

## **May 2020 - Summer Greetings from the Michigamme Township Board;**

We are hoping that this newsletter finds you all safe and well. This summer season events will depend on the State's situation with the COVID-19 virus. We hope to hold all the events that have been planned. Please check the website [www.michigammetownship.com](http://www.michigammetownship.com) and notices posted at the outside Township bulletin board, Post Office, and Michigamme Market for updates. As always, the Township board is open to your suggestions and your ideas to make your community the best that it can be.

### **Township Office Hours:**

- The Michigamme Township Office will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday from June 1<sup>st</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup>. The rest of the year office 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.
- Notary Public services are available at no charge to Michigamme Township residents. The fee for non-residents is \$5. You must present an ID and sign in the presence of the Notary Public.

### **Township Officials:**

- Supervisor: William (Bill) Seppanen – office #906-323-6608, personal cell #906-201-4727
- Treasurer: Elizabeth (Betty Jo) LoCicero
- Clerk: Neil Hanson
- Trustees: Robert DellAngelo and George Kendall
- Zoning Administrator: Robert DellAngelo
- Assessor: Jackie Solomon, phone #906-339-2454, email [jsassessor@gmail.com](mailto:jsassessor@gmail.com)

### **Township Employees:**

- Receptionist: Michelle Suring; Administrative Assistant: Debbie Kinnunen, Notary Public
- DPW Workers: Joe Snell, DPW Supervisor, Wastewater Treatment Operator and Jan Rosewall

### **Garbage, Hazardous Waste and Recycling:**

- Monday is garbage pick-up day, changed to Tuesday for Memorial Day and Labor Day. Please make sure your garbage is in **TIED regular garbage bags** and placed in a covered container by 6:00 a.m. **weekly**. The maximum weight for garbage bags is **35 lbs**. If the Township experiences an emergency or inclement weather on the scheduled garbage day, pickup may be delayed until the next available day. Delays will be announced on WLUCTV6 and local radio stations.
- No glass is accepted in the recycling plastic and metal trailers. **Please breakdown cardboard boxes** to take up less room in the recycling fiber trailer.
- **Dumpster clean up days:** Please see the 2020 list of events for dates. The following items will not be accepted: septic tanks, hazardous materials, gas tanks, building materials or shingles. Items containing Freon will be accepted with a \$15 payment prior to disposing.
- **Tire collection:** We **will** have a collection (limit 10 tires per household). Dates to be announced.
- If you have **brush or yard waste**, please come to the township office during open hours to sign out the key for the gate before disposing at the brush pile. Disposal hours are Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Other times can be made by calling the office.
- West End Transfer Station tickets (located in West Ishpeming) are available for purchase at the township office for \$7 per ticket per 100 pounds. Tickets for the disposal of tires are available. 2020 Household Hazardous Waste Collection dates for the transfer station are on Wednesdays 3-7 p.m. June 17, July 15, August 19, September 16, and October 7.
- 2020 Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority (MCSWMA) Household Hazardous Waste Collection Schedule are Thursdays, 3-7 p.m. June 4, July 2, August 6, September 3, and October 1. Forms are available at the township office authorizing you to bring construction materials (shingles, etc.) directly to the Marquette County Landfill. The township has the list of

acceptable materials for disposal and bills you directly for the materials you bring there. You can access their website at [www.mcswma.com](http://www.mcswma.com) for more details.

#### **Taxes:**

- Summer taxes are due September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 without interest.
- Winter taxes are due February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 without interest.

#### **Elections:**

- August 4, 2020 is the General Primary election from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- November 3, 2020 is the General Election from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Election Inspectors are needed. Please call the office for information on training dates.

#### **Sewer:**

- Please refrain from flushing feminine products, towels, rags, diapers, diaper wipes, flushable wipes, etc. down the toilet; monitor your children for toys being flushed. These items get caught in the traps and cause problems with the grinders. Help us keep the user fees low!
- If you notice a lift station with the red light on, call the after-hours number 906-393-0198.
- TIP! Check your water softeners for efficiency to save \$ and reduce excess chloride in the wastewater. The Township reduced their salt use by 75% by upgrading. Eco friendly!

#### **Lakeview Cemetery:**

- The foot stones for the unmarked graves are completed and will be placed on the known graves. The Cemetery mapping continues to be a project in process. The current year budget has funds allocated for the street signs.
- Preparations are being made for Memorial Day services beginning at the cemetery at 10 a.m. on **Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>** this year. If it rains the ceremony will be cancelled. There will be no refreshments served. Please remember to remove your decorations before it closes in October.

#### **Fitness Room:**

- If restrictions are lifted, the Michigamme Township fitness room will be available for use from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. (or longer) Monday through Friday. There are several machines available for use. Please sign in and out so we can ensure the safety of those using the equipment.

#### **EMS and Fire Department:**

- The Fire Department Fire Chief is Joseph Perry, phone number 906-362-9617.
- The Michigamme Township Emergency Services (both the Fire Department and the First Responders) are looking for more volunteers to serve their community and join these outstanding organizations. For more information contact any member in either organization or the Michigamme Township Office.
- Remember to check the DNR website for **burn permits** at [www.dnr.state.mi.us/Burn Permits](http://www.dnr.state.mi.us/Burn Permits)

#### **Township Ordinances and Policies:**

- Michigamme Township passed updated policies on March 2, 2020 and approved a slight amendment clarifying the Volunteer policy on May 11, 2020. The ordinances and policies are available at the Michigamme Township office or online at [www.michigammetownship.com](http://www.michigammetownship.com).

#### **Dogs:**

- The Township follows the Marquette County licensing and State of Michigan leash laws.
- You must leash your dog when walking and keep control of them in your yard.
- The Township does have a noise ordinance.

### Grants:

- The Township is looking into grant opportunities to repair the basketball and tennis courts at the Township Park.
- The DNR grant for the campground has been extended and the well may be installed this summer at the Michigamme Beach campsites.

### Park, Boat Launch, and Campground:

- As in previous years the bathroom facilities will be open at the Michigamme Township Park all summer providing they do not get abused.
- Dogs are not permitted at the Michigamme Township Park (exception for service dogs).
- Do not park on the grass at the Michigamme Township Park.
- Please place garbage in the cans provided at the Michigamme Township Park.
- The rolling dock donated from the LMPO is available for the public to use to access the town from the lake by the Park. Another dock has been donated for public use by Scott Holman proprietor of Mount Shasta.
- Rustic campground rate is \$10 per night with a \$20 refundable cleaning fee deposit per campsite. Please stop by the office to pick up a rental agreement and pay the deposit and camping fee. The form is on the website also and can be put in the drop box when the office is closed. Portable toilets are available from June 1<sup>st</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Please place garbage in the cans provided at the Michigamme Beach and not in the toilets.
- Use the boat launch at the Michigamme Beach **at your own risk**. The concrete slabs 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 boat launch and concrete slabs this summer.
- Mr. George Kendall has undertaken the task to scare the geese from the park and beach using a variety of techniques again this year. So far it has proven successful! **Do not feed the geese!**

### Roads/Streets:

- The Township has an agreement with the Marquette County Road Commission for dust control and crack and seal this summer. No road paving is scheduled this year.

### Streetlights:

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

### Michigamme Museum:

- The new storage building was erected during the summer 2019 and the bell tower put in place in November 2019. Your generous donations are greatly appreciated to acquire insulation, electricity, and heating that were not included in the original construction. Please send them to the Michigamme Museum, PO Box 220, Michigamme, Michigan 49861.
- If you are interested in volunteering with any of the museum efforts and fundraising events call the Michigamme Township office at 906-323-6608 for meeting and event dates.

### NMU Telecom/Wireless Services:

- Several residents have taken advantage of the Northern Michigan University Educational Access Network (EAN) and have found it to be successful for high-speed broadband internet. If you are interested call 906-227-2957 or go to the website [www.nmu.edu/eau](http://www.nmu.edu/eau).

## Michigamme Township 2020 Schedule of Events

Phone: 906-323-6608 [www.michigammetownship.com](http://www.michigammetownship.com) [admin@michigammetownship.com](mailto:admin@michigammetownship.com)

*These events may be cancelled or changed depending on COVID-19 restrictions in place. Please call ahead.*

- May 30<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday      **Memorial Day** is observed at Lakeview Cemetery at 10:00 a.m. with social distancing (6 feet apart) and masks required. No refreshments or program will be held at the Community Building.
- May 29<sup>th</sup>  
through  
Sept 7<sup>th</sup>      **Michigamme Museum** is open daily through Labor Day, Noon to 5:00 p.m. This may be changed if restrictions are still in place after May 28<sup>th</sup>. There is no admission fee to visit, donations are welcomed, memorials, merchandise, and 2020 calendars are available.  
Museum phone # 906-323-9016
- June 1 –  
Sept 30      **Campground** is open daily. \$10 per night, \$20 refundable deposit. Portable toilets available. Rustic, no amenities. Forms are available on website and office. Place in drop box when not open.
- June 17-20  
AND  
Aug. 19-22      **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. | Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. |
| Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.  | Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to Noon    |
- The July 4<sup>th</sup> Committee has recommended that the Independence Day activities be cancelled this year.  
The Township Board supports this difficult decision.  
We hope you enjoy celebrating with your family this summer.  
Thank you for your continued support for future Independence Day celebrations.  
The Township will be celebrating their sesquicentennial in the year 2022.  
We are looking for volunteers to help us with the plans! Put on your creative caps!*
- July 25<sup>th</sup>      **LMPO Annual Meeting and Picnic** 10:00 a.m. in the Community Building Gym.
- July 26<sup>th</sup>      **Superior String Alliance Concert** in the Community Building Gym @ 4:30 p.m.
- Aug. 29<sup>th</sup>      **Community Pig Roast** fundraiser for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks 4:00-7:00 p.m. at the Park. Contact Lisa or Dan Swiedals for tickets (906-323-6141). Also available at the Township office, Museum and Crock & Rocker
- Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>      **Artisans Market** at the Michigamme Township Park 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
RAIN or SHINE! 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](mailto:57jmal@gmail.com); Virginia at 323-6274; or Rose at 250-8583 for details.*
- Oct 6<sup>th</sup>      **National Night Out** - 4:00-6:30 p.m. at the Township Park Pavilion weather permitting.
- Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>      **Halloween Party** – 1:30 doors open Community Building Gym, 2:00 p.m. Costume judging, Games, Raffles, Refreshments served. All ages welcome!
- Dec TBA      **Republic Michigamme Band Concert – Senior meal** - 11:00 a.m. Community Building Gym.
- Dec TBA      **3 p.m. Sleigh Rides, 4 p.m. Santa** – Community Building Gym.
- Dec 31<sup>st</sup>      **Ring in the New Year** – Museum Engine House Bell Tower – Midnight – Refreshments at the Community Building.