

Brown Township News

Manistee County, Michigan

Winter, 2020

Thank you, Pamela Tompke!

After 27 years as Clerk of Brown Township, Pam Tompke has chosen to retire from office. In 1994, after having served on the Planning Commission for 10 years, she was appointed to the position of Clerk, filling a partial term vacated by Ruth Hickok. She served alongside Supervisors, Jeff Rose, Ford Wagar, and currently, Paul Adamski. She also worked with Treasurers, Christine Goodrich, Cheryl Schaefer, and currently, Lani Millsap. Thank you Pamela for all you've done for this township and we will miss you!

"I have been so fortunate to work with such dedicated Board members, including our long-serving Trustees. Our board functions with mutual respect and friendship. There have been many changes in my office, especially with the new election technology. I will always cherish the feeling that Brown Township is like one very large neighborhood: a peaceful, safe place of extraordinary beauty, filled with caring people. Thank you for the privilege of serving you over the years."

Brown Township welcomes a new Clerk to the board!

Deborah Knutson ran unopposed on the November 3 ballot and will assume the Clerk duties at the end of November, 2020. Here is a message from Deborah as she begins her term of service:

"Hello! My name is Deborah Knutson. I grew up in the City of Manistee. Six years ago, my husband, Adam, and I bought the Schneider farm on the corner of Coates Hwy. and Schneider Road. We moved here with our two young children, and have been working hard to renovate and update the house and yard. I fell in love with the beauty of our area, and am so happy to now call Brown Township my home. My family and I enjoy the outdoors, especially hiking and fishing. I am excited to begin serving on the board and to be able to contribute my time and energy to improve our township in any way that I can."

Notes on Winter Taxes

To avoid a 3% penalty – please pay your 2020 winter taxes no later than February 16, 2021. After March 1, 2021, late payments must be made to the County. Options for paying taxes are: mail a check, drop off in white locked drop box on front porch of treasurer's home. Make payable to *Brown Township*: Brown Twp. Treasurer, 8406 Coates Hwy., Manistee, MI 49660. **(Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope if you wish to receive a receipt)**. Office hours will be December 29, 2020 and March 1, 2021 from 9 AM – 5 PM. Please call Lani with questions (794-0837).

Township Officials



Supervisor and Zoning Administrator:
Paul Adamski 510-7887

Clerk: Deborah Knutson
510-4732

Treasurer: Lani Millsap
794-0837

Trustee: Tim Joseph
477-5381

Trustee: Paul Wondolowski
233-6781

Assessor: Jared Litwiller
888-714-9288

Hall Rental: Jon Millsap
357-2573

Our County Commissioner:
Nikki Koons 655-3425

Changing Times...

The township has a Facebook page now to assist our residents in providing information and updates. Please like the page to see when updates occur. It can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/Brown-Township-105700964533187/>

In addition, we are working diligently on creating a township website. Our goal is to have information readily available to make things easier for our residents. Stay tuned!

Archives

A group of volunteers, with support from the Township Board, is undertaking a project to collect photos showing the history of Brown Township. The intent is to copy the photos (or documents), have them framed and displayed in the Browntown Hall. Do you have photos of barns, homes or local landmarks from our area? Perhaps family photos showing land grant "settlers" at home or at work on their farms? Could there be photos of tribal members or logging camps in your box of memories? Perhaps barn-raising or house building? Contact Pam Tompke at 889-5785 for more information, to share a photo, or to volunteer your help. All photos will be copied and returned.

Trash Reminder

Brown Township provides no cost trash drop-off for township residents. The waste truck is parked at the Browntown Hall on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays from 9:00 to 11:00 am. This service is strictly meant for **residential household refuse only**.

The garbage truck will be monitored more closely, and certain items will be refused: construction refuse, yard waste, car batteries, paint, tires and larger items that are not household waste. These types of items need to be taken to the county landfill on Camp Road. Scrap metal can be brought on the pick-up days. **Please don't drop off items in the parking lot on non-trash days.** We thank you for your assistance!

Recycle Right

Our township offers recycling to all residents with access available any time. Most people flatten boxes and deposit only clean materials. It is important to "recycle right"! Think of your items being sorted on a conveyor belt - keep food waste and trash out!

Put everything into the trailer loose (not in a bag). Recycle questions? Call 855-246-9346

Residents of Brown Township may use any of these recycle sites: Arcadia, Onekama, and Springdale Twp. Halls. Paper and cardboard can be placed in the trailers in Brethren or Manistee. Schools will earn money from these paper trailers.

Recycling helps the environment and reduces the cost of trash pick-up for our Township.

Thank you for recycling right!