

Inland Township News

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Township Office 231-275-6568

November 2021

Inland Township Board

Supervisor - Paul Beechraft

275-7029 Tuesday: 11:00 – 3:00

supervisor@inlandtownship.org

Clerk - Rose Wirth 640-2355

Monday/Tuesdays: 1:00 – 5:00

clerk@inlandtownship.org

Treasurer - Linda Wilson

325-6192 Tuesdays: 10:00 - 2:00

Thursdays: 1:00 - 5:00

treasurer@inlandtownship.org

Trustee - Mary Miller 275-7156

Trustee - Sherri Ockert-Poulisse 275-6552

Fire Department

Chief Dayton Pfost 231-499-9453

Office Hours are by appointment.

Zoning Administrator

Sara Kopriva 231-383-1229

Plannorth45@gmail.com

Tuesdays: 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Or by appointment

Assessor – 231-227-1095

The Assessor's office is located at 10655 Riverside Dr. in Honor. The Assessor does not keep office hours at Inland Township.

BATTERIES, CFL BULBS & CELL PHONES

are accepted at the

Township Office/Fire Department Building during regular business hours. **Be sure to change the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors.**

OLD FLAGS

American Flag Retirement Box is located inside the Township Office/Fire Building during regular business hours. These flags will be properly disposed of by Scout Troop 105 of Lake Ann.

BOARD MEETINGS

The Inland Township Board meets the second Monday of every month at 6:00 p.m. in the meeting room at the Office/Fire Department Building. These meetings are open to the public. Township residents are urged to attend.

From the Supervisors Desk:

It would be great to see more people to get involved in the township.

If you have any concerns or comments about the Township? Call or see Paul, Supervisor.

Be a part of your township government. We are always seeking members for the following Committees & Commissions: Planning Commission, ZBA/Zoning Board of Appeals, Parks & Recreation, Fire Association, Event Committee, and Board of Review.

If you are interested in being on a committee contact Paul or Rose at the Township office.

Come to a meeting and hear about current and future issues, changes, and concerns.

2022 Board of Review:

Property tax appeals and poverty exemptions:

Monday March 7, 2022 9:00-12:00 and 1:00-4:00 and

Tuesday March 8, 2022 2:00-5:00 and 6:00-9:00.

Correction of clerical errors: July 20, 2022 at 4:00 PM and December 13, 2022 at 4:00 PM.

We have purchased 30 acres of land was for a new fire hall and township offices, at the NW corner of US 31 and Lake Ann Rd. Construction date and other details are unknown at this time

From the Clerk's Office:

2022 election dates: August 2 and November 8. Anyone wishing to be placed on the permanent absentee voter list please contact the clerk. Applications to receive and absentee ballot will be mailed approximately 4-6 weeks before each election. If you have a question regarding your voter registration please call the office Monday or Tuesday 1-5.

From our Treasurer:

39% of Inland Township is owned by the state, which is not taxed. So we don't collect as much in property taxes as some of our neighboring townships but we are the 3rd largest township in the county.

Current (2020) Census Results:

Almira	3,873
Benzonia	2,734
Inland	2,386
Homestead	2,329
City of Frankfort	1,288
Crystal Lake	1,065
Gilmore	791
Joyfield	763
Lake	694
Colfax	677
Weldon	579
Blaine	484
Platte	343

NEWS FROM OUR FIRE CHIEF:

Run volume for 2021

EMS 126 incidents

Fire 42 incidents

Total 168

This represents the number of calls the Inland Township Fire and EMS responded to in 2021. 27 times they reported to neighboring townships, and 12 times our township received help from nearby townships for our fire or medical needs.

We currently have 17 people in our EMS and Fire Department who are volunteer/paid on call. This is typical of most local fire departments. More people are needed and applications are being taken. If hired training costs are covered by the township. Ongoing monthly training is conducted at the Fire Station by the Fire Captain and EMS captain.

A new UTV/Utility Task Vehicle/Side by side will be delivered any day. It will be used for rescues and wildfires in hard to reach areas, and to transport people and water. Our Chief is proud of our 6/9 ISO rating with insurance companies. Watch Facebook for updates by the Chief.

FIRE ASSOCIATION

Pop cans are collected at the hall and proceeds support the Fire Association.

We are looking forward to our 8th Annual Soup' r Bowl Chili Cook-off on Saturday February 12, 2022 from 12 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

This event is to raise money to support programs such as Fire Prevention Training at the Lake Ann Elementary School as well as assist

the Inland Township Fire Department and community.

Individual and business/restaurant entries will be accepted. You must enter either a white chili, tomato based chili or a soup. You may also enter more than one type but each entry is paid individually.

Entry fee this year will be \$10.00 per item. Each entry gives you an opportunity to win prizes and "bragging" rights. All entries must include a list of ingredients.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend. A donation of \$5 per person or \$20 per family will be accepted. The entry donation allows people to taste all the chili and soups entered and vote for the People's Choice Award.

A house chili will also be available as well as a variety of beverages. We will be offering hot dogs this year and plenty of desserts.

There will also be the annual Silent Auction. **If you or any one you know would like to donate an item or two to the auction that would be greatly appreciated, please contact Cindy Beechraft or a member of the Fire Association. You can also drop it off at the office during business hours.**

All monies raised are kept in Inland Township.

Our mission is to support the Inland Township Fire Department and to assist with educational programs. We are financed by fund raising activities that benefit the Fire Department and the Community. New members are always welcome.

From the Assessor:

The Assessor is required to perform an exterior inspection of all parcel sales, building permits

and a percentage of agricultural and commercial parcels annually. Due to volume, these inspections will be performed without notice to the property owners.

EVENTS COMMITTEE

We currently have one activity, the Hymn Sing, on the third Sunday at 4:00 at the Bendon Hall. All are welcome!

New ideas are being considered but help is needed to make them happen. Contact Paul to present your ideas or to see how you can help. We would like to have events for our senior population, exercise for all ages, crafts, and cards or games. Check the website or call the office. If you have an idea let us know.

The Bendon Hall is available for \$25 per day; the Meeting Room is \$30 Friday- Sunday and \$10 Monday - Thursday. Both require a \$50 deposit.

If your house is too small, rent the hall! Pay a small fee and have a place to bee! But please, no booze, if our hall you choose.

PARKS & RECREATION:

The Parks & Recreation committee has been reinstated to work on improvements to the Lake Ann Road and Lamb Road parks. Current discussions for additions are a full size basketball court, pickle ball courts, an additional pavilion and upgrades to the playground.

Money to fund this project is coming from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) from the federal government via the state.

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