



# WAYNE TOWNSHIP

# SUMMER 2024 NEWSLETTER

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## TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETINGS

|          |                   |         |
|----------|-------------------|---------|
| Monday   | July 1, 2024      | 7:30 pm |
| Thursday | August 8, 2024    | 7:30 pm |
| Thursday | September 5, 2024 | 7:30 pm |
| Monday   | October 7, 2024   | 7:30 pm |
| Thursday | November 8, 2024  | 7:30 pm |
| Monday   | December 2, 2024  | 7:30 pm |

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## FIRE BOARD MEETINGS

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|----------|-------------------|---------|
| Thursday | August 1, 2024    | 7:30 pm |
| Thursday | August 29, 2024   | 7:30 pm |
| Thursday | October 3, 2024   | 7:30 pm |
| Thursday | October 31, 2024  | 7:30 pm |
| Tuesday  | November 26, 2024 | 7:30 pm |

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## WAYNE TOWNSHIP BOARD

|            |                 |              |
|------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Supervisor | Dr. Frank Butts | 269-782-5250 |
| Clerk      | Kurt Reich      | 269-782-6555 |
| Treasurer  | Judith Fusko    | 269-423-8357 |
| Trustee    | Jim Griggs      | 574-215-4400 |
| Trustee    | Frank Maley     | 269-462-0802 |

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## CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS

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|------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Zoning     | Mark Davis      | 269-414-3159 |
| Building   | Scott Saunders  | 269-999-6475 |
| Electrical | Ron Bellaire    | 269-663-3429 |
| Plumbing   | Dobberteen Ins. | 269-651-4567 |
| Mech'cal   | Dobberteen Ins. | 269-651-4567 |

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## OTHER USEFUL NUMBERS

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|-------------|----------------|--------------|
| Assessor    | Bill Kays      | 269-621-3604 |
| Cnty Treas. | Hope Anderson  | 269-445-4468 |
| Bd Comm.-1  | Ryan Laylin    | 269-414-8370 |
| Bd Comm.-2  | James Lawrence | 269-782-6201 |
| Cemetery    | Tammy Yeager   | 269-357-4710 |

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**WAYNE TOWNSHIP HALL**  
**Voice & Fax Line**  
**269-782-7017**

The Township Hall is located at the corner of  
Marcellus Highway and Glenwood Road

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## TOWNSHIP HALL HOURS

**CLOSED July 15 and July 22; & Sept. 2**

### Treasurer

**July 1 – November 30, 2024**

**Monday – 3 – 5 p.m.**  
**Tuesday – 1 – 4 p.m.**

Taxes will be accepted during any of the hours listed above. In addition, the Treasurer's Office will be open for tax collection from 1 – 4 p.m. on the following Fridays: July 12 and 26; August 9 and 30; September 13; and also on Monday, September 16, 2024 from 9 am to 5 pm

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### Clerk

**Wednesday – 1 – 4 p.m.**

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### Zoning Administrator and Building Inspector

**Thursday – 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

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## IF YOU NEED TAX INFORMATION

**Contact the Township  
Treasurer at 269-782-7017**

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**ADDRESS CORRECTIONS REQUESTED**  
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**Check out our website:**

[www.WayneTwpMI.org](http://www.WayneTwpMI.org)

**TOWNSHIP CLEANUP DAY**  
**Saturday, August 24, 2024 – 10am-2pm**

Dumpsters will be available in the parking lot of the Wayne Township Hall for the free disposal of trash, **not** hazardous waste materials or organic materials. Proof of residency or ownership in Wayne Township will be required.

**ATTENTION VOTERS!**

Ballot applications will be mailed for the August 6 and November 5 elections. If you wish to be on the permanent ballot (perm ballot) list, you must mark the appropriate box. After the 2024 election, ballot applications will no longer be mailed.

**ELECTIONS**

This year is a huge election year. I believe most people know about the General Election – “the election for president” as most people call it even though there are congressional, state, county, township and school offices to vote on, not to mention proposals that are very important to our state, county and schools. The turnout for this election is usually good to very good.

Unfortunately, however, many people do not vote in the Primary Election. Some even say it doesn't matter. This is far from the truth. The Primary Election chooses the candidates that will be on the General Election ballot! To say this election doesn't matter is WRONG! The Primary Election is August 6 at the Township Hall. Please consider voting in this election. We must remember that as Americans all elections are a privilege and a duty. I hope to see you at the polls on August 6 and on November 5.

**A CARING COMMUNITY- -**

On May 7 northern Cass County was hit by two EF-1 tornadoes. By far the most severe damage occurred at Wayne Township's Twin Lakes and areas to the north east. But, within minutes of the end of the storm, people were emerging from their basements with chain saws and other tools in hand to check on their neighbors and to offer assistance in removing downed trees and other debris. In just over twelve hours the Wayne Township Fire Department answered 17 calls, thankfully accepting assistance from fire departments in Decatur, Niles, and Dowagiac. Three homes burned, but the department prevailed, answering emergency calls on foot when trees blocked the roads, and even “borrowing” a pontoon boat to respond to one emergency.

Help descended on the area immediately from MEC who brought in additional utility company repairpersons to help; the Cass County Road Commission, assisted by the Van Buren County Road Commission; and MDOT. The Township Supervisor, Cass County Emergency Manager, and County Commissioner were in constant evidence during the next few days. Township inspectors for building, zoning, and electrical services continually roved the area to lend their expertise. The American Red Cross brought in food for emergency workers and residents, and FEMA surveyed the damage to determine what federal benefits might be available. Thirteen agencies responded with various kinds of assistance. The Township can rejoice in the knowledge that, while destruction was severe, no lives were lost and no serious injuries were reported.

When tragedy strikes, it can bring out the worst in people, or it can bring out the best in people. We are truly fortunate to live in a community where the best prevails. Wayne Township is proud of its residents.

**Wayne Township is an equal  
opportunity employer and  
provider**