



Summer 2024

Robert W. Hanvey, Supervisor
Tammy Beal, Clerk
Sandy Donovan, Treasurer
Les Andersen, Trustee
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. A link to the township's financial information is also available on our website.

FROM TAMMY BEAL, MARION TOWNSHIP CLERK

Elections

Due to the passing of Proposal 2 of 2022, it is now required that there be nine (9) days of early voting before every State and Federal election. Our 2024 election dates are August 6 (State and Federal Primary) and November 5 (General Election.) These dates will still have the normal voting hours of 7 am-8 pm. For more information, you can call the Clerk's office.

Trunk or Treat

Because of early voting, our Trunk or Treat event will be held on the lower level of the township hall. This will be from 6-8 pm on Thursday, October 31.

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.

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 Please do not donate food that is out of date.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, and cell phones.

TREASURER'S OFFICE

Contactless payment/receipt options: We have enclosed an envelope to return your payment by mail (note: we do not accept postmarks so allow plenty of time for it to arrive by the due date.) We have a secure drop box located just right of the main entrance (checks, no cash please.) If you would like a receipt, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope. You can go online at www.mariontownship.com to pay by credit card or e-check. There is a fee associated with the credit card (3%) and e-check (flat \$3 fee.) you may also print your receipt for tax purposes online.

Checks: 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.)

Cash: 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.

Mortgage Escrow Payment: If you have a mortgage with an escrow that pays your taxes, you will still receive a bill for informational purposes. You can visit our website for payment verification under *Tax & Assessing*. We usually receive the summer payments approximately two weeks before the due date (end of August/beginning of September) and winter taxes are usually received by the end of December.

Any payments made after 5:00 pm will be applied the next business day. We do take partial payments to help you budget your total taxes due. Any amount not paid by the due date will go delinquent and does incur interest. If taxes are not paid in our office by February 28, 2025 at 5:00 pm, it will go delinquent and will be sent to the Livingston County Treasurer. You will then need to contact the County Treasurer for payment arrangements at (517) 546-7010.

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 if you have questions.

Property Purchased in 2023:

Did you purchase your property in 2023? If so, your Taxable Value will “Uncap” for your 2024 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 2023 to 2024. Taxable Value is the value used to calculate the property taxes for a property. Go to 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 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 or Sandi Longstreet at info@mariontownship.com.

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