

# COURTLAND CLIPPINGS



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## OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday  
9:00-4:30pm  
CLOSED FRIDAYS

PHONE: (616) 866-0622  
BUILDING, PLUMBING, ELECTRICAL, AND  
HEATING PERMITS:  
Imperial Municipal Services  
(616) 863-9294

## TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

SUPERVISOR: Matt McConnon  
TREASURER & ZA\*: Colleen Brown  
CLERK: Susan Hartman  
TRUSTEES: Mary Ann Andersen, Kimberly  
McIntyre, Sandy Frandsen, Charles Porter  
ASSESSOR: Jane Kolbe  
COMPLIANCE OFFICER: Anthony Goss

\*Zoning Administrator

## MEETING SCHEDULE

*All meetings at 7:00 PM*

TOWNSHIP BOARD: 1st Wednesday  
ZBA: 2nd Wednesday  
PLANNING COMMISSION: 3rd Tuesday



## FALL CLEAN UP

October 6th and 7th, 2023  
8:30 am - 3:30 pm

## NEWS FLASH

Stay up-to-date with Township news by providing your email address and phone number on the bottom portion of your tax bill or by **subscribing on our website!** We do not share your information with third parties.

## SUPERVISOR NOTES

With summer here, road work is in full swing. The weather has cooperated to this point and much of the work is ahead of schedule. 13 Mile Rd has been completed from Shaner Ave to Myers Lake Ave, Berrigan from 13 Mile to 14 Mile and we have also put down asphalt millings on the gravel section of Young between Peterson St and 13 Mile. We are trying this out as an alternative to paving the gravel roads that we have left since there are very few houses on these sections. We also plan to put millings on Farland Ave from 14 Mile to Swift. If this works well we may continue to do all gravel roads.

The Courtland Township Park is open with pickleball courts, playground, pavilion, walking trail, disc golf, horseshoe pits and ball field. We encourage you all to come out and enjoy the park this summer. If you are bringing your dog to the park, please remember that state law requires all dogs be on leashes. We also ask that you clean up after your pet when on the township property. There are no exceptions so please be courteous to those who also wish to enjoy the area.

As a reminder to all, Courtland Township ordinances (Section 2.32) state that vehicles stored outside must be operable and licensed. Any vehicles that are unlicensed or inoperable must be inside a building. If you have vehicles that are inoperable or unlicensed, we ask that you either move them into a building, sell or dispose of them at a salvage yard.

*Matt McConnon, Township Supervisor*

## SUMMER 2023

### TREASURER NOTES

Summer Taxes 2023 Due:  
Tuesday, Sep. 14, 2023 by 4:30 PM.  
Additional interest applies after  
September 14, 2023

### PAYMENT OPTIONS

IN PERSON: A cashier or personal check is preferred. If paying in cash, must bring exact amount. BY MAIL: For a receipt, please enclose a stamped, self-address envelope and your entire tax bill. Mail early! Postmarks are NOT accepted and mailing can take up to 7 days or more.

DROP BOX: for your convenience, a payment drop box is located by the front door 24/7.

ONLINE PAYMENTS: Pay your taxes online with a credit card or e-check on our website! \*\*\*\*Convenience fees do apply as noted\*\*\*\* Click the button "Online Payments" on the home page and you will be taken to the link to access BS&A Services/Online Payments/Current Tax Payments. Either choose to set up an account as property owner for free access, or pay the \$2.00 fee with your credit card as a separate transaction to continue. Once you have found your parcel through BS&A, there will be an option to access "Point and Pay" to process your tax payment with a credit card or e-check. Point and Pay convenience fees are 3% of the credit card amount or \$3.00 for an e-check (A credit card run as a debit card is not an option). Be sure to have a transaction receipt emailed to you as proof of payment. Credit card & e-check payments are accepted July 1, 2023, through Feb. 26, 2024. **We do not accept credit card payments at the office.** *The Treasurer's office is not responsible for payment on the wrong property.*

**DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES:** Your tax bill will have a reminder note on it if delinquent taxes are still due for your parcel from prior years. Please contact Kent Co. Treasurer, (616) 632-7500, for further information.



**SUMMER TAX DEFERMENT:** Applications are available online and at the Twp. Hall and must be received before September 14, 2023, at the Twp. Hall to be eligible for consideration.

**PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE EXEMPTION:** Check your tax bill to make sure you are receiving the PRE if you qualify.

**MORTGAGE ESCROW PAYMENTS:** We sent your tax bill to the mortgage company IF the mortgage company requested the bill. Your tax bill will also show a MORT CODE and the message "A copy of this bill has been sent to your mortgage provider" which means that your tax bill has been sent to your mortgage company or the Tax Service they utilize. This is printed in **red** in the "Property Detail" portion of your tax bill on the left side. If your taxes are escrowed and your bill was not sent to your mortgage company, make a copy of the bill for your records, and forward the original tax bill to your mortgage company directly for payment.

Courtland Township Annual Budget is adopted at our March Regular Township Board Meeting yearly. Our fund balances are available upon request at the Treasurer's Office. Please feel free to contact our office with any questions throughout the year. Thank you for your continued support.

Thankful summer is here, enjoy!

*Colleen Brown, Treasurer  
Ashlee Vanderkooi, Deputy Treasurer*



### FIRE CHIEF'S DESK

We are looking to hire Firefighters, no experience needed we will train you. Must be 18 years old with a clean driving record and a High School diploma.

**BURN PERMITS:** Please, before you burn go to the Courtland Township website and fill out a burn permit. Remember, all burning must be done during daylight hours, and burning should be a safe distance from all buildings, tall grass, and trees. Do not leave fires unattended and have a garden hose handy. Burning of tires, roofing, construction materials, treated lumber, garbage, plastics, rubber or petroleum products is Strictly Prohibited.

**911 EMERGENCY ADDRESS SIGNS:** If you or a loved one is having a medical emergency it is very difficult for us to respond to your house quickly with no address out by the road. Even in subdivisions it is very hard for us to see the address on your house. We have the Green & White reflective address signs available for \$10.00. Call the Township office to order 616-866-0622. If you do not have one of these address signs, please have your address on both sides of your mailbox. And please keep the high grass and weeds mowed around them so we can see your address.

**KNOX BOXES are now available for single family residences.** If you live alone and you do not have family members nearby that can let us in if you have a medical emergency that you are not able to unlock your door. We have a way for us to make access to your home by installing a KNOX Box on the outside of our house. It is a little lock box that only our Fire department have a key to unlock it and inside it has your spare key so we can unlock your door. \$200.00 we will install it for you. Please call the Chief for more information or installing one. 616-866-3511

Have a safe Summer.

*Steve Mojzuk, Courtland Fire Chief*

### CLERK'S NOTES

We have a new Deputy Clerk. Cheryl Halfacer accepted the position in April and she is settling in and doing a great job. Cheryl was the Deputy Treasurer for a township up north and moved to our area to be closer to her family. Please join me in welcoming Cheryl.

With the passing of Proposal 2022-2 comes many changes to the way we will be voting in the future. Legislation has not been passed on many of the issues, so we are still in a holding pattern. As we are informed, we will pass this information on to our voters. If you are interested in being an election inspector, please submit your application.

*Sue Hartman, Clerk  
Cheryl Halfacer, Deputy Clerk*

### FROM THE PARKS COMMITTEE:

Did you know that behind the township hall on 14 Mile Road we have pickle ball courts, regulation size horseshoe courts, a volleyball court, a baseball diamond, a gaga ball court and a playground. To the west of the hall is the disc golf course. We also have a beautiful, serene walking path (approximately 1 mile long) that wanders through the wilderness. Public restrooms are available in the back of the Fire Station, open from dawn to dusk. For your convenience, a set of horseshoes and disc golf discs are available to borrow during Township business hours.

The Pickleball Courts are very busy! Please be respectful of your court time and others who cannot wait to work on their Groundstroke.

With a grant from Ducks Unlimited along with funds from the Township, the 10 Mile Park is close to completion. It will be a space to explore and enjoy Courtland Township's diverse ecosystem. Stay tuned for the Grand Opening Ceremony and the official name unveiling.

The Courtland Township Parks Committee meets the first Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm and we need you! Please consider joining us with your input and elbow grease. Volunteers are what make our park system what it is and what it will continue to be.

### COURTLAND TOWNSHIP MASTER PLAN

The Planning Commission is continuing its work on an update of our Master Plan. They meet the third Tuesday of each month. The public is encouraged to attend and participate in the planning process!