



*Gratitude turns what we have into enough - Unknown*

## WINTER 2015 NEWSLETTER

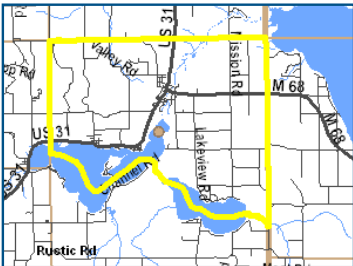


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Emmet County, P.O. Box 188 Alanson, Michigan 49706

### Littlefield Township ROAD WORK

Every year, Littlefield Township allocates funds for local road maintenance projects. Among the projects for 2015 was the total reconstruction of Lakeview Road; south of Banwell Rd. The road's surface was pulverized, road base reconstructed and all driveway and cross culverts replaced. This portion of the project was bid at \$149,476.00. It is anticipated the final surfacing of this road is to be completed summer of 2017.



Powers Road from the Luce Street intersection to North Conway Road was reconstructed and paved. This was a federal aid project that totaled \$241,080.00. Of this amount, Littlefield Township provided \$20,000.00. This road is very

well traveled and really needed the work that was done.

Finally, crack sealing was done on Armock, Barney, Burley, Lakeview, Luce and Mission Road for a total of 3.91 miles. This maintenance project was bid at \$9,600.00.

This brings a total of \$179,076.00 that Littlefield Township invested in local and primary road needs in 2015.

- Damien Henning, Littlefield Township Supervisor.



### HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

#### Homestead Exemption - Principle Residence Exemption (PRE)

What used to be called a Homestead Exemption is now called Principle Residence Exemption PRE. This is for the home where you live most of the year, where you have your driver's license and voter registration and call home. It is only available on one dwelling. It affects your Summer Taxes and will reduce the amount of that bill by about half. Look on your bill and look under Tax Detail for the heading PRE/MBT and there is a percentage by that. That tells the percentage of the exemption you received. If you feel you are receiving or not receiving the right exemption please contact your assessor, Jim LaPeer or your treasurer, Kim Shomin.

### IMPORTANT NUMBERS

#### Township Phone Numbers

Emergency: 911

Fire Department: 231-548-5646

Supervisor: Damien Henning 231-548-5443

Clerk: Sondra Festerling 231-348-8464

Treasurer: Kim Shomin 231-548-2142

Assessor: Jim LaPeer: 231-238-9606

Cemetery Sexton & Sewer Clerk: Kim Morgan 231-529-5542

Trustee: Dean Morford 231-347-0653

Trustee: Katie Derrohn 231-347-1937

### HOME TOWN BUSINESS

#### Personal Property Tax Exemption

#### Local Businesses. We need 'em!

We have everything anyone needs right here in our township. Every kind of merchant or trade! Seriously I haven't had to go outside of here for anything other than lumber, prescriptions, and appliances. How about you? What you save in gas and time and what you gain in service is more than worth what extra you might have to pay. We all would like commerce to stay alive and well outside of the big city! So as much as you are able ... be good to your local businesses. It's a real way to give back to the community you live in and keep it alive and healthy for future generations.



ATTENTION ALL LOCAL BUSINESS OWNERS: The State of Michigan has for the last two years allowed smaller businesses to be exempt from the personal property tax. It is required that you file each year for this or you will be billed. The form shows up along with the form to file for this tax from your assessor. It comes out around the first of each year and must be filed on time. Look for it, read it and fill it out.

Contact your assessor, Jim LaPeer and/or your treasurer, Kim Shomin with any questions.

#### WINTER TAX DUE DATE:

**Tuesday, Feb 16, 2016**

*Taxes paid by this date accrue no interest or penalties*



#### ELECTION UPDATE:

The Legislature has voted that the election date for the Presidential Primary for Michigan will be March 8, 2016. Remember to get your absentee ballots request made in plenty of time. Contact the Clerk or applications can also be found on line at the Michigan Secretary of State.

## Cemetery News and Information

- The expansion of the cemetery grounds, at the north end, has been started. The first stage, tree removal, has begun with the red pines being removed this fall. There is no timetable for the completion of the expansion, but we will keep you updated.
- Cemetery lots are available for township residents at a current cost of \$200.00 for a 4-grave lot; single graves, on selected sites, are available for \$50.00 each.
- Next spring look for the new cemetery folders that will be located in the mailboxes (near the parking lots). These folders include all recorded burials and the location of each along with a map of the cemetery making locating a grave easier.
- Copies of our Fees, Rules and Regulations are also available in the mailboxes.

If you have any questions or would like information on the cemetery, please contact Kim Morgan, Sexton at 231-529-5542 or [morgan.littlefieldtwp@gmail.com](mailto:morgan.littlefieldtwp@gmail.com)

## HAY LAKE MARINA UPDATE

All the required work has been done and now the Township is just waiting to hear soon if there will be a grant given for us to purchase land for this proposed marina/park. We will give a report on this in the July newsletter.



### LIBRARY HOURS

Monday - Wednesday: 10am - 6pm  
Thursday: 10am - 7pm • Friday: 12n - 5pm  
Saturday: 10am - 2pm  
Closed Holidays:  
Nov. 26-27, Dec. 24-25, Dec. 31 - Jan. 1

### Alanson Christmas Open House

Friday Dec 11, 2015, 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

**Public Transportation in Areas of Emmet County  
Straits Regional Ride Bus  
231-597-9262**

### STATE MANDATED OFFICE HOURS

The Treasurer or Deputy will be on-site for tax collection on December 28, 2015, 9-5 and February 29, 2016, 9-5. Times and places will be posted at the Township Hall.

## ALANSON/LITTLEFIELD FIREFIGHTER'S COMPLETELY OUTFITTED



In 2015, 11 sets of turnout gear were purchased for the Alanson Littlefield Fire Department. Funds for this purchase were provided as follows: \$10,000.00 from the Baiardi Family Foundation, \$10,000.00 from the Local Revenue Sharing Board and \$10,000.00 from the Littlefield Township General Fund for a total of \$30,000.00. Since 11 sets of turnout gear were purchased in 2014, all 22 firefighters now have state of the art turnout gear.

Also, the purchase of duty boots, winter coats and gear bags for the EMS personnel was authorized in the amount of \$4,000.00

NOTICE: Littlefield Township had the opportunity to acquire property between the highway and the Oden Gazebo. This



would ensure the quality of the park surroundings and enable possible future opportunities for this park which sits right next to the new bike trail. The house on this property

is for sale and the buyer would be responsible for moving it. The address is 4287 Oden Rd.

For more information contact Katie Derrohn,  
Littlefield Township Trustee 231-838-4702

**Littlefield Township Website  
Coming soon...**



The Township is finishing up and about to launch it's new website. Look for all the details in the July newsletter.



*Littlefield Alanson  
Community Hall  
Rental*

Call Dan Plasencia 548-5656

## TAX PAYMENT INFORMATION

It's a good idea to include contact information along with your tax payment. In the event of an error the treasurer is able to save you money by contacting you immediately.