

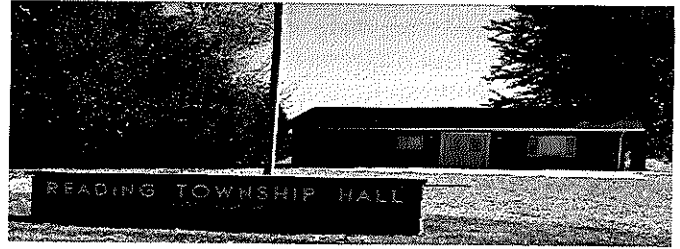
# Reading Township News

Fall/Winter

#15 Edition

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

Welcome to Allan Andrews, Supervisor and welcome back to Rick Gripman back as Trustee. We look forward to 2023 and the continued improvement to our township.

## 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, 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 Tuesday, January 10, 2023. 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)).

Spring and Summer will be upon us before you know it and it is time to clean up our property removing trash, junk and junk vehicles etc.

Please refer to the Reading Township Fee Schedule (adopted 3-14-22) for the fees, penalties and court actions for issuance of citations, (on page 2). People work too hard for their money, and it is not the intention of the Township to impose fines on the property owners. The Townships' goal is to get the community to clean up and comply with the ordinance. Stay Safe!  
Harold Farris, Zoning Administrator  
517-607-9567

## Winter Tax Collection:

To avoid a penalty, Winter taxes must be paid by February 14, 2023, to avoid extra fees. That is the last date that Winter tax payments can be received by the Township Treasurer without penalty. 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:

### 2022:

Wednesday, December 28th from 9:00a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### 2023:

Tuesday, February 14th 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and

Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. to 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 13, 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). An 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 2023:

Due to recent organizational changes at the Hillsdale County Road Commission, there may be adjustments. We thank Supervisor Allan Andrews for attending the Road Commission meetings and keeping the township board up to date. Note: 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:

Reading Township has applied for the Federal American Rescue Plan (ARPA) of 2021, and has received approval for projects to improve Reading Township in the amount of \$181,067.86. The Board is working on projects at this time and would welcome township residents to come to regular board meetings or talk to board members. Township residents are welcome to make suggestions. Approved projects include: Reconstruct the driveway approach to the township hall, equipment for the Reading Volunteer Fire Department, and township gravel road repairs. A recent suggestion is assistance to repair Kimball Point township park.

### Reading Community Library

We wish to thank our community for passing the August millage vote. Our library funding is now secure for the next ten years, and we appreciate the support. As a district library we serve Reading, Reading Township, and Cambria Township. Others wishing to obtain an RCL card may do so for a small yearly fee. We're ready and can hardly wait for Bonnie Thompson's annual Olde Fashioned Christmas on Friday, Nov. 9 from 4-8 pm. We'll be here at the library passing out free lovely books signed by Santa himself. Children 0-12 years of age will receive one free book. New York Times best sellers are found here at RCL! Popular authors' works adorn our 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 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. We offer an Ancestry Club. Our Winter 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

### 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 2022: At the recent election held on November 8<sup>th</sup>, 781 township residents voted, which was outstanding!

**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 (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).

### Reading Township Fee Schedule for Civil fractions of Section 17:

Citations issued by the Zoning Administrator -  
Original letter allows 30 days to comply cleanup  
1<sup>st</sup> offence (10 days) fee \$100.00  
2<sup>nd</sup> offence (10 days) \$500.00  
Final turnover to the court system