

Leelanau County

Townships

Most townships in Leelanau won't fit in boxes

Leelanau County has 11 townships, of which only one is the standard 6-mile square model common through most of Michigan. The reason, of course, is the county's peninsular shape, which provides nine townships with a border designated by Lake Michigan or West Grand Traverse Bay.

Only Elmwood is a "Charter" township, meaning that it operates under its own charter as approved by residents. The remaining 10 are smaller and referred to as General Law townships.

General Law townships are governed by a 5-member township board composed of a supervisor, clerk, treasurer and two trustees. Most are considered part-time positions. Elmwood Township also has a supervisor, clerk and treasurer — all full time positions — but has four trustees.

Township elected officers serve four-year terms. The present terms of township officers will expire in November, 2012. The positions are considered "partisan," meaning that a Primary election

will be held in August, 2012, to nominate candidates from political parties. Township elected officials will be chosen by voters in the General election held in November, 2012.

Oh, and that lone "standard" township — it's Kasson, which is a perfect 6 miles wide by 6 miles long. Solon, the other township that lacks a border on Lake Michigan or West Grand Traverse Bay, is also rectangular — but it's 5 miles wide by 6 miles long.

BINGHAM TOWNSHIP



Ross Ard,
Supervisor
General Calls:
922-6767
Fax: 922-0228
7171 S. Center
Highway

Traverse City, MI 49684
www.leelanau.cc/binghamtwp.asp
Population 2,425
Zoning, Steve Patmore: **271-2722**
Fire Dept. Emergency 911
Business: **271-6978**
The Bingham Township Board meets at 7 p.m. on the third Monday of each month at the Township Hall.

CENTERVILLE TOWNSHIP



Leonard Kelenski,
Supervisor
228-5548
5588 S. French
Road, Cedar MI
49621

www.leelanau.cc/centervilletwp.asp
Population 1,095
The Centerville Township Hall is located at the intersection of Bodus and French roads. Mail, however, should be directed to Clerk David Wurm, 5419 S. French, Cedar, MI 49621
228-7663
Zoning, Tim Cypher:
360-2557
The Centerville Township Board meets at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month in the township hall except

November through March, when the board will meet at the Cedar Fire Station.

CLEVELAND TOWNSHIP



Tim Stein,
Supervisor
General Calls:
228-6488
Fax: 228-6488
955 W. Harbor
Highway

Maple City, MI 49664
www.leelanau.cc/clevelandtwp.asp
Population 1040
Zoning, Ruth Shaffran: **228-5836**
The Cleveland Township Board meets at 7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the Cleveland Township Hall.

ELMWOOD TOWNSHIP



Jack Kelly,
Supervisor
General Calls:
946-0921
10090 E. Lincoln Rd.
Traverse City, MI
49684

www.leelanau.cc/elmwoodtwp.asp
Population 4,264
Zoning, David Noren: **946-0921**
Marina: **946-5463**
The Elmwood Township Board meets at 6 p.m. on the second Monday of each month in the Elmwood Township Hall.

