



# WAYNE TOWNSHIP

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## TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETINGS

Monday	December 6, 2021	7:30 pm
Monday	January 3, 2022	7:30 pm
Monday	February 7, 2022	7:30 pm
Monday	March 7, 2022	7:30 pm

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## FIRE BOARD MEETINGS

Thursday	December 2, 2021	7:30 pm
Thursday	December 30, 2021	7:30 pm
Thursday	February 3, 2022	7:30 pm
Thursday	March 3, 2022	7:30 pm

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## 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	269-462-5143

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## CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS

Zoning	Mark Davis	269-414-3159
Building	Don Herter	269-479-9680
	Or alternate #	269-782-7827
Electrical	Ron Bellaire	269-663-3429
Plumbing	Dobberteen Insp.	269-651-4567
Mech'cal	Dobberteen Insp.	269-651-4567

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## OTHER USEFUL NUMBERS

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

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## 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!

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**WAYNE TOWNSHIP**

**269-782-7017**

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

# WINTER 2021 NEWSLETTER

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## TOWNSHIP HALL HOURS

### Treasurer

**December 1, 2021 – February 28, 2022**

Monday – 4 – 6 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 3 & 17; February 11 & 25; and  
Wednesday, December 29 – 9 am – 5 pm  
Monday, February 28 – 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

**March 1 – June 30, 2022**

Tuesday – 1 – 4 p.m.

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### Clerk

Wednesday – 1 – 4 p.m.

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### Zoning Administrator and Building Inspector

Thursday – 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

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## IF YOU NEED TAX INFORMATION

Contact the Township Treasurer at  
269-782-7017

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**WayneTwpMI.org**

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**ADDRESS CORRECTIONS  
REQUESTED**

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**2021 Winter Taxes are due on  
February 28, 2022**

February 15, 2022 is the State mandated due date for Winter 2021 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, 2021 and February 28, 2022, delinquent Summer 2021 taxes are payable at the Township Treasurer's office. There is a 1% per month fee added to the Summer 2021 taxes. **You must include the late fee with your payment!** After February 28, 2022, 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](http://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 2021**

**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, or bring your mail into the post office for a clerk to hand postmark.

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**HIGH-SPEED INTERNET AVAILABILITY**

Do you want high-speed internet service but are unable to obtain it through your electric, phone, or cable company? Call the Township at 269-782-7017 to report your name, street address, and phone number if you are experiencing this difficulty. The township is exploring possible solutions to this problem.

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**LOCAL CONTROL DISAPPEARING**

Special interest groups continue to lobby Lansing to take control away from the local governmental units. Their desire is to put in planning and zoning regulations that will benefit big industry and distant corporations with no regard for the communities and people that might be harmed.

Right now they are trying to wrest local planning and zoning control from the townships over concerns such as short-term rental properties and sand and gravel operations. If they succeed, the township would have no authority to keep any of these businesses from setting up camp on your neighboring property.

There are many different communities in this vast state of Michigan, and each one has different needs and wants. What is ideal for suburban Detroit is not necessarily good for Wayne Township in our rural southwest corner of the State. Keeping planning and zoning as a right of the local unit of government is your key to having a voice.

Let your local State Representative know that you care about what is permitted in Wayne Township, and that you want these decisions to be made on a local level.

Wayne Township's State Senator is Kim LaSata; State Senator; 820 Farnum Bldg; PO Box 30036; Lansing, MI 48909; (517-373-6960); and the State Representative is Steve Carra; State Representative; N-993 House Office; PO Box 30014; Lansing, MI 48909; (517-373-0832).