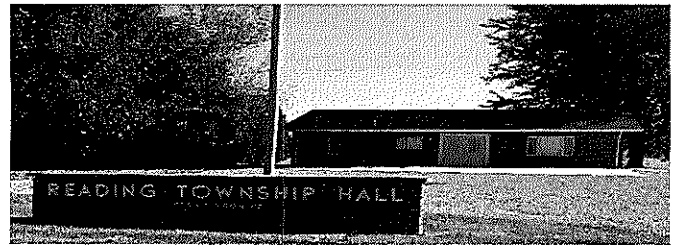


Reading Township News

Spring/Summer 2024

#18 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.

Primary Election – August 6, 2024

The Reading Township Primary election will be held on Tuesday, August 6th. There are a couple of changes to the Township board for the future:

Allan Andrews, Supervisor will not be on the ballot this time as he has decided to enjoy his retirement. We thank Allan for his hard work, especially on the township roads. He has accomplished many improvements with the Road Commission projects. Thank you Allan!

In addition, Claudia Mesarosh, Treasurer has decided after twelve years as Treasurer to retire – again! Serving on the township board has been a change from being a nursing home administrator, but I have enjoyed implementing a few changes such as the newsletter, working on the Planning Commission, improving the computer tax collection, etc. I discovered that Reading Township is awesome! -Claudia

Reading Township Board:

To reach the current Reading Township Board members please call (517) 283-3286.

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
Claudia Mesarosh, Board Member 517-283-2338
Ken McClellan, Member

Planning Commission meetings are held at the Reading Township Hall at 7 p.m. as posted. The next meeting will be held on Monday, August 19, 2024 at 7pm. This will be a Public Hearing regarding Section 15.09 on fences. Please check at the township hall for a detailed review. 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.

Summer Tax Collection:

To avoid interest, Summer taxes must be paid by September 16, 2024, to avoid extra fees. That is the last date that Summer tax payments can be received by the Township Treasurer without interest. Because September 14th falls on a weekend, payment is delayed until September 16th.

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 green 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 September 16th:

Monday, September 16th from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 pm.
This is the only date to pay in person.

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 16th, 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. The July 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 ordinances, which will be kept up to date.

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. 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

Road Commission 2024:

Changes in the Road Commission staff continue improvement. Brining for the 2024 season has started in the northern townships this year. 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 may 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 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 City, Reading Township, and Cambria Township. Others wishing to obtain an RCL card may do so for a small yearly fee. children's activities abound. See RCL's Facebook page for calendar details and library announcements. Be sure to click "like" to receive our updates. New summer hours are:

Monday 2PM-8PM, Tuesday 10AM-5PM,
Wednesday 10AM-5PM, Thursday 2PM-8PM,
Friday 10AM-5PM, Saturday 10AM-2PM

Jeri Mosher, Director
Reading Community Library
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.

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 \$3.00 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 offence (10 days) fee \$100.00
2nd offence (10 days) \$500.00
Final turnover to the court system