



WAYNE TOWNSHIP

TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETINGS

Monday	December 4, 2023	7:30 pm
Thursday	January 4, 2024	7:30 pm
Monday	February 5, 2023	7:30 pm
Monday	March 4, 2023	7:30 pm

FIRE BOARD MEETINGS

Thursday	December 28, 2023	7:30 pm
Thursday	February 1, 2024	7:30 pm
Thursday	February 29, 2024	7:30 pm

WAYNE TOWNSHIP BOARD

Supervisor	Dr. Frank Butts	269-782-5250
Clerk	Kurt Reich	269-782-6555
Treasurer	Judith Fusko	269-423-8357
Trustee	Jim Griggs	574-215-4400
Trustee	Frank Maley	269-462-0802

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS

Zoning	Mark Davis	269-414-3159
Building	Scott Saunders	269-999-6475
Electrical	Ron Bellaire	269-663-3429
Plumbing	Dobberteen Insp.	269-651-4567
Mech'cal	Dobberteen Insp.	269-651-4567

OTHER USEFUL NUMBERS

Assessor	Bill Kays	269-621-3604
Cnty Treas.	Hope Anderson	269-445-4468
Bd Comm.-1	Ryan Laylin	269-414-8370
Bd. Comm.-2	James Lawrence	269-782-6201
Cemet'y Mgr	Tammy Yeager	269-357-4710

BAD WEATHER? – CALL AHEAD!

If the weather is bad – please call to see if the Treasurer's Office is open before you venture out – I don't open on nasty days!

WAYNE TOWNSHIP
269-782-7017

The Wayne Township Hall is located at the corner of Marcellus Highway and Glenwood Road.

WINTER 2023 NEWSLETTER

TOWNSHIP HALL HOURS

Treasurer

December 1, 2023 – February 29, 2024

Monday – 3 – 5 p.m.

Tuesday – 1 – 4 p.m.

Taxes will be accepted during any of the hours listed above and also during these additional hours:

From 1 – 4 p.m. on the following Fridays:

December 1 & 15; February 2 & 16; and

Friday, December 29 – 9 am – 5 pm

Thursday, February 29 – 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

March 1 – June 30, 2024

Tuesday – 1 – 4 p.m.

Clerk

Wednesday – 1 – 4 p.m.

Zoning Administrator and Building Inspector

Thursday – 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

IF YOU NEED TAX INFORMATION

Contact the Township Treasurer at
269-782-7017

WayneTwpMI.org

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**ADDRESS CORRECTIONS
REQUESTED**

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**2023 Winter Taxes are due on
February 29, 2024**

February 15, 2024 is the State mandated due date for Winter 2023 property taxes. The State has offered a provision to allow local units of government to collect until the last day of February without penalty or interest due from the taxpayer. Wayne Township has always chosen to exercise that option for the benefit of our taxpayers.

Between September 15, 2023 and February 29, 2024, delinquent Summer 2023 taxes are payable at the Township Treasurer's office. There is a 1% per month fee added to the Summer 2023 taxes. **You must include the late fee with your payment!** After February 29, 2024, additional interest and fees apply and the tax must be paid to the Cass County Treasurer.

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PAYMENT INFORMATION

- Enclose a copy of the tax bill or the perforated top portion of the bill
- Include the tax parcel ID number to ensure proper credit
- If paying multiple parcels with one check, identify how much should be credited to each parcel ID
- If the tax bill is underpaid, you may be subject to interest charges
- Wayne Township is NOW able to accept payment by credit card- go to www.WayneTwpMI.org – select "Taxes": and then the payment button
- If paying in cash, please bring the exact amount
- Make checks payable to "Wayne Township Treasurer." and mail to : **Wayne Township; Treasurer; P.O. Box 304; Dowagiac, MI 49047**

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**December 29 Last Day to Pay
Property Taxes in Person for 2022**

Postmarks are Precarious

Placing your tax payment in a USPS mailbox on the last day to accept taxes DOES NOT guarantee that it will be postmarked that day. If you are mailing in your payment, I strongly suggest that you mail **no later than 5 days** before the deadline.

**WHAT'S AN AMBULANCE
ASSESSMENT?**

Wayne Township has been extremely fortunate to have had the services of PrideCare Ambulance for more than 16 years. During this time PrideCare did not charge the Township to keep an ambulance stationed within a nearby distance for emergency calls. But ambulance service has changed. Today's ambulance, instead of the back of a hearse, is now a mini-hospital. Instead of one person to drive the vehicle, each ambulance has a crew of two - an EMT and a paramedic. Ambulance service is an expensive business, and PrideCare could not keep up with the mounting costs. They have pulled out of the entire Michigan marketplace.

The multiple-municipality consortium that contracted with PrideCare has worked very extensively to find another service provider for ambulance care. At this point, all agreements are for very short periods of time as the consortium representatives continue to strive to obtain excellent emergency service for their communities. Meanwhile, any company that the municipalities contract with requires a substantial fee just to have an ambulance on-call. In order for Wayne Township to fund this fee, an ambulance assessment district, first created in 1998, now needs to levy a \$50 fee assessment for each improved parcel in the Township. For the past many years the assessment has been normally set at \$0.00.

If you use the ambulance service you and your insurance company will still be billed for your use. This assessment does not pay for your ride – it only makes it possible to have an ambulance available for that ride.

As with so many governmental services, you are paying for a service that you might never use. If this is the case, just consider yourself very fortunate.