



Winter 2024

*Bill Fenton, Supervisor
Tammy Beal, Clerk
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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.

Livingston County Veteran Services (LCVS) offers a variety of programs and services to assist veterans and their families. LCVS employs nationally-accredited Veteran Service Officers to assist veterans in filing for US Dept. of Veterans Affairs benefits. Honorably-discharged veterans registered with LCVS, and their spouse, may utilize complimentary LCVS transportation to medical appointments within a 50-mile radius. To schedule a ride, call LETS at 517-546-6600, option 3, and mention veteran status. LCVS offers honorably-discharged veterans who are less fortunate several assistance programs provided by Emergency Relief funds. Call 517-546-6338 for more information and/or to schedule an appointment and qualify for these programs.

FROM TAMMY BEAL, MARION TOWNSHIP CLERK

Elections: The nine days of early voting was a huge success for the November 5, 2024 Presidential Election. We had between 250 and 482 voters each of the nine days. This, along with the Absentee Ballots, meant that 58% of our registered voters had voted before election day. All in all, the total number of voters was 82.04%! A huge thank you to all of the election inspectors who put in an incredible number of hours to make this happen!

Walking Path and Play Structure: The .9-mile walking path, as well as the play structure, have been well used. There is seldom a time when someone isn't seen using either of them.

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.

Gleaners Donations: There is a large Gleaners box in our lobby for non-perishable food items.

Recycle: We are still a drop-off site for household batteries, eyeglasses, and cell phones. Watch the website for the date and time of our spring shred event.

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 received 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 be sent to the Livingston County Treasurer. You will then need to contact the County Treasurer for payment arrangements at (517) 546-7010.

TOWNSHIP ASSESSING DEPARTMENT (STAFF: LORI JUDSON, MATT DEDES, SANDI LONGSTREET)

Property Purchased in 2024

Did you purchase your property in 2024? If so, your Taxable Value will “Uncap” for your 2025 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 2024 to 2025**. 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 (PRE)

A 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 separate 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 2025 property taxes are mailed in January or February 2025. They detail changes in Assessed & Taxable Values, and dates for the March Board of Review. You can call, go to our website, or visit our Assessing Department to review your assessment records.

DPW DEPARTMENT

Sewer/water questions can be directed to Kitsey Rennells during regular business hours or by emailing publicworks@mariontownship.com. Emergency numbers for municipal water and/or sewer: Water (855) 231-6692; Sewer (517) 546-7150, Mon.-Fri., 8 am-4 pm (after hours or holidays, call 911.)

FROM YOUR ZONING ADMINISTRATOR, DAVE HAMANN

Planning and Zoning information and applications are available on our website. If you have questions, email Dave at za@mariontownship.com or Sandi Longstreet at info@mariontownship.com.