

# Climax Township

## 2017 Summer Newsletter

### *Township Officials/Office Hours*

- **Supervisor:** Trent Piper by appointment call 746.5572  
E-mail [ctwpsupervisor@ctsmail.net](mailto:ctwpsupervisor@ctsmail.net)
- **Treasurer:** Steven Walman Fridays 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
E-mail: [ctwptreasurer@ctsmail.net](mailto:ctwptreasurer@ctsmail.net)
- **Clerk:** Marcia Lewis Mon. 9 a.m. to 4 and Wed. 9-noon  
E-mail: [ctwpclerk@ctsmail.net](mailto:ctwpclerk@ctsmail.net)
- **Assessor:** Ben Brousseau call 269.655.1144  
E-mail: [ben.apgllc@gmail.com](mailto:ben.apgllc@gmail.com)
- **Trustee:** Joel Amos
- **Trustee:** Richard Thierjung
- **Deputy Treasurer:** Ingrid Purk
- **Deputy Clerk:** Darlene Seybert
- **Planning Commission:** Dickson Brubaker
- **Road Committee:** Bob Gibson
- **Cemetery Sexton:** Pam Kline  
269.626.6507

**Burn Permits...** To avoid a charge you **must** call **746-4664** for a burning permit. Leave your name, phone number, address, and what you would like to burn. There is no cost for the permit and you will not get a call back for your permit, we just need your information.

A reminder: If you have a long driveway, please keep your trees trimmed back. If you have an emergency we need to be able to move large trucks in your driveway without damage to them and to safely respond to your residence.

**Climax Township Hall**  
**110 N. Main/P.O. Box 369**

**Phone: 746-4103 / Fax: 746-4114**  
**Regular meetings are 7:00 pm the second Tuesday of each month.**

### **Supervisor's Report**

We are in discussion to "re-store" our Township Website & hope to have something available in the near future.

Property Tax information is available at:  
<https://accessmygov.com/?uid=1341>

Remember to contact Associated Government Services, Inc. at (800) 627-2801 for your Permit(s) before you start your New Construction and/or Building Improvement project.

Please keep your property "neat & clean" and help the Township to remain beautiful! If a neighbor is unable to keep up, then offer to help or organize volunteers to assist if needed.

Be sure to obey Speed Limits & Traffic Sign's. This time of year can present several distraction's. Be on the "look-out" for bicyclists, walkers, joggers, motorcycle's and farm machinery.

Trent

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** Regular meetings are held quarterly at the Climax Township Hall, at 7:00 P.M. Special meetings will be held as needed. The next scheduled meeting is July 24, 2017. The public is invited to all meetings.

**CLERK:** New election equipment will be arriving soon and is a huge improvement over the equipment used since 2004 and 2006. Currently, the next election is scheduled for August 2018.

**Assessor:** Effective May 1, 2017 Ben Brousseau was appointed as our new Assessor. Currently he does not have office hours, however he can be reached by calling him at 269.665.1144 or e-mail at ben.apgllc@gmail.com. The state requires site reviews be done for 20% of the parcels in the township each year. You will receive a letter prior to the review of your property.

**ROAD COMMITTEE:** Meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall the first Monday of Jan. thru-May and October.

Approved road maintenance for this fiscal yr.:

38th St– R Ave to PQ Ave.

40th St.-Q Ave. to P Ave.

42nd St.-P Ave to O Ave.

Continuous dust control

### **.From Prairie Historical Society**

**Sharon Harvey**

In July there will be a celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the monument in the Village Park. The monument was erected from stones found on each stop on the RFD (Rural Free Delivery) route in Climax (the first RFD route in Michigan).

The monument was originally in the center of the main square in Climax and completed in 1917. It was moved to the park in 1947 due to traffic considerations. This summer celebration is supposed to include the uncapping of the monument to search if there is a bronze vault contained within as it rumored to be.

**Household Hazardous Waste:** Climax Township allocated \$800 for HHW disposal. As a resident you may take your items for disposal to 1301 Lamont Avenue in Kalamazoo free of charge until the Township funds have been exhausted. **After that, residents will need to pay for the disposal themselves.**

### **TREASURER – Steven Walman**

This newsletter will arrive with your summer tax bills that are due by Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. We send tax bills to everyone even if you have them paid by your mortgage company. Look on the upper left corner of the tax stub at the bottom third of the tax bill where it says "Mortgage Co." if there is a company printed there they are asking for the tax bill to process payment. We send the tax bill to you so you know how much your taxes are that the mortgage company is paying.

Payments received after September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 will have a 1% interest added each and every month thereafter. Payments received after February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 will have a 3% penalty added.

Mail payments to:

**Climax Township Treasurer**

**P.O. Box 369**

**Climax, MI 49034**

Or put your payment in the drop box in front of the Township Hall. No Cash in the drop box please. Send us a **stamped, self-addressed envelope** and we will mail you a receipt for payment of taxes. Taxes can be paid in person at the Township Hall on Wednesdays 8-noon, and most Friday mornings.

Please read your tax bill, there is a lot of information you may find helpful.

Please remember, if you would like a paid stamped receipt for your taxes, you must provide us with a self addressed stamped envelope and we will mail you a copy of your receipt.

**CEMETERIES:** Pam Kline is the Sexton for the two (2) Township owned cemeteries, Gilson and Harrison Cemeteries. New lots are only available in the Gilson Cemetery.

Resident or Twp. property owner-Full Lot (4 sites)	\$750
Resident or Twp. property owner-1/2 Lot (2 sites)	\$375
All others-Full Lot (4 sites)	\$1,500
All others-1/2 Lot (2 sites)	\$750

Please contact Clerk at 746-4103 to purchase the burial rights on a lot.