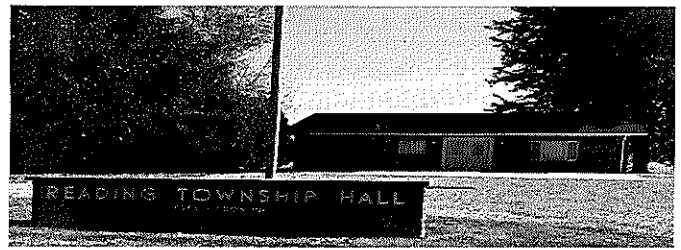


Reading Township News

Spring/Summer 2021

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Welcome to the Reading Township Newsletter. The purpose of this newsletter is to keep you informed about news in your township.

If you have questions or comments, please call the Reading Township Office at 517-283-3286.

Reading Township Board Members:

Andrew Barnhart, Supervisor	517- 250-1870
Kathy Flaughter, Clerk	517-283-3286
Claudia Mesarosh, Treasurer	517 -320-1673
Ronald Parker, Trustee	517-283-2855
Allan J. Andrews, Trustee	517-673-5154

Township Board Meetings:

Township Board meetings are the second Monday night of each month at 7:00 p.m., at the Reading Township Hall, 5355 S. Edon Rd./M-49, Reading, MI 49274. All meetings are open to the public.

Township Planning Commission Members:

Larry Richards, Chairperson	517-283-2260
Christine Gollnick, Vice Chairperson	517-474-2744
Lee Tonnies	517-283-2819
Jennifer Kast, Secretary	517-283-3627
Claudia Mesarosh, Board Rep.	517-320-1673

Planning Commission Meetings:

The Reading Planning Commission meetings are held at the Reading Township Hall at 7 p.m. as posted. The first meeting in 2021 was held on January 25, 2021. The 2021 scheduled regular meetings will be April 19th, July 19th and October 18th. All meetings are open to the public. Check the readingtownship.org website for up to date information on the Planning Commission. Please note the information on Municode in this newsletter.

Zoning:

Harold Farris, Zoning Administrator 517-607-9567. Contact Mr. Farris before starting construction. The printed forms are available from Harold Farris or on the Reading Township website (readingtownship.org).

We encourage you to work with our Zoning Administrator to improve our township.

Reading Township Website:

Check out the Reading Township website at: readingtownship.org. All information on Reading Township is available on the website including: directories, Township Board members, meeting minutes, cemetery information, election/voting Info, Transfer Station info and more!

Summer Tax Collection:

The Summer tax bill is due by September 14, 2021. Beginning September 15th interest is added at the rate of 1% per month or fraction of a month before being turned over to the County Treasurer as delinquent on March 1, 2022. Payment can be mailed to the Reading Township Treasurer at P.O. Box 298, Reading, MI 49274. Please separate and return the top 1/3 of the green copy with your payment. Due to Covid restrictions, mail-in payments are encouraged. Receipts will be mailed to you.

You may use the secure drop box or pay in person at the township hall (with Covid restrictions) on the dates of:

Saturday, September 11, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. -- 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 14, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. -- 5:00 p.m.

Please call the Reading Township Treasurer, Claudia Mesarosh at 517-320-1673 or email at Claudia@dmcibb.net if you have tax questions or concerns. NOTE: If a mortgage company should pay your tax bill, it is your responsibility to forward the bill to them. Please note the information included with your taxes regarding deferment of the tax due date.

Covid Restrictions:

During this time of Covid restrictions, the Reading Township Board has continued to comply with the Governor's Executive Orders. "Social Distancing" and the use of protective masks are requested to maintain the ability to have public meetings. Please contact any Reading Township Board member if you have concerns or comments regarding this subject.

Board of Review:

The next Board of Review will be held in July. Please see the Township bulletin board for the date in July. The Board of Review is held at the Reading Township Hall for the correction of clerical errors or mutual mistakes of fact. Please contact the Assessor prior to the meeting. Please note that protests of assessments or classification may not be heard at this meeting. Phone: 517-283-2027 or email: benwheeler@charter.net.

New Drop Box: Have you used our new black drop box at the township hall? It was helpful during the general election when many residents used the absentee ballot system due to Covid restrictions. We will continue to use the small drop box for tax payments.

Road Improvements for 2021:

The following road projects will be completed in 2021:

Road Stabilization	Twp. Share \$7,344.00
Spring Limestone Patch (1000)	Twp. Share \$15,000.00
and completion of Crawford/Long Lk. To Wildwood Berm, Ditch & Gravel (0.82 mile)	Twp. Share \$4,960.00.
Total:	\$27,304.00

The Hillsdale County Road Commission Manager and Board have informed the Reading Township Board that there will be no other township projects planned for this year, as they will be concentrating on County Primary Roads. If you have special road concerns, please contact a Reading Township board member asap.

Repair continues to be coordinated on Ridge Drive. It is hopeful that this project will be completed soon.

Reading Township Cemeteries:

There are three township cemeteries:

- Gleason Cemetery** – located on Berry Rd. between Long Lake & Abbott Rd.
- North Reading Cemetery** – located beside North Reading Baptist Church
- West Reading Cemetery** – on West Reading Rd. between Wildwood & Hakes

The Reading Township Cemetery Sexton is Jake Lashaway. He can be reached at 517-825-9918. Please call the Reading Township Office at 517-283-3286 if you need cemetery information.

Reading Community Fire Department:

The Reading Community Fire Department is a volunteer fire department serving Reading Township, Reading City and Cambria Township. Thanks to the volunteers who serve our community. If you are interested in joining this valuable department please contact Andy Barnhart, Reading Township Supervisor.

Reading Community Library:

If you are unaware of current services at the Reading Community Library, you are missing out on programs that could enhance your day-to-day life! Did you know that the library has added Tutor.com to the website? Children and adults can connect online with live tutors that are trained in core subjects, and Tutors.com can even help with your resume or college courses. This is free with a library card. We also offer Mango Languages which will allow you to learn over 70 different languages at your own pace. Again, it's free on our website. We offer Overdrive/Libby which now has added unlimited magazines to many eBook/Kindle book selections. We still offer Ancestry.com here at RCL. Our access to Mel.org allows you to order books, DVDs and other materials

from libraries all over Michigan. Your tax dollars are at work for you, as all of these services are available without a fee.

Use our computers, and print (for a minimal fee). We can Fax for you as well. Don't forget that popular best sellers can be found on our shelves. So, come in and select one to indulge in a little "me time".

Best of all, it looks as though our Summer Reading Programs will be available as we will hold many of them at the Michigan Street Pavilion. Monday nights will see us entertaining the youngsters and the young at heart. We have Indiana Wild scheduled on June 28, and Critchlow's Alligator Sanctuary on July 26, both at 6 p.m. These programs are open to all. Look for other updates on our Facebook page and be sure to "like" us.

Established in 1939, the Reading Community Library is a district library serving approximately 4200 patrons (City of Reading, Reading Township, and Cambria). Those outside the service area are able to purchase a library card for a small annual fee.

Jeri Mosher, Director
Reading Community Library zv278
517-283-3916
reading@monroe.lib.mi.us

Municode At the March 8th regular meeting, the Reading Township Board voted to contract with Municode for reformatting and revising our Zoning Ordinances. This company will keep our zoning ordinances up to date and available on our website for easy reference.

Reading Township Assessor and Land Division

Agent: **Benjamin R. Wheeler 517-283-2027**

E-Mail: **benwheeler@charter.net**

Contact the Assessor with any questions relating to your property record accuracy. Questions relating to Property Transfer Affidavits, Principal Residence Exemptions, Disabled Veteran Exemptions and Property Exemptions should be directed to the Assessor. Check the Reading Township website for more information.

Readingtownship.org/assessing.

Reading Township Transfer Station:

The Reading Township Transfer Station is located at 6101 Blair Rd., Reading (1/4 mile north of Reading Rd.). Open only on Sundays from 10 am to 2 p.m. The charge is \$2.00 per bag (33 gal. or smaller).