

# Reading Township News

Spring/Summer 2022

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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:

Allan J. Andrews, Supervisor	517-673-5154
Kathy Flaughner, Clerk	517-283-3286
Claudia Mesarosh, Treasurer	517-320-1673
Ronald Parker, Trustee	517-283-2855
Rick Gripman, Trustee	517-283-3600

## Township Board Meetings:

After several years of service as a Trustee and recently as our Supervisor, Andy Barnhart resigned his position on the Reading Township board. We will miss Andy. If you see him around Reading in a bright red car thank him for his years of service!

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, Member	517-283-2819
Jennifer Kast, Secretary	517-283-3627
Claudia Mesarosh, Board Rep.	517-320-1673

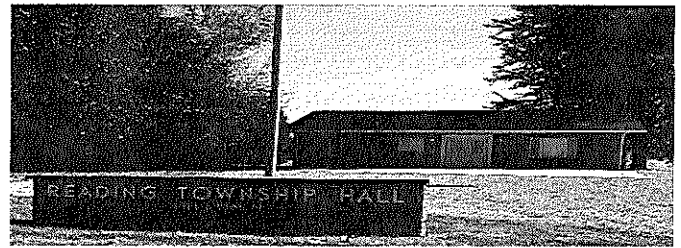
## Planning Commission Meetings:

The Reading Planning Commission meetings are held at the Reading Township Hall at 7 p.m. as posted. The next meeting will be held on July 19, 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.

## 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.



## Summer Tax Collection:

The Summer tax bill is due by September 14, 2022. That is the last date that Summer 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. For your convenience, mail-in payments are encouraged. Receipts will be mailed to you. You may use the secure tax drop box or pay in person at the township hall on the dates of:

Saturday, September 3rd from 9:00 a.m.-5:00p.m.

Wednesday, September 14th from 9:00 a.m.-5:00p.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 July 19, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. Please see the Township Bulletin Board for future dates. 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 if you wish to appeal your assessment or classification. The Board of Review does not have authority to hear appeals of assessed value or classification. 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 Commission 2022:

The Hillsdale County Road Commission Manager and Board have informed the Reading Township Board last year that there will be no other township projects planned for 2022, 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.

## Reading Township Cemeteries:

There are three township cemeteries:

Gleason Cemetery – Berry Rd., East of Abbott Rd.  
North Reading Cemetery – Bankers Rd. East of M-49  
West Reading Cemetery – Reading Rd. East of Blair Rd.

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.

## American Rescue Plan (ARPA) of 2021:

As many other city, county and townships have done, Reading Township has applied for the Federal American Rescue Plan (ARPA) of 2021. We have received approval for projects to improve Reading Township in the amount of \$181,067.86. The Board is working on five projects at this time and would welcome township residents to come to regular board meetings or talk to board members about this project. Township residents may also make suggestions.

## 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 small yearly fee. Popular authors' works adorn the shelves and hard to find selections can often be found at no cost through the MeL catalogue which allow borrowing from over 730 other Michigan libraries. Additional services include internet access on in-house computers with WI FI available, free eBook downloads through Libby, online Consumer Reports, and access to Ancestry.com. Printing and faxing services are available. Many new DVDs are rentable for a small weekly fee.

Our Book Club is active and welcomes new participants. We offer an Ancestry Club and the new Craft and Chat group. Our summer calendar is packed and children's activities abound. 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](mailto: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).

## Election Dates:

August 2, 2022 State Primary  
November 8, 2022 State General Election

July 18, 2022 – Last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the local clerk for the August primary.  
October 24, 2022 – Last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the local clerk for the November General Election.

ELECTIONS: For information on matters relating to elections, contact your county, city or township clerk. Information can also be obtained from the Michigan Department of State, Bureau of Elections, P.O. Box 20126, Lansing, MI 48901-0726. Phone (517)335-3234 Fax (517) 335-3235. Email: [Elections@Michigan.gov](mailto:Elections@Michigan.gov). Web site: [Michigan.gov/Elections](http://Michigan.gov/Elections)

## 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).