



Winter 2021

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 available on the front page of our website.

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!

FROM TAMMY BEAL, MARION TOWNSHIP CLERK

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/Mom-2-Mom Sale

A shred event is scheduled for Saturday, April 30, 2022 from 10 am-1 pm. Please check our website for information on future dates for community and Mom-2-Mom sales. At this time, nothing has been scheduled.

TREASURER'S OFFICE

Contactless payment 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.)

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 *Property/Assessing/Tax Data*. 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, 2022 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.

MARION TOWNSHIP ASSESSING DEPARTMENT

The Department of Treasury guidelines state that 20% of the properties in the township should be reviewed each year. Staff from the department 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 Department at (517) 546-1588 or by email at assessor@mariontownship.com if you have questions.

Property Purchased in 2021:

Did you purchase your property in 2021? If so, your Taxable Value will “Uncap” for your 2022 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 2021 to 2022. 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 (Links>Assessing.)

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. 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 2022 property taxes are mailed in February 2022. 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.

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* (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

For information on home-based businesses or home occupations, please visit our website (*Links>Planning and Zoning*.) If you still have questions, give us a call or stop by the township hall during regular business hours. You can also contact us via email at za@mariontownship.com or info@mariontownship.com.