



# Summer 2023

*Robert W. Hanvey, Supervisor*  
*Tammy Beal, Clerk*  
*Sandy Donovan, Treasurer*  
*Les Andersen, Trustee*  
*Greg Durbin, Trustee*  
*Scott Lloyd, Trustee*  
*Dan Lowe, Trustee*

Marion Township's Planning Commission and Township Board, with assistance from Livingston County Planning, Carlisle/Wortman, the law firm of Foster, Swift, Collins & Smith, the University of Michigan, and many concerned citizens, created and approved an amendment to the township zoning ordinance to regulate solar energy uses in the township. The amendments are available via a link on the township's website: [www.mariontownship.com](http://www.mariontownship.com)

## **FROM TAMMY BEAL, MARION TOWNSHIP CLERK**

### **2024 Election Changes**

Due to the passing of Proposal 22-2, there are lots of changes coming in 2024 for elections. The first change is there will be nine days of early in-person voting starting the second Saturday before each State and Federal election. Absent Ballot Voting will still be available, as well as regular Election Day voting. The state has not finalized all of the details yet; please keep checking our website for updated information.

### **Notary Services**

There are three notaries available at the township to service residents. You must bring photo identification with you at the time of service.

### **Township Hall Rentals**

We are in the process of some needed updates to the township hall. This process will take several months, so we are not taking hall rental reservations at this time. Please bear with us until the dust settles.

### **Food Donations**

There is a large box in our lobby for non-perishable food items. These items are donated to Gleaner's for the less fortunate. Please do not donate food that is out of date.

### **Recycle**

We are still a drop-off site for used household batteries, eyeglasses, cell phones, and Christmas lights (seasonally.)

### **TREASURER'S OFFICE**

We have a walk-up secure drop box located just right of the main entrance. We have included a return envelope with your tax bill for easy mail-in payments. You can also pay online by credit card (the vendor charges 3%) or by electronic check (\$3 fee) on our website, [www.mariontownship.com](http://www.mariontownship.com). If you have a mortgage with an escrow account that pays your taxes, you will still receive a bill for informational purposes. You can visit our website to verify payment under *Property/Assessing/Tax Data*. FYI—postmarks will not be accepted. A link to the township's financial information is available on the front page of our website.

When filling out your check, we must go by the written portion of the check so please make sure it matches the number portion of the check and is the correct amount due. Make checks payable to “Marion Township” and include your parcel number (4710-XX-XXX-XXX.) When paying by cash, please bring as close to the exact amount as possible as we keep minimal change on hand for security reasons. We would like to keep cash handling to a minimum.

**MARION TOWNSHIP ASSESSING DEPARTMENT:**

The Department of Treasury guidelines state that 20% of the properties in the township should be reviewed each year. Staff work year-round to verify that we have accurate records. They may visit your property! They **will** visit your property if you have a building permit in the last two years. Contact the Assessing Dept. at (517) 546-1588 or email [assessor@mariontownship.com](mailto:assessor@mariontownship.com) if you have questions.

**Property Purchased in 2022:**

Did you purchase your property in 2022? If so, your Taxable Value will “Uncap” for your 2023 tax bill. “Uncap” means the **Taxable Value will equal the Assessed Value.** Your Taxable Value could rise considerably. This uncapping could cause a significant increase in the property taxes from 2022 to 2023. Taxable Value is the value used to calculate the property taxes for a property. Go to [www.mariontownship.com](http://www.mariontownship.com) for guidelines on Transfer of Ownership.

**Principal Residence Exemption:**

A Principal Residence Exemption (PRE) exempts a residence from the tax levied by a local school district for school operating purposes up to 18 mills. To qualify for a PRE, a person must be a Michigan resident who **owns and occupies** the property as a principal residence. The PRE is a separate program from the *Homestead Property Tax Credit*, which is filed annually with your Michigan Individual Income Tax Return.

Check your property tax bill to ensure you are receiving the exemption if you qualify! It is located on the right-hand side of the bill under: Tax Detail: PRE/MBT % (if it shows 100%, you are receiving the exemption.)

**DPW DEPARTMENT**

The Public Works Department is responsible for municipal water/sewer locations, permits, and special assessments for sewer/water that are included on the tax bill. Questions can be directed to Kitsey Rennells during regular business hours or by emailing [publicworks@mariontownship.com](mailto:publicworks@mariontownship.com) Just a reminder...please refrain from using flushable wipes. Otherwise, you may need this number!

Emergency numbers for municipal water and/or sewer:

Water                      **888-481-0439**                      Sewer                      **517-546-7150** Mon.-Fri., 8 am-4pm (or 911 after hours)

**FROM YOUR ZONING ADMINISTRATOR, DAVE HAMANN**

Planning and Zoning information and applications are available on our website; select “Links” and then select “Planning and Zoning.” If you have questions, email me at [za@mariontownship.com](mailto:za@mariontownship.com) or Sandi Longstreet at [info@mariontownship.com](mailto:info@mariontownship.com).