



## Winter 2020

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

The Board of Trustees meets the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm. The Planning Commission meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm. The meeting schedule is on our website [www.mariontownship.com](http://www.mariontownship.com).

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

#### **Trunk or Treat and Buck Pole**

These events were cancelled due to safety issues; hopefully, next year we can continue the tradition.

#### **Gleaners Donations**

There is a large Gleaners box in our lobby for non-perishable food items. These items are delivered to Gleaners frequently for those less fortunate. We've collected over 3,000 lbs. so far!

#### **Elections**

The November General Election was well attended. We had 4,912 absentee voters and 2,882 in-person voters...that is an 83.32% turnout!

#### **Shred Event/Mom-2-Mom Sale**

A shred event is scheduled for Saturday, May 1, 2021 from 10 am-1 pm. Please check our website for information on future dates for community and Mom-2-Mom sales. At this time, nothing has been scheduled.


### **TREASURER'S OFFICE**

You can pay your property taxes in our office or by using our drop box at the township front door. You can also pay online by credit card (the vendor charges 3%) or by electronic check, which costs \$3. Be sure to allow 10 business days before taxes are due if you choose the e-check option. For more information, please refer to the back of your tax bill or go to our website [www.mariontownship.com](http://www.mariontownship.com). A link to the township's financial information is available on the front page of our website.

### **MARION TOWNSHIP ASSESSING DEPARTMENT**

The Department of Treasury guidelines state that 20% of the properties in the township should be reviewed each year. Staff from the department 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 Department at (517) 546-1588 or by email at [assessor@mariontownship.com](mailto:assessor@mariontownship.com) if you have questions.

### **Property Purchased in 2020:**

Did you purchase your property in 2020? If so, your Taxable Value will “Uncap” for your 2021 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 2020 to 2021. 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. Look for the link with the .

### **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. If you own a vacant contiguous parcel, it may also qualify for the PRE.

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.)

### **Assessment Change Notices**

Assessment change notices for 2021 property taxes are mailed in February 2021. They detail changes in Assessed & Taxable Values, and dates for the March Board of Review. You can call or visit our Assessing Department to review your assessment records.

### **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)

Emergency numbers for municipal water and/or sewer:

<i>Water</i>	<i>888-481-0439</i>
<i>Sewer</i>	<i>517-546-7150, Mon.-Fri., 8 am-4pm (after hours or holidays, call 911)</i>

### **FROM YOUR ZONING ADMINISTRATOR, DAVE HAMANN**

We encourage you to submit Land Use applications, requests for waivers, etc., via email or the drop box in the lobby. Please be sure to include your email address and a daytime phone number. All 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). Complaint forms are online or available at the office.

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