

Brown Township News

Manistee County, Michigan

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Help Wanted!

Election Inspectors - Are people paid to assist voters at the polls on election day. If you are interested in being an inspector, you must submit an application. Applicants must be registered voters in the State of Michigan. Anyone convicted of a felony or an election crime may not serve. Call the Township Clerk at 231-510-4732 to pick up an application.

Board of Appeals (1) - If you are interested in serving on this board, please mail a resumé to the Clerk at 8025 Coates Hwy, Manistee, MI 49660 or call 231-510-4732 for more information.

Spring Cleanup!

Brown Township will have additional trash trucks at our regular trash drop-off on Saturday, May 4, 2024. Drop-off for this date only will start at 8:00 AM and end at 11:00 AM. No paint, tires, batteries or yard waste will be accepted. Brown Township residents only.

Winter Taxes

Winter taxes are due by Wednesday, February 14, 2024. 1% interest and 3% penalty will be included starting February 15 and on the first of month thereafter. Make checks payable to *Brown Township*. Options for paying taxes are: mail a check, drop off in the new drop box at the township hall or by appointment at the township hall. If paying with cash exact payment is required. Mail payments to: Brown Twp. Treasurer, 9180 River Rd, Manistee, MI 49660. (Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope if you wish to receive a receipt as they are not automatically mailed anymore). **Office hours will be held December 27, 2023, February 14, 2024 and February 29, 2024 from 9 AM – 5 PM at the township hall.** No drop in's allowed at the treasurers home. Please call Melissa at 231-676-0431 with questions.

Planning new construction?

A land use permit may be needed. Please call Paul Adamski at 231-510-7887 for more information. Also available are demolition permits. Land use permits are \$75 and demolition permits are free.

Vote!

2024 will be a busy year for Brown Township voters with at least 3 elections. As of this printing the dates include: Presidential primary February 27, Primary August 6, General election November 6. The township website will be updated with any changes or if there is an additional local election as well as information on the new 9-day early voting. **www.browntownshipmi.com**

Absentee ballots are available from the township clerk. Contact Deborah at 231-510-4732 if you would like an absentee ballot.

Township Officials

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Supervisor and Zoning Administrator:
Paul Adamski 231-510-7887

Clerk: Deborah Knutson
231-510-4732
clerkbrowntownship@yahoo.com

Treasurer: Melissa Hughey
231-676-0431
treasurerbrowntownship@yahoo.com

Trustee: Tim Joseph
231-477-5381

Trustee: Paul Wondolowski
231-233-6781

Assessor: Jared Litwiller
888-714-9288

Hall Rental: Jon Millsap
231-357-2573

County Commissioner: Nikki Koons
231-655-3425

News from your Planning Commission

The Brown Township Planning Commission has been working for the last 4 and ½ years to update the Township Master Plan and the Zoning Ordinance. The purpose of the Master Plan is to set goals for future land use in Brown Township. The goals were derived from these things:

- Resident survey responses
- Previous Planning Commission goals
- County requirements
- Current land use trends

The Master Plan also serves as a framework upon which the Zoning Ordinance is based. Both documents follow these fundamental purpose statements:

- Promote public health, safety and welfare.
- Provide for thoughtful development of the Township.
- Promote stewardship of forest, agriculture and the natural environment.
- Minimize conflict among residents.
- Increase the use of resources in accordance with their character and adaptability.
- Limit the improper use of land.

Before either of these documents can go into effect, there will be an opportunity for Brown Township residents to offer their input at a public hearing. When the date for that hearing is set, it will be posted at the Township Hall, advertised in the News Advocate and posted on the Township website.

Until then, if you have any communication for the Planning Commission you can attend one of our monthly meetings (usually the first Monday of each month and always posted at the Hall ahead of time). You can also visit the website at **www.browntownshipmi.com** where you can access communication forms. Click on the button labeled *Resident Information*. The **Public Input** form is for any issues, concerns or ideas you might have. The **Complaint Form** should be filled out if you want us to take action on issues of odors, noise, blight or general nuisance.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Hall Rental

Family get togethers, celebrations, just because, holidays, weddings, graduation parties, birthday's, celebration of life, Halloween parties, concerts and more is a little history of what the hall has been rented for in the past. Please keep our loving hall in your thoughts when you need a place for a larger crowd to get together. Resident cost is \$100 (\$50 deposit returned after inspection) and non-resident \$200 (\$50 deposit returned after inspection). Remember, certificate of liability insurance is required upon rental and must be produced to obtain keys. Call Jon Millsap at 231-357-2573 to schedule.

Trash Reminder

Brown Township provides no cost trash drop-off for township residents. The waste truck is parked at the Brown Township 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!