

LAKE TOWNSHIP NEWS

On the Sandy Shores of Lake Huron from Gagetown Road to Oak Beach County Park

Summer Issue

June 2009

WIND TURBINE FACILITY ORDINANCE

During the April 22, 2009 Lake Township Planning Commission meeting Attorney Susan Topp was present to discuss zoning issues in regard to wind developments and review a draft of the proposed wind ordinance.

Her presentation included slides regarding topics such as siting issues, zoning issues, Michigan siting guidelines and a draft of the Lake Township Zoning Ordinance for Wind Energy Systems. The presentation paid special attention to topics such as noise impact, setbacks, flicker, aesthetic considerations and avian impacts in the Thumb area.

A copy of the power point presentation and draft ordinance is available at the Lake Township Hall or on the Township website at <http://www.laketownship.net/wind>.

NEW HAPPENINGS

New Assessor

Our new Assessor, Jo Wolschlager has been working as an Assessor since 1994 and has been in the field since 1986. She has taken various assessing courses and is a Level 2 Assessor. Jo's hours are every Tuesday evening from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM or an appointment can be made by calling the Lake Township Hall at (989) 856-4867.

Lawsuit

On Monday, May 25, 2009, the following members of the Township Board - Robert T. Smith, Dorothy J. Fischer, and Robert Hyzer - were served with a lawsuit by the following people - Paul Beck, Carol Beck, Lisa Clinton, Dorothy Colletta, Charles Henry, Jeanne Henry, Clay Kelterbon, John McCallum, Valerie McCallum, Lewis Melton, Gerald Pobanz, Sandra Pobanz, Ken Raymond, Barbara Raymond, Melissa Raymond and Robert Siver.

The purpose of the lawsuit is for violation of the Open Meetings Act when we hired the Assessor in December, 2008. As of this date there has been no court date set, information to follow.

From the Clerk's Desk...

Volunteers Driving the Green Movement

The recycling trailer is packed full every month as more residents are choosing to recycle, helping us do our part in reducing the amount of trash deposited in our local landfill. Our recycling program is operated by volunteers. Without our volunteers, we couldn't offer this service to our residents.

Bill and Maryanne Williams are dedicated to this program volunteering their time on a very regular basis. We were also fortunate to have the extra assistance during the past school year from Caseville Jr. High Honor students who worked with resident Jan Gulash. Other volunteers include Lou Colletta, Dan Depner, Rich Ehrlich, Jeanne Henry, Ann Krzeminski, Tim Lalley, Tory Geilhart, Nancy Oaks, Karen Sienkiewicz, Clay Kelterborn and David Brady.

We have been asked to offer recycling more than one time per month, but this would require many new volunteers. We need at least four volunteers every month and would really like to add some new names to our list. If you have any interest in getting involved, please contact me at 856.7485. For information on our recycling program, visit our website at www.laketownship.net.

Staying in the Know...

If you would like to know what is going on in Lake Township on an up-to-date basis, sign up for our email list serve. We send our meeting agendas, minutes, newsletters and any special meeting notices via email to anyone signed up. Send your request to info@laketownship.net and ask to be included in the email list serve.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

Valerie McCallum, Clerk

PORT AUSTIN LIBRARY

114 Railroad Street
(989) 738-7212

Residents of Lake Township are welcome at the Port Austin Township Library. For general questions or to inquire about their hours, please call the number listed above.

2009 RECYCLING SCHEDULE

The following dates are on the third Sunday of the month from **10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.** Please make sure that all recyclables are **clean**. A list of acceptable items is available upon request at the Transfer Station or on our website at www.laketownship.net.

Please **DO NOT** drop off recyclables at the Transfer Station on any dates other than the following:

June 21st
July 19th
August 16th
September 20th
October 18th
November 15th

Leaves, grass and tree trimmings are accepted at the Transfer Station during regular hours at no charge.

TRANSFER STATION HOURS

Dave Ferris, Attendant

May- October

Saturday & Sunday 9AM to 4PM

November – April

Sunday 9AM to 4PM

SUPERVISOR'S HOURS

In keeping with his promise of accessibility to the residents and taxpayers of Lake Township, newly elected Supervisor, Robert T. Smith will be keeping the following schedule of office hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:00–11:00 AM

These could be subject to change if his responsibilities demand his presence elsewhere. Please call ahead to be sure he will be in the Hall.

He also plans to have Saturday hours during the summer months for the convenience of ALL the taxpayers and residents. During the months of **June, July and August**, he will be in the hall on the **second Saturday of the month along with Jo Wolschlager, the Assessor, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.**

BOAT HOISTS

Boat hoists must be registered and cannot be stored on the easements at any time. Snow fences must also be removed until October 1. Please contact Arnie Russell, Zoning Administrator for further information (989) 856-4867.

TOWNSHIP SCHEDULE

Office Hours

The Township Hall Offices are open

Monday – Friday from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM.

Officials' office hours may vary. It is best to call ahead or make an appointment if you need to speak to a Township Official.

TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETINGS – Township Hall

Time – 7:30 PM (6:30 PM December – February)

Day - Fourth Monday –Last Monday in March.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS – TOWNSHIP HALL

Time – 7:00 PM

Day – Fourth Wednesday of the month except
November & December

Additional meetings may be scheduled at other times and posted.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – TOWNSHIP HALL

Time – 7:30 PM Wednesdays upon appeal application

FIRE BOARD (CAFPA) meets every first & third

Wednesday at 7:00 PM at the Fire Hall in Caseville.

TOWNSHIP BOARD

SUPERVISOR – ROBERT T. SMITH

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR – PATRICIA A. SMITH

CLERK – VALERIE MCCALLUM

DEPUTY CLERK – KATHLEEN BOLTON

TREASURER – DOROTHY FISCHER

DEPUTY TREASURER – MORIA FOSTER

TRUSTEE – ROBERT HYZER

TRUSTEE – DALE HARTSELL

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR- ARNIE RUSSELL

BUILDING INSPECTOR – TORY GEILHART

SECRETARY – MARY E. JOHNSON

BURNING PERMITS

A burning permit is required if you are going to be burning leaves and tree trimmings. Call the Fire Department at 989.856.9198. Leave your name, address, phone number and scheduled date of burning. **It is illegal to burn garbage pursuant to Lake Township General Ordinance 2005-01. Burning trash is unhealthy and harmful to our environment and your neighbors.** For more information, General Ordinance 2005-01 is posted on our website: www.laketownship.net