



# Winter 2023

*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](http://www.mariontownship.com). A link to the township's financial information is available on the front page of our website.

Coming soon...Marion Township's website will have a new look! Our goal is to provide our residents with up-to-date information in a more user-friendly format. We look forward to your feedback.

We have a group of seniors who play cards at the township hall every Tuesday & Thursday from 10 am-2 pm. Anyone interested is welcome to join them once our renovations are complete.

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

### **Elections**

Beginning in 2024, there will be nine (9) days of early voting before every state and federal election. There will also be voting from 7 am-8 pm on the normal election days, which are February 27, August 6, and November 5. See insert for more information or call the Clerk's office.

### **Trunk or Treat**

Our annual **Trunk or Treat** was held inside on October 31. It was well attended with about 150 ghosts, goblins, and princesses. Thanks to the residents and staff members who so generously handed out goodies!

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

### **Shred Event**

A shred event is scheduled for Saturday, April 27, 2024 from 10 am-1 pm. Please check our website for information on future dates for Mom-2-Mom and community sales. At this time, nothing has been scheduled.

Hall rentals will resume after construction is completed, on or around March 1, 2024.

## **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](http://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 29, 2024 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 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](http://www.mariontownship.com) for guidelines on Transfer of Ownership (Links>Assessing.)

**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 2024 property taxes are mailed in February 2024. 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.

**Assessment Department Informational Sessions:** Learn how your property is assessed and how to read your record card. Is the information correct? Property tax law and procedures will be covered. Sessions are scheduled for Wednesday, February 7 at 9:30 am, 1:00 pm, and 6:00 pm, and Saturday, February 10 at 10:00 am. Call (517) 546-1588 to reserve your spot!

**DPW DEPARTMENT**

Sewer/water 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: *Water* (888) 481-0439; *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 me at [za@mariontownship.com](mailto:za@mariontownship.com) or Sandi Longstreet at [info@mariontownship.com](mailto:info@mariontownship.com).