

Reading Township News

Fall/Winter 2023/2024

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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:

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
Jennifer Kast, Secretary	517-283-3627
Ken McClellan	
Claudia Mesarosh, Board Rep.	517-320-1673

Planning Commission Meetings:

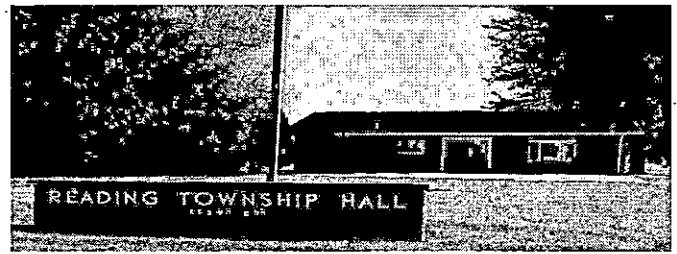
The Planning Commission meetings are held at the Reading Township Hall at 7 p.m. as posted. The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 17, 2024. All meetings are open to the public.

Thank you to Lee Tonnies for serving on the Planning Commission for several years. We appreciate her contributions.

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 may be reached at 517-825-9918. Please call the Reading Township Office at 517-283-3286 if you need cemetery information.



Winter Tax Collection:

To avoid a penalty, Winter taxes must be paid by February 14, 2024, 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 tax 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, December 23rd, from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

Wednesday, December 27th from 9:00 am to 5:00pm

2024:

Wednesday, February 14, 2024 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Thursday, February 29, 2024 from 9:00 am to 5:00pm

Please call the Reading Township Treasurer, Claudia Mesarosh at 517-320-1673 or have tax questions or concerns (leave a message)

To contact by Email: sam.blythe67@gmail.com.

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 deferral of the tax due date.

Board of Review: The next Board of Review will be held December 12, 2023, 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:

Don't forget to check the Reading Township Website. Information continues to be added to the website at readingtownship.org.

From the Clerk Kathy Flaughter:

The 2024 Election Dates are: primary (as of now)
August 6, 2024 – State Primary
November 5, 2024 - State General

The filing deadline for the August Primary is Tuesday, April 23, 2024 by 4:00 pm. Forms are available from the Reading Township Clerk or County Clerk. Anyone interested in running for any of the township board positions (4-year term), will need to file with either Clerk before the deadline.

Reading Community Library:

Costs are rising and simple entertainment can often be quite expensive, but libraries are one of the last social bulwarks to offer a plethora of items and services free or at a very minimal price.

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 stock the shelves and hard to find selections 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 WIFI available, free eBook downloads through Libby, Hoopla's streaming services, 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. See RCL's Facebook page for calendar details and library announcements. Be sure to click "like" to receive our updates.

Jeri Mosher, Director

Reading Township Transfer Station

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

Zoning:

Harold Farris, Zoning Administrator 517-607-9567.

Harold Farris is the Reading Township Zoning Administrator. Contact Mr. Farris before starting construction. The printed forms are available from Mr. Farris or on the Reading Township website at: readingtownship.org.

Road Commission 2023 :

Projects on road repair/replacement are nearing an end for this year. They will resume in the Spring to complete our list of needed work.

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

American Rescue Plan (ARPA of 2021):

Completion of the projects for the ARPA funds will be completed next year. The total amount of this "grant" totals \$181,067.86. The majority of the funds were spent on Reading Township roads.

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

Dog License:

For Reading Township primary landowners, you may purchase the 2024 dog license with your tax payment by mail. Male and female license tags are \$15.00 and unsexed tags are \$10.00. You must include a copy of the current vaccination from a veterinarian. A receipt and tags will be returned with your tax receipt. You may also purchase tags when the township hall is open for tax payments.