



# WAYNE TOWNSHIP

## Summer 2025

### TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETINGS

Monday	July 7, 2025	6:30 pm
Monday	August 4, 2025	6:30 pm
Thursday	September 4, 2025	6:30 pm
Monday	October 6, 2025	6:30 pm
Thursday	November 6, 2025	6:30 pm
Monday	December 1, 2025	6:30 pm

### FIRE BOARD MEETINGS

Thursday	July 31, 2025	7:30 pm
Thursday	August 28, 2025	7:30 pm
Thursday	October 2, 2025	7:30 pm
Thursday	October 3, 2025	7:30 pm
Tuesday	November 25, 2025	7:30 pm

### WAYNE TOWNSHIP BOARD

Supervisor	David Davis	269-876-1182
Clerk	Kurt Reich	269-332-3915
Treasurer	Judith Fusko	269-423-8357
Trustee	Jim Griggs	574-215-4400
Trustee	Mandy Wallace	269-845-5234

### CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS

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

### OTHER USEFUL NUMBERS

Assessor	Bill Kays	269-621-3604
Cnty Treas.	Hope Anderson	269-445-4468
Bd Comm.-1	Tom Langley	269-462-1155
Bd Comm.-2	James Lawrence	269-782-6201
Cemetery	Tammy Yeager	269-357-4710
Fire Chief	Craig Yeager	269-357-4699

### WAYNE TOWNSHIP HALL

Voice & Fax Line  
269-782-7017  
53950 Glenwood Road  
[www.WayneTwpMI.org](http://www.WayneTwpMI.org)

## TOWNSHIP HALL HOURS

### Treasurer

July 1 – November 30, 2025

Monday – 2 – 5 p.m.

Tuesday – 1 – 4 p.m.

Taxes will be accepted during any of the hours listed above. In addition, the Treasurer's Office will be open for tax collection from 1 – 4 p.m. on the following Fridays: July 11 & 25; August 8 & 22; September 5 & 12; and also on Monday, September 15, 2025 from 9 am to 5 pm

### 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

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ADDRESS CORRECTIONS REQUESTED

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## TOWNSHIP CLEANUP DAY

Saturday, Sept. 6, 2025 – 10am-2pm

Dumpsters will be available in the parking lot of the Wayne Township Hall for the free disposal of trash, **not** hazardous waste materials or organic materials. Proof of residency or ownership in Wayne Township will be required. For more information contact Faithful Haulers – 269-783-5011

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Wayne Township is an equal  
opportunity employer and  
provider

## BLIGHT ENFORCEMENT

Blight instances should be reported to the Township Board. Reporting instances to the Blight Officer delays the process by 30-60 days.

## NO AUGUST ELECTION

Wayne Township voters will not have an election in August. The two Wayne residents who live in the Marcellus School District will cast their ballots at Volinia Township.

## PAY YOUR TAXES ONLINE

Wayne Township residents have the option to pay their taxes online with a credit card. Go to [WayneTwpMI.org](http://WayneTwpMI.org). On the toolbar select "taxes" then click on the "All-Paid" button. Follow the instructions. A service fee will be assessed for using your credit card.

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## SUPERVISOR'S

One of the duties of a township supervisor is to act as the secretary to the board of review. If you are unaware, the board of review meets three times per year to examine the property tax assessment roll for accuracy and adjustments, hear taxpayer appeals, grant exemptions and correct clerical errors as necessary.

I had observed the board prior to my election and then sat as secretary in March of this year. Consistently I have heard the same complaint from the taxpayer, "my taxes are too high and what are you doing with all our money." I understand this concern and I have been in those shoes myself. All of those serving on the board of review are taxpayers in Wayne Township just like you are. So we understand the frustration. However, I wanted to explain the breakdown a little to help our community with their tax bill and see just where the money goes. I am not complaining about any one of these individual taxes. We all have our opinion of what is or is not worthwhile and I will leave that to the individual.

Anyway, I looked at my tax bill from last winter (February 2024) and used it as a guide. I found the following things:

## 2025 Summer Taxes are due on September 15, 2025

Summer tax bills are due on September 15, 2025. After that date, they are still payable to the Township Treasurer, but interest of 1% per month is added.

Under certain conditions, summer taxes may be deferred until February 16, 2026 with no interest added. Deferred summer taxes paid after February 16, 2026 will have interest added from September.

An "Application for Deferment of Summer Taxes" must be filed with the Township Treasurer before September 15, 2025. A new application is needed each year.

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## CORNER

E911 (emergency phone service)	1.46%
COA (council on aging)	7.18%
Dowagiac library	5.06%
County Sheriff drug enforcement	1.28%
Wayne Twp (our portion of taxes)	6.24%
Dowagiac Schools debt	37.15%
Southwestern MI College	17.44%
Heritage SW operation	1.46%
Heritage SW Special millage	14.59%
Cass Medical care facility	3.61%
Ambulance flat assessment	4.56%

Each individual tax bill will be similar but different. The idea is the same and you get the picture. My entire point is that we get a very small portion of that total tax bill. The rest goes to various other entities. In this example I gave \$68 directly to Wayne Township out of a great deal more. We understand the frustration as we are taxpayers in the community as well. But we actually get very little of your tax dollars to operate the township and provide services such as fire and ambulance services, building and zoning as well as other services so that you can live in a desirable place. I hope this explanation helps and always remember to ask questions.