn Permits.
- A Junior Firefighters Program was initiated this year and currently two members joined.

Michigamme Museum:

- The museum will be open Memorial Day through September 30th.
- Your generous donations and support are appreciated. They have helped fund the lighting installation in The Engine House. If you are interested in volunteering with any of the museum efforts and fundraising events call the Township office at 906-323-6608 for meeting and event dates. Empty cans and bottles for return can be dropped off at the Township office.
- Fundraisers will be occurring during the year. Check bulletin boards and website for notices.

Community Building/Gym/Fitness Room:

- The Township fitness room is available for use from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. (or longer) Monday through Friday. There are several machines available for use including a treadmill, rowing machine, NuStep cross trainer, and Life Fitness Upper Body Trainer.
- The building awning was repaired with stronger construction. The sidewalks around the building were repaired. The gym ceiling was renovated, and a larger fan installed.

Library:

- The library is open daily from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. beginning May 1, 2022.
- The front doors were replaced, and a ramp will be added soon.

- The library painting and sink upgrade have been completed. Future projects include lighting, insulation, a reading area in the balcony and restoration of the stained-glass windows.

Michigamme Beach Boat Launch, and Campground:

- Please place garbage in the cans provided at the Michigamme Beach and not in the portable toilets.
- The portable toilets are available May 27th through September 30th.
- The concrete slabs at the boat launch have deteriorated, and the Township will not be liable for any damages to your vehicle or equipment. The Township has allocated funds to improve the concrete slabs this summer.
- New dog waste receptacles are available around the Township thanks to the DDA.
- Rustic campground rate is \$15/night with a \$30 fee added if you don't clean the campsite. Registration forms are available at the Township Office or online and can be deposited in the drop box at the Township Office after hours.

Michigamme Township Park:

- Upgraded ADA compliant restrooms will be open at the Park all summer providing they do not get abused.
- Please place garbage and recycles in the containers provided at the Park.
- The rolling docks are available for public use.
- Dogs must be leashed and please use the dog waste receptacles that are available at the Park.
- Five cameras are being installed for security purposes. Smile! You're on candid camera!
- Please do not feed the geese or park vehicles on the grass in the Park.
- Rental of the Township Park Facilities are available through the Township Office.

Planning Commission:

- The Township Master Plan is in the process of being updated.
- The Zoning Ordinance is being updated by the Planning Commission.
- Redevelopment Readiness Community certification is ongoing and almost complete.
- The 5-year Michigamme Township 2021-2025 Recreation Plan can be found on the website.
- In April, the Township hired a new Zoning Administrator and Ordinance Enforcement Officer, Erin Bertucci. Erin will be holding office hours on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Downtown Development Authority (DDA):

- The DDA continues to be very active.
- Business signage and township directional signage will be installed this summer.
- The new Information Station was constructed and installed on Main Street across from the Museum. Lighting and display cases will be installed in it this summer.
- Two successful Artisan Markets were held with the addition of a Holiday Market. This year will be our fifth annual sponsorship of these markets.

Property Taxes:

- In November, the Township hired a new Assessor, Dylan Jurasin, to take the place of Jackie Solomon who is now our Marquette County Treasurer. Welcome Dylan! Call him with any of your assessing questions.
- Summer 2022 taxes mailed July 1, 2022, are due September 14, 2022, without interest.
- Winter 2022 taxes mailed December 1, 2022, are due February 14, 2023, without interest.
- The last day to pay Summer and Winter 2022 taxes at the Township office is February 28, 2023, with appropriate penalties and interest added.
- Credit card payment of taxes with an additional service fee will be available this year.

Broadband Internet:

- NMU offers internet at reasonable rates. If you are interested and would like more information, go to their website: www.nmu.edu/ean.

Michigamme Township 2022 Schedule of Events

Mailing address: PO Box 220, Michigamme, Michigan 49861

Office location: 202 West Main Street, Michigamme

Phone: 906-323-6608 www.michigammetownship.com admin@michigammetownship.com

- May 30th **Memorial Day** is observed at Lakeview Cemetery at 10:00 a.m. Refreshments will be served at the Community Building after the ceremony.
- May 30th - Sept 30th **Michigamme Museum** is open Memorial Day through September 30th. There is no admission fee to visit, donations are welcomed. Memorials, merchandise, and 2022 calendars are available for sale. Museum phone #906-323-9016
- June 1st – Sept 30th **Campground** is open daily. \$15 per night, maximum 15 nights. Portable toilets available. Rustic, no amenities. Forms are available on website and office. Place in drop box when office is not open.
- June 15th - 18th AND Aug. 17th – 20th **Dumpster Days:** You may be asked to provide proof of property ownership (recent tax statement). Dumpsters will be available on the dates and times:
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| Wednesday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. | Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. |
| Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. | Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to Noon |
- June 25th **Artisans Market** at the Michigamme Township Downtown Outdoor Venue 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. RAIN DATE – Sunday, June 26th. Vendors selling hand crafted, home harvested, and home cooked items will be available (no resale, retail, or rummage sale items). Concessions will be available. *Vendor applications for this market event is available at the Township office. Contact Julia at 235-0935, email 57jmal@gmail.com; Virginia at 323-6274; or Rose at 250-8583 for details.*
- July 1st -4th **SEE THE MICHIGAMME SESQUICENTENNIAL EVENTS LIST ATTACHED for details**
Come celebrate with us our history! Past and Present!
- July 30th **LMPO Annual Meeting** 10:00 a.m. at the Michigamme Township Park Pavilion.
- Aug 27th **Community Pig Roast** 4-7 p.m. the Michigamme Township Park – Tickets \$12 – July 4th Fundraiser. If it rains it will be held at the Michigamme Community Building.
- Dec. TBA **Santa Visit** – Fire Truck visit with kiddos! Michigamme Community Building.
- Dec. 31st **Ring in the New Year** – Museum Engine House Bell Tower – Midnight

Any changes or additional events will be listed on the calendar on our website www.michigammetownship.com.