



Osceola Township
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Winter 2018

OFFICE HOURS: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (Drop box available outside township office for your convenience.)

Osceola Township Board of Trustees

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**FOR WATER EMERGENCIES:
906-281-5578**

**We are now accepting credit
card payments!**

**Water bills and tax bills can be
paid online or in our office with
any major credit card (American
Express excluded).**

**Your card will be charged an
extra 3% of the total of your bill
as a service charge for any credit
card payments.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| 12/05 | Tamarack City Utility Board Meeting 6 PM @ TC Firehall |
| 12/11 | Board of Review 1:30 PM @ Township Office |
| 12/12 | Osceola Township Water Company 5 PM &
Board Meeting 5:15 PM @ Township Office |
| 12/21 | Santa at the Runeberg Hall, Elm Avenue in Dollar Bay 7 PM |

Keep an eye on our website and around Tamarack City for the Santa in the Park date!

**The KRC will be offering free snow
removal in Dollar Bay again this winter!
For more information, contact Nolan
Osborne at 906-370-6309. Forms to sign
up are in the Township Office.**

**We need volunteers during Open Skating
time at the Dollar Bay Ice Rink. If you are
willing to supervise skaters, please contact
Clerk Judy Odgers at 906-482-8578, ext. 2
and let her know!**

Please note – anyone can purchase flood insurance, even if not in a flood plain. The National Flood Insurance program is a US government program. Check with your home insurance agent or go online if interested!

Top 10 Ways to Conserve Water in Your Home – Provided by the Superior Watershed Partnership

1. **Install low-flow sink faucets and showerheads throughout your home, which can reduce your water use by 25 to 50%.**
2. **Install a high-efficiency toilet.**
3. **Check for any water leaks in your home due to leaking toilet flappers, dripping faucets and other leaky valves.**
4. **Use a high-efficiency washing machine in your home.**
5. **To waste the least amount of water in the kitchen, operate your automatic dishwasher only when it's fully loaded.**
6. **Take showers, not baths.**
7. **Turn off the tap when you brush your teeth.**
8. **Install a rain barrel to collect natural rainwater for watering your lawn and garden.**
9. **Use native plants in your landscaping projects.**
10. **Encourage your friends and relatives to practice water conservation at their homes.**

For more information, head to the Superior Watershed Partnership website at <https://superiorwatersheds.org/> or contact the Township Office for the entire list.

FROM THE SUPERVISOR:

The summer and fall rains have not been good for our communities. Although we have not suffered as badly as other communities in our area, individuals in Dollar Bay, Woodside Lane, Mason and Tamarack City have had life-altering destruction. Again, I want to remind people to seek help from the Portage Health Foundation and Keweenaw Community Foundation. Fixes to our local infrastructure will take years to complete. Pray for less rain and an easy snow melt come spring.

One the bright side, Tamarack City Hill Road was redone from M26 to Junction Road with flood disaster money. Remember, the road millage in Osceola Township is divided between three areas: Dollar Bay, Tamarack City and the North End. There is not just one big pool of road repair money we can draw from. In Dollar Bay, 6th Street was redone and work was done on the drainage ditch from 6th Street to the ballfield.

The Dollar Bay ballfield had extensive use as a soccer field this late summer and fall.

If an organization wants to use the Dollar Bay ballfield, the Sandy Bottom or Tamarack City Park pavilion, please contact the township office to reserve the site for your event. The township secretary takes care of the reservations.

I want to thank the voters of Osceola Township for passing the requested road millage renewal for our Township roads. Thank you!

Steven Karpiak

FROM THE TREASURER:

Tax bills are now going out, and the due date to pay without interest is February 28th. The office will be open from 9 AM – 5 PM on Wednesday, December 26th and Thursday, February 28th to pay your summer and winter taxes. After February 28th, they will then be turned over to the County Treasurer.

The December Board of Review will take place on December 11th at 1:30 PM at the Township Office. Poverty exemptions, Qualified Agricultural Exemptions that were not on the 2017 and/or 2018 Tax Roll, and Principal Residence Exemptions (PRE's) that were NOT on 2015, 2016, 2017 and/or 2018 Tax Roll will all be accepted.

If you have any questions about your assessment, taxable values, SEV's or anything pertaining to assessing, feel free to contact our assessor, Laura Erhart at her office 906-358-0504 or by email osceolaassessor@gmail.com.

If you need any help with your taxes, or have any questions, I am happy to help in any way I can. I'm in the office Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 9 AM – 12 PM, or by appointment. My email is treasurer@osceolatwp.com, my phone is 482-8578 ext. 3.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
Christa Gardner