

JOHNSTOWN TOWNSHIP

Winter NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2022

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All

Winter Tax News

It is Winter Tax time again and I wanted to explain your Winter Tax Bill to you in case you have any questions on it. You will see the first few millages on your winter bill are for services available in Barry County such as Charlton Park, Commission on Aging, 911, Barry County Transit, and the Medical Care Facility. These are all voter passed mills. The next section is the Township Millages for Johnstown Township. These include Operating, a Fire Equipment a Fire Operating Millage and a Road Millage these millages help fund the fire department maintaining the roads and operation of all services here in Johnstown Township. Next you will have a millage for the Intermediate School District this is county wide and most of you will have Barry ISD but some will have Calhoun ISD or Kalamazoo ISD depending on the county you are in. Everyone in Michigan pays the Intermediate School District tax this is also voter passed mills. Following this will be your school districts millages. These are voted in millages and last for specific times and specific millage amounts these are also decided by your votes. Each school district has a different millage amount depending on what has been passed by voters. You will also see on your winter bill the Operating Millage for your school district, most residents will be exempt from this and it will only be levied if you do not have 100% Principle Resident Exemption. This millage is usually around 18 mills so if you qualify for PRE make sure you are receiving an exemption on this. Last are several different Assessments for various things. Drain assessments have been assessed by the Drain Commission and this year we have FineView Drain, Butler Lake Drain, and Clear Lake Drain. If you have questions on these Drain Assessments please call the Barry County Drain Commission at 269.945.1385. Other Assessments include weed control for Fine Lake and Mill Lake (Clear Lake should be on next years winter bills) and paving assessments for Walnut Ridge and Sleepy Hollow Drive.

WE ARE BUILDING A COMMUNITY PAVILION AT THE TOWNSHIP HALL

We are looking forward to having a pavilion available for our residents to utilize. Work has just started on this and we are looking forward to hosting farmers markets, food pickups, ect. This will also be great for just having a place you can come with your family to picnic or gather in our township. Work will continue into next summer!

JOHNSTOWN TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

The fire department is looking to recruit volunteer paid on-call firefighters. You must be 18 yrs of age training will be provided. Training consists of Firefighter 1 & 2 classes and Medical First Responder. The department also has 24 in house training days. If you would like to help your community and are a resident of Johnstown Township and would like to find out more about the Fire Department please call 269.721.9709 Ext 205. Also if you need a smoke detector please contact the fire department.

TRANSFER STATION

WINTER HOURS 1ST Sunday in November thru 2nd Sunday in MarchSaturdays 9 to 5

SUMMER HOURS March thru October Hours:.... Friday 3:00 to 7:00 and ...Saturdays 9 to 5

Located at the corner of Osborne Road and Cobb Road in Barry Township

JOHNSTOWN TOWNSHIP HALL RENTAL

If you would like to rent the township hall the fee is \$100 for renting. For funerals you can rent the hall for \$50. Questions or to schedule a day to rent call Barb Earl at 269.721.8443.

BURN PERMITS

Please call 269.205.3208 Automated System Recording

CONTACT INFORMATION

Barbara Earl – Supervisor – 269.721.8443 – call for Township Hall Rental and Board of Review

Sheri Babcock – Clerk – 269.721.3710 call for Cemetery Plots and Absentee Voter Ballots

Karmen Nickerson – Treasurer - 269.721.3611 – call for Tax Information

Jeff Warren – Trustee – 269.721.3628

Deana Powell – Trustee – 269.721.3418

Joyce Foondle – Assessor – 269.721.8719 call for Vets Exemption, PRE Exemption Address Change

Chris Jozwik – Fire Chief – 269.721.9709 ext 205 please call for smoke detectors

Garrett Lennon – Cemetery Sexton – 269.366.0299- call for Burials and Foundations

BOARD MEETINGS

The Township Board meets the second Wednesday of every month. Meetings start at 7:30 p.m.

PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT Johnstowntwp.org

You can look up and pay your property taxes on line. You can look at your property information and taxes you have paid the last several years. Follow the links to search or pay property taxes...look up your property based on Name, Address, or Parcel Number. Lots of information available please take a look!