

## 2019-20 Bessemer Township Community Information Guide

### **BESSEMER TOWNSHIP HALL**

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PO Box 304

Ramsay, MI 49959

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#### **Office Hours:**

See listing under individual  
offices on page 2

A Holiday schedule is also in  
this directory.

#### **Township Officials:**

Supervisor	Jeff Randall
Clerk	Debbie Janczak
Treasurer	Lisa Hegbloom
Trustee	Beverly Ikola
Trustee	Hope Tarnaski
Deputy Clerk	Angie Mazurek
Deputy Treasurer	Corine Johnston



Seated Left to Right: Beverly Ikola-Trustee, Debbie Janczak-Clerk, Hope Tarnaski-Trustee (standing L-R), Jeff Randall- Supervisor, Lisa Hegbloom-Treasurer

## Welcome to Bessemer Township

Bessemer Township is a General Law Township organized in the late 1800's under the Northwest Ordinance of 1887, with approximately 126 square miles of land and over 1176 residents. A five-member board comprised of the Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer and two Trustees governs the Township.

These members determine Township policy, listen and respond to public needs and approve the allocation of public funds. The board members are elected to four-year terms in the presidential election years.

The regular business meetings of Bessemer Township are held on the second and fourth Mondays of the month at 5:00 p.m. in the Township Hall. The public is always welcome to attend meetings and there is a special time for public comment during the meetings.

Many services are provided to residents of the township and include: public safety, streets/roads, sanitation, planning & zoning, and water & sewer where available to area residents and businesses.

**Please be sure to enjoy our newly renovate park scheduled to reopen in the summer of 2019!** Other pertinent information on the township and some of its surrounding neighbors can be found on its website: [bessemertownship.com](http://bessemertownship.com) or on our Facebook page.



## Community Information Guide

This guide was created with you in mind. It has information important to those new to the area or those just wanting to know more about our beautiful township. Inside is information on who to call for new utility services, including phone, gas, and water/sewer. Also, an outline of the township offices/departments is provided for your information.

We are here to serve you in the best way possible using those tools that are available to us for those services. Please keep this reference handy and tell us how it has helped you! Also, we'd like to know any other information you feel would be helpful for our area!

Don't forget to check our website for the 4th of July activities and schedule held in Ramsay. The Heritage Committee has been hard at work and has done a great job bringing this fun and exciting event back to our area! **THANK YOU TO ALL INVOLVED!**

## Township Departments

### Supervisor

The Supervisor is the moderator at Township board meetings as well as the spokesperson for the Township in general. In addition, he is responsible for developing the township budget, appoints commission members, and calls special meetings.

**Supervisor, Jeffery Randall**

**Phone:** 906-667-0423      **Fax:** 906-667-0436  
**Hours:** Tuesdays-9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m./Wed-10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m./  
 Thursday-9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m./Friday-9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.  
 (Closed Mondays)

**E-mail:** btsuper@bessemertwp.com

The Building Department is responsible for the enforcement of the

### Clerk/Elections

The Clerk is responsible for maintaining all township records, including ordinance and resolution books. Preparation and updating of the general ledger; preparation of warrants for checks, recording, maintaining and publishing of the minutes of board meetings and keeping the book of oaths are also part of the duties of Clerk. A voter registration file is kept on file and elections are conducted through this office. Registering to vote can be done through this office. Residents must be 18 years of age and have registered to vote in less than 30 days prior to election date.

**Clerk, Debbie Janczak**

**Phone:** 906-667-0019      **Fax:** 906-667-0436  
**Hours:** 2nd & 4th Mondays; Wednesdays-5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.  
**E-mail:** btclerk@bessemertwp.com

Deputy Clerk: Angie Mazurek

### Treasurer

The Treasurer collects all water/sewer utility bills (billed quarterly), handles all township revenues and deposits them into the appropriate funds. Investing the township funds fall under the responsibility of this office. Property taxes are also paid through this office. Summer taxes are mailed July 1st and are payable through September 15th without penalty; winter taxes are mailed December 1st and are payable through February 14th without penalty.

**Treasurer, Lisa Hegbloom**

**Phone:** 906-667-0484      **Fax:** 906-667-0436  
**Hours:** Mondays & Wednesdays- 4:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m./  
 Friday-1:30 p.m.-3:30p.m.  
**E-mail:** btreas@bessemertwp.com

Deputy Treasurer: Corine Johnston

### Assessor

He is responsible for setting the tax roll and proceeding with determining the property value for all parcels within the Township. He is required by law to assess all property at 50% of current market value.

**Assessor, Roman Tauer**

**Phone:** 906-932-2226/906-364-9645  
**Hours:** Mondays: 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. &  
 Thursdays: 8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

### Building Department

State of Michigan Building Codes. The office issues all permits for building construction in order to ensure work being done to code. This office reviews all plans prior to permits being issued. Zoning administration is responsible for the interpretation and enforcement of the Zoning Ordinance.

**Building Inspector, Roman Tauer**

**Phone:** 906-932-2226/906-364-9645  
**Hours:** Mondays & Thursdays 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

### Planning Commission

The Planning Commission handles all issues regarding the zoning, rezoning, and subdivision of land within the Township. This newly created 5 member Board meets the second Tuesday of each month. Any questions regarding zoning, please contact the zoning administrator, Jeff Randall at 906-667-0423.

### Water & Sewer

Bessemer Township's water system is operated by the Gogebic Range Water Authority. The township operates the sewer department and collects quarterly fees for both water and sewer. New residents to the area are asked to contact the **Treasurer's Office at 906-667-0484** for application and hook-up fee information. (In those areas in which water and/or sewer are available.)

### Department of Public Works

This department is responsible for all of the physical upkeep and maintenance throughout the township properties and buildings, as well as the water/sewer functions. Staffing for the Department of Public Works is under the supervision of **Jeff Randall** who can be reached at **906-667-0423**.

### Park & Ball Field

For public use, the Ramsay Park is provided with a pavilion for all to use. For access to the kitchen and bathrooms, a reservation & rental fee is required. Area baseball teams are welcome to use the ball field located across from the park. Fees and applications can be obtained by contacting the **Clerk's Office** at 906-667-0019. Please note that the park is open from Memorial Day through Labor Day and closes at 10:00 p.m.

# Important Names & Numbers

## Fire Department/Police



Bessemer Township operates a 16-person **Volunteer Fire Department**. Steven Selin is the Fire Chief. Fall chimney cleaning is a service provided by the department. In the event of an emergency please dial:

The **Gogebic County Sheriff's Department** can also be reached at: 906-667-0203

## Ambulance/Hospital

**AMBULANCE:** Can be reached at 906-932-4444

### ASPIRUS IRONWOOD HOSPITAL

Main: 906-932-2525

Clinic: 906-932-1500



## Other Important Numbers/Contacts

- ELECTRIC:** Xcel Energy ..... 800-895-4999
- & NAT'L GAS** Bayfield Electric..... 715-372-4047 (for Chaney Lake residents)
- TELEPHONE:** AT & T ..... 800-222-0300
- MCI ..... 800-444-3333
- SBC ..... 800-244-4444
- UP Telephone ..... 800-950-8506 (for Chaney Lake residents)
- CABLE TV:** Charter ..... 800-545-0994
- DirectTV ..... 800-675-8686\*
- SBC DISH Network ..... 866-722-7500
- FUEL OIL:** C & M..... 906-667-0222 (Bessemer)
- Chief Oil..... 906-932-5212 (Ironwood)
- Stempihar Bros. Oil ..... 906-667-0852 (Bessemer)
- Krist Oil..... 906-265-4120
- PROPANE GAS:** Amerigas Propane..... 800-576-2660 (Mercer)
- Cenex-Midland Services .... 715-561-3444 (Hurley)
- Lakes Gas ..... 906-932-3832 (Ironwood)
- Ritchie Propane..... 800-417-1028 (Park Falls)



### BESSEMER TOWNSHIP AREA

#### SCHOOLS:

- Washington Elementary  
906-663-4515
- AD Johnston Jr. High & High School  
906-667-0413
- Wakefield/Marenisco School  
906-224-9421

**NOTE:** Customers who use satellite dish TV are those residing outside of the "normal" city limits. Contact either cable company to find out the type of service you will need.

Also, phone service providers may be different depending on your location within the township. E.g. Chaney Lake residents use UP Telephone.

*See a street light out? Contact the Clerk's Office with the nearest address and street(s) location to report the outage or malfunctioning light.*

**SECRETARY OF STATE**  
Branch Office: 906-667-0271  
206 E. Mary Street, Bessemer, MI 49911



**JUST MOVE?**  
*Did you remember to change the address on your driver's license?*



Also register to vote here!

# More Important Information

## 2018-20 Holiday/Office & DPW Closures

**2018**

Monday, December 24  
& Tuesday, December 25.....*Christmas Holiday*

**2019**

Tuesday, January 1 .....*New Year's Day*  
 Monday, April 22 .....*Easter*  
 Monday, May 27 .....*Memorial Day*  
 Thursday, July 4 .....*July 4th*  
 Monday, September 2 .....*Labor Day*  
 Thursday & Friday, November 28 & 29 .....*Thanksgiving*  
 Tuesday, December 24  
 & Wednesday, December 25.....*Christmas Holiday*

**2020**

Wednesday, January 1 ..... *New Year's Day*

**Bessemer Town-  
ship/4th of July  
Committee**

For information on  
involvement and meetings  
contact the Township Hall

## Garbage Pick-Up

**GARBAGE PICK UP IN THE TOWNSHIP IS TAKEN CARE OF BY THE GOGEBIC RANGE SOLISD WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY. Inquiries can be made by calling Chris Ann at 932-0600. (Please place bags out by 7:00 a.m./30 lb per bag limit/household garbage only)**

Mondays-County 519 (Chaney Lake Rd) Linna, Korpela, Kosskela, Rydeski, Sampson, Ulvila

Tuesdays-North Moore Street

Wednesdays - Bluff View Rd, Cedar Lane, Lookout Lane, Sunset Rd.

Thursdays-”A” Street, Alice, Alpen, Baraga, Barber, Belmont, Birch Bend, Blackjack, Black River Rd, Black River Lane, Bluebird, Blueberry, Blunder, Burt, Cannonball Ct, Center, Chokecherry, Creekside Trail, Creekside Trail, Division, East View, Elder, Elm St, Elm La, Forth St, Geneva, George, Gheller Dr, Grant, Granite, Harding, Hibritten Way, Highland, Hill Ave, Hill Top, Horse Shoe Bend, Hubbard, Huntington, Johnson, Koski, Londo, Main, Maple, Marble, McArthur, Mikado, Mill, Mine La, Mineral, Mountain View, Nelson, Oak, Old County Rd, Orchard, Paradise, Pine, Pioneer La, Pioneer Rd, Powderhorn Rd, Powderville Rd, Price, Prospect Dr, Prospect La, Puritan, Ricochett, River St, Runway, Sanders, Sartoris, Second St, Snow Summit, South Davis, Spring, Spruce, Spur La, Stone Rd, Stone Hill Rd, Summit, Sunset View, Third St, Trigger, U.S. Hwy 2, Valle Vue, Verona, Wood La, Wood St.

*The purchase of Bessemer Township Blue Bags indicates that you are within the route of pickup. These can be purchased either at the Township Hall or Stempihar’s gas station. Current cost is \$10 for 8 blue bags.*



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**DISCLAIMER:** The names and phone numbers of businesses listed in this guide in no way represent all vendors in the outlying area. Bessemer Township is not recommending, nor endorsing any of the businesses listed. This is simply meant to give you a start/guide to begin new services in our area. Businesses not a part of these listing were not omitted intentionally. *Thank you.*