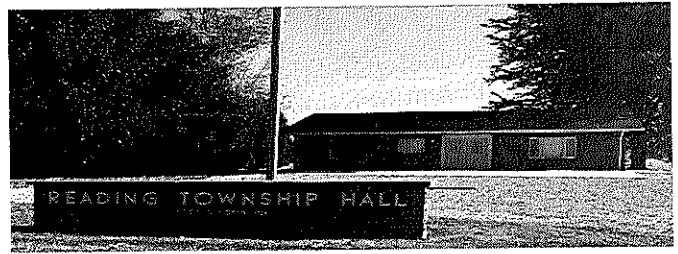


# Reading Township News

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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 Flaugher, 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 Tonnie, Member	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 will be held on January 25, 2022. All meetings are open to the public. Check the [readingtownship.org](http://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](http://readingtownship.org)).

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

## Covid Restrictions:

Reading Township continues to comply with Covid restrictions as they change. Please contact any Reading Township Board member if you have concerns or comments regarding this subject. Stay safe!

## Winter Tax Collection:

The Winter tax bill is due by February 14, 2022. That is the last date that Winter tax payments can be mailed to the Township Treasurer. 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 pink 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 on the dates of:

Wednesday, December 29, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Monday, February 14, 2022 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Monday, February 28, 2022 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](mailto: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.

Board of Review: The next Board of Review will be held December 14, 2021. Please see the Township Bulletin Board for future dates. The December 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](mailto:benwheeler@charter.net).

Black Drop Box: We continue to use the new black drop box at the township hall for voting, especially absentee ballots. We will continue to use the small drop box for secure tax payments.

Reading Township Website: Have you checked out the Reading Township Website? Information continues to be added to the website at [readingtownship.org](http://readingtownship.org).

A large addition to the website is the Municode for the Reading Township Zoning Ordinances. You can now find all zoning ordinances, which will be kept up to date.

### Road Improvements for 2021:

The following road projects were 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.

If you have a road that needs immediate attention, please call the Hillsdale County Road Commission office at 517-437-4458.

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:

The Reading Community Library is a district library serving Reading, Reading Township, and Cambria Township. Others wishing to obtain an RCL card may do so for a nominal fee.

In 2021, the library has remained open through Covid fluctuations and remains ready to serve patron needs. Popular authors' works adorn the shelves and hard to find selections can often be found at no cost through the Mel catalogue, which allows borrowing from over 730 other Michigan libraries.

Additional services include internet access on in-house computers with Wi FI available, free eBook downloads through OverDrive/Libby, online Consumer Reports, and access to Ancestry.com. Printing and faxing services are available. Many new DVD's are rentable for a small weekly fee. Our book club is active and welcomes new participants. See RCL's Facebook page for calendar details and library announcements. Be sure to click "like" to receive our updates.

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

### Reading Township Assessor and Land Division

Agent: Benjamin R. Wheeler 517-283-2027

E-Mail: [benwheeler@charter.net](mailto: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](http://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).