

HAYES TOWNSHIP, OTSEGO COUNTY NEWSLETTER FOR WINTER 2013-2014

MISSION STATEMENT: To be responsive to the needs of our township citizens, to be knowledgeable and informed leaders, to make the best decisions to preserve the desired quality of life.

OFFICERS: Supervisor: Mary Sanders (Assessor)	(989) 732 4206
Clerk: Richard Ross	732 9576
Treasurer: Wayne Tyler	732 3313
Trustee: Brad Kilbourn	858 0855
Trustee: Dan Wagar	732 3401

Your township officials work from their homes. There is no mail delivery to the township hall. Our meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month beginning at 6 PM. The township hall is located at the corner of M 32 W and Hayes Tower Road. The calendar is posted at the hall.

ADDRESS CHANGES: Contact the treasurer for updated address information. The township officials must have the most recent accurate information.

ASSESSING QUESTIONS: The assessor can answer your questions about property values, property transfer affidavits, the principle resident exemption, land divisions, and board of review information. Assessment change notices are mailed in late February each year.

CEMETERY LOTS: Contact the treasurer about the purchase of lots or information about the memorial gardens. Prices have changed in 2013. Boy Scout Troop # 1 does the mowing and clean-up of the township and cemetery grounds.

CLEAN UP DAY: American Waste has changed our date to **JUNE 7**, the week before Father's Day. The site is the same; Little League Drive, the hours are 7 to 11 am. No tires will be accepted. No hazardous materials will be accepted. Please bring proof of residency that morning!

ELECTIONS: There will be an August primary with millage issues to be voted on and there will be a November election. All elections are held at the Hayes Township Hall! Contact the Clerk to register to vote! Notices of elections are published in the newspapers.

FIRE PROTECTION: The Otsego County Fire Department serves all of Hayes Township. The township pays over \$45,000 per year for our coverage.

FULL TIME RESIDENCY: When you become a resident of Hayes Twp, you must file a principle residence affidavit with the assessor. The deadline is June 1 each year. Beginning in 2013, new residents between June and November will receive a winter PRE if the affidavit is timely filed.

GROWTH: The real property value of the township in 2013 was 116,633,700 in assessed values. Personal property added 22,385,050 of additional value. The equalized value of over 139 million in assessments became 120 million for taxable value and generated about \$93,000 in tax dollars for the township. Our township millage rate is 0.8738. The total homestead levy is 21 mils for the schools,

county, and extra voted issues. The non- homestead rate is 39 mils with the difference going to the school operations. Those values may be slightly less in 2014.

HOUSE NUMBERS: Please display your house number so emergency personnel can locate your home or cottage. Unnecessary delays can make a difference of life or death.

RE-CYCLING SITE: There is a county re-cycling site just south of the township hall on Hayes Tower Road. A millage was passed to provide bins to recycle papers, plastics, cardboard, tin, and glass. This site is open year round and convenient for those who do recycle. This is available to residents and seasonal residents for use. The site is provided by the township and maintained by Otsego County.

ROAD CONSTRUCTION: During 2013 another section of Hayes Tower Road was upgraded. The township has paid over \$360,000 for this portion. The project has won an award for the quality of the improvement. Some preliminary work is being done for the remaining miles. The Hayes Tower Hill was up graded for better safety.

TAX BILLS: The summer tax bills are sent July 1 and are due by Sept 14. The winter billing is sent Dec 1 and is due by February 14. The March Board of Review sets the values for the calendar year. The non-homestead rate is 39 mils. The homestead (PRE) rate is 21 mils. The non- residents pay the additional 18 mils for school operations.

TOWNSHIP BOARD: Your Township pays for road construction, fire protection, and salaries for the officers. We also pay for county planning and zoning, the annual clean- up day, economic alliance, and SANE. We maintain the township hall and the computer equipment. Lessor expenses include street lights, insurances, association dues, board of review members and election workers. We prepare a yearly budget and we do have regular audits of the township accounting.

VETERANS EXEMPTION: If you are 100% disabled veteran, you are exempt from paying property taxes on your home. This does not include a seasonal or second home. This does not include adjoining lands. To see if you qualify, you MUST call Marlene Hopp, Veterans Counselor, at 989 731 7575. The proper forms must be filed every year.

ZONING: Hayes Township subscribe to Otsego County zoning regulations. For zoning uses, land divisions, and building permits, you must contact the Land Use Service office at 989 731 7420.