



Summer 2025

Bill Fenton, Supervisor
Tammy Beal, Clerk
Sandy Donovan, Treasurer
Les Andersen, Trustee
Scott Lloyd, Trustee
Dan Lowe, Trustee
Jim Witkowski, 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 and a link to the township's financial information is available on our website, www.mariontownship.com.

FROM TAMMY BEAL, MARION TOWNSHIP CLERK

Elections: There are no elections planned for Marion Township this year (so far). Our next scheduled election will be the Gubernatorial Primary election in August 2026.

Trunk or Treat: This event will be held on Friday, October 31 from 6-8 pm on the main level of the township hall.

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 Please do not donate food that is out of date.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. Our large item drop off was very successful in April 2025. We plan on doing it again on May 9, 2026. Watch our website for a list of items that are and are not accepted. Our annual shred event will be held on May 2, 2026. Watch our website for more information.

Pickleball Courts: We had a generous donation by a township resident to pay for two pickleball courts; the township board voted to match that with two additional courts. We hope to have them finished by the end of summer or early fall. They will be located at the Fred Brown Memorial Park on Triangle Lake Road. Watch our website for further information.

TREASURER'S OFFICE

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. If taxes are not paid in our office by March 2, 2026 at 5:00 pm, they 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.

Deferments: If you are a qualifying senior, disabled person, service person, or agricultural property owner, you may be eligible to defer your summer tax payments until February 16, 2026. Deferral forms must be submitted by September 15, 2025.

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 2025: Did you purchase your property in 2025? If so, your Taxable Value will “Uncap” for your 2026 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 2025 to 2026. Taxable Value is the value used to calculate the property taxes for a property. Go to our website, 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, SCOTT RICHARDSON

Planning and Zoning information and applications are available on our website; select “Departments” 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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