

# 2009-10 Bessemer Township Community Information Guide

May 2009

## **BESSEMER TOWNSHIP HALL**

NI0338 Mill Street  
PO Box 304  
Ramsay, MI 49959  
www.bessemertownship.org

### **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	Jerry Grenfell
Trustee	John McLean
Trustee	Hope Tarnaski
Deputy Clerk	Bernice Janczak
Deputy Treasurer	
	Catherine McLean



Seated Left to Right: Debbie Janczak-Clerk, Jeff Randall- Supervisor, Jerry Grenfell-Treasurer, (standing) John McLean-Trustee, Hope Tarnaski-Trustee

## **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 1270 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.

Other pertinent information on the township and some of its surrounding neighbors can be found on its website: [www.bessemertownship.org](http://www.bessemertownship.org).



Bessemer Township Hall, Ramsay, Michigan

## **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!

# 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-8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m./Wed-8:00 a.m.-Noon/  
 Thursday-9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m./Friday-9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.  
 (Closed Mondays)  
**E-mail:** btsuper@charterinternet.com

## 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-5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.  
**E-mail:** btclerk@charterinternet.com

Deputy Clerk, Bernice Janczak

## 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; winter taxes are mailed December 1st and are payable through February 14th.

**Treasurer, Jerry Grenfell**

**Phone:** 906-667-0484      **Fax:** 906-667-0436  
**Hours:** Monday-Thursday - 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. (Closed Fridays)  
**E-mail:** btreas@charterinternet.com

## 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, Brad Hendrickson**

**Phone:** 906-364-0687      **Fax:** 906-667-0436

## Building Department

The Building Department is responsible for the enforcement of the 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  
**Hours:** Thursdays @ Township Hall from 9:00-11:00 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 **Jean Verbos** who can be reached at **906-667-0465**.

## 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 20-person **Volunteer Fire Department**. Brian Kuchinski is the Fire Chief. Fall chimney cleaning is a service provided by the department. In the event of an emergency please dial:

**911**

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

## Ambulance/Hospital

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

**GRAND VIEW HEALTH SYSTEM:**

Main: 906-932-2525  
Clinic: 906-932-1500



## Other Important Numbers/Contacts

- ELECTRIC:** Northern States Power ..... 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)
- 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



**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.*



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



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

Also register to vote here!

# More Important Information

## 2009-10 Holiday/Office & DPW Closures

### 2009

Monday, May 25 ..... *Memorial Day*  
 Friday, July 3 ..... *July 4th*  
 Monday, September 7 ..... *Labor Day*  
 Thursday & Friday, November 26 & 27..... *Thanksgiving*  
 Thursday December 24 &  
 Friday, December 25 ..... *Christmas*

### 2010

Friday, January 1 ..... *New Year's Day*  
 Friday, April 2 ..... *Good Friday (Offices only)*  
 Monday, April 4 ..... *Easter Monday*  
 Monday, May 31 ..... *Memorial Day*  
 Monday, July 5 ..... *July 4th*  
 Monday, September 6 ..... *Labor Day*  
 Thursday & Friday, November 25 & 26..... *Thanksgiving*  
 Friday, December 24  
 & Monday, December 27 ..... *Christmas*

Regularly scheduled hours follow directly after holiday closures.

## Garbage Pick-Up

Wednesdays - South of 4th Street in Ramsay-Blackjack Road-US2 East of Blackjack Road to Division Lane-Division Lane-Bluebird Lane-Prospect Drive-Runway Lane-Stone Hill Road-Stone Road-North Moore Street-Black River Road-Powderhorn-US 2 East to Gheller Drive-US 2 East to Oak Lane-Wood Lane-US 2 East to the hospital-Cedar Lane-Bluff View Road-Look Out Lane-Pine Lane. East of Wakefield (Korpela Road-Koskela Road-Ulvila Road-Lina Road-Chaney Lake Road).

Thursdays - Sanders Road-Ramsay-Anvil-Sartoris Road-Puritan-Harding-Barber-Johnson.



*(Please place bags out by 7:00 a.m./30 lb limit/household garbage only)*

Charges for garbage pick-up are paid for through the purchase of Bessemer Township *Blue Bags*. These can be purchased either at the Township Hall or Stempihar's gas station. Current cost is \$10 for 8 blue bags.

**NOTE: If a holiday falls on either a Wednesday or a Thursday, garbage pick-up with be noted in the *Daily Globe* newspaper with date or call the township hall.**

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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.*