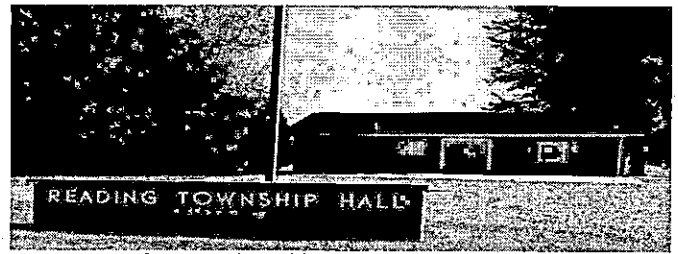


Reading Township News

Spring/Summer 2023

#16 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 Flaughter, 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:

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 Monday, July 17, 2023. All meetings are open to the public. Check the readingtownship.org website for up-to-date information on the Planning Commission. You will also find zoning text on the website.

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).

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 Township's goal is to get the community to clean up and comply with the ordinance. Stay Safe!

Harold Farris, Zoning Administrator
517-607-9567

Summer Tax Collection:

To avoid a penalty, Summer taxes must be paid by September 14, 2023, to avoid extra fees. That is the last date that Summer 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:

2023:

Saturday, September 9th, from 9:00a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, September 14th from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 pm.
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.

Board of Review: The next Board of Review will be held July 18th, 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.

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 on the building 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. 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:

Changing in the Road Commission staff continue improvement. Brining for the 2023 season has started in the southern townships. 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.

Update on American Rescue Plan (ARPA) of

2021: As you may know, Reading Township has ARPA 2021, and has received approval for projects to improve Reading Township in the amount of \$181,067.86. The following projects have been approved and are in the process of completion:

1. Special container for tires at the transfer station. \$3,052.01
2. Fire Department equipment \$18,763.57
3. Kimball Pointe Township Park \$14,270.00
4. Township Hall Driveway Approach \$18,950.00
5. Blair Road repair \$85,000.00
6. Ditching & Deberming, other road repair \$41,032.28

Please talk to a board member if you have questions regarding this grant.

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' work stock the shelves can often be found at no cost through the MeL.org catalogue which allows borrowing from over 730 Michigan libraries. Additional services include internet access on in-house computers with WI-FI available, free eBook downloads through Libby, Hoopla streaming services, 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. Our summer calendar is packed and children's activities abound. We are now refreshing our puzzles, games and manipulative through a generous Hillsdale Community Foundation grant. See RCL's Facebook page for calendar details and library

announcements. Be sure to click "like" to receive our updates.

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reading@monroe.lib.mi.us

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.

Election 2023: There is an election on August 8th for Reading Schools. More information to follow.

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. Web site: 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
1st offense (10 days) fee \$100.00
2nd offense (10 days) fee \$500.00
Final turnover to the court system