

## ROADS AND THE TOWNSHIP BUDGET

Brooks Township budgeted \$238,000 for the repair and maintenance of roads for 2017. This included repairing paved roads, brining, and improving gravel roads. This amount represented a decrease of \$30,000 from the previous year's budget. All monies for roads comes out of the general fund. This is the largest expense the township has. Funding for roads will continue to decrease unless the township can come up with additional funding. In past newsletters the township has discussed the possibility of a road millage. Brooks Township is one of just 8 townships out of 24 in Newaygo County without a road millage. Millage rates in the townships that have a road millage range from 1-3 mills.

Below is a chart that gives you information on what a road millage would cost you per year based on the taxable value of your home in your winter tax bill only:

TAXABLE VALUE	1 MILL	2 MILLS	3 MILLS
50,000	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$150.00
75,000	\$75.00	\$150.00	\$225.00
100,000	\$100.00	\$200.00	\$300.00
125,000	\$125.00	\$250.00	\$375.00
150,000	\$150.00	\$300.00	\$450.00
175,000	\$175.00	\$350.00	\$525.00
200,000	\$200.00	\$400.00	\$600.00

With 1 mill approximately \$130,000 would be collected annually per year. With 2 mills approximately \$260,000 and with 3 mills approximately \$390,000 would be collected per year.

All monies collected from a road millage would be used exclusively for road maintenance and repairs. Additional monies would be added from the general fund each year.

Below is a link for you to go online and take a survey regarding having a road millage in Brooks Township. Please take a minute and answer a few questions to give the township board an idea on how to progress with this issue.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/M98MG97>

The survey will be available from December 1, 2017 until February 28, 2018

Thank you for your time.

Brooks Township Board

## ASSESSMENT NOTICES

Assessment notices will be mailed at the end of February. The values show what your tax bill for 2018 will be based upon. Each property owner is given an opportunity to protest the values of their property each year if they do not agree with them. It also shows if your property has the Primary Residence Exemption. Please check the notice over carefully. There will be information regarding dates and times of the board of review on the notice. If you do not receive this notice by March 1, 2018 please contact the Township at 231-652-6763.



### TOWNSHIP CALENDER

Dec.	12	Township Board Mtg. (note earlier date)
	18	Planning Comm. Mtg. (note earlier date)
Jan.	16	Township Board Mtg.
	22	Planning Comm. Mtg.
Feb.	20	Township Board Mtg.
	26	Planning Comm. Mtg.
	26	2017 Property Assessments are mailed
	28	Property Taxes are due
Mar.	20	Township Board Mtg.
	26	Planning Comm. Mtg.
Apr.	17	Township Board Mtg.
	23	Planning Comm. Mtg.

Meetings are at the township hall and begin at 7:00 p.m.

### TRASH DAY 2018

Brooks Township will hold the annual Trash Day on June 2, 2018. There will be more news regarding this event in the spring newsletter.

### WINTER TAX BILLS

Please look over your winter tax bill when you receive it for any corrections that need to be made. Your bill will state that the "P.R.E. Exemption Has Reduced This Bill By: 0." This is because the P.R.E. Exemption is factored into the summer tax bills only. Taxes are due on February 28, 2018. If you have any questions please call Christina Haynor at 231-652-6763, ext. 130.