



Winter 2025

*Bill Fenton, Supervisor
Tammy Beal, Clerk
Sandy Donovan, Treasurer
Les Andersen, Trustee
Scott Lloyd, Trustee
Dan Lowe, Trustee
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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: Our next regularly scheduled elections are August 4 and November 3 of 2026. You can vote the nine (9) days prior to these dates, on Election Day, or absentee. If you wish to vote absentee, see our website for information on receiving an absentee ballot.

Walking Path, Play Structure, Disc Golf and Pickleball: We have lots of options for outdoor exercise now: our .9-mile walking path, play structure, disc golf course, and now pickleball courts! The pickleball courts will officially open in the spring—watch our website for the grand opening date.

Shred Event: You can bring your paper documents and watch them being shredded on Saturday, May 2, 2026 from 10 am-1 pm in the township hall parking lot.

Large Item Collection Event: You can bring large items such as scrap metal, furniture, tires, and more on Saturday, May 9, 2026 from 9 am-1pm. See our website for more details.

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 March 2, 2026 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.

ASSESSING DEPARTMENT (STAFF: MATT DEDES, SUMMER MCMULLEN, AND SANDI LONGSTREET)

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 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, you 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 2026 property taxes will be mailed in January or February. 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, SCOTT RICHARDSON

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