

Board Meetings

Second Tuesday of Every Month
7:30 PM at Township Hall

Virtual Meetings option will still be available
to the public until at least December 31, 2020.

Look for Zoom meeting information posting on website.
ALWAYS CHECK WEBSITE FOR INFORMATION AND UPDATES.



WINTER 2020

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2020 WINTER TAX NEWS

2020 Winter Tax Collection Hours

December 2 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
December 7 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
December 16 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
December 28 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

2021

January 6 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
January 20 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
February 3 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
February 16 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

MARCH 1, 2021 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
LAST DAY TO PAY AT TOWNSHIP

Call for an appointment before February 16, 2021
if the dates and times above do not work for you.

Interest with Penalty charges on unpaid
Summer and Winter taxes begin
February 17, 2021

SUMMER INTEREST CONTINUES

DATES	ADD
12/01/2020 to 12/31/2020	4%
01/01/2021 to 01/31/2021	5%
02/01/2021 to 02/16/2021	6%

After 2/17/2021
contact the Township Treasurer
for total amount due

Payment Options

Original tax bills are mailed to property owners; copies of tax bills are mailed to mortgage companies.

- Mail check to
 - P O Box 226
Stanwood MI 49346
 - A stamped, self-addressed envelope MUST be included with your payment for a receipt.
 - Or provide your email address for a receipt to be emailed.
- Use Drop Box at Township Hall
 - 14132 Pierce Road
- Pay in Person on collection days
- Pay with credit card by mail
 - (3% fee added)
 - Provide credit card information on payment stub
- Pay with credit card by phone
 - (3% fee added)
 - 231.823.9704 x3
 - Treasurer must be in office to accept a phone payment



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TOWNSHIP CLERK

Billie Jean Barnes 231.823.9704 Option #2

ELECTIONS

Be sure you are registered to vote. Submit your request for an absentee voter registration to have it on file. Contact Clerk for forms or information. (1) All voters can now vote by absentee ballot. (2) If you would like to be placed on the permanent absent voter list and receive an application for every election, you can mail your request to P O Box 226 or put your request in the drop box. Provide your name, address, date of birth (DOB), and signature.

NEW SECURITY MEASURES MAY IMPACT RESIDENTS WITHOUT RIGHT ID
Beginning October 1, 2021 travelers need to have the new federal standard, "REAL ID". This is a security measure that sets a higher standard for identification. Without the proper ID, an individual might not be able to board an airplane or enter some federal facilities. For some, this might mean getting a new driver's license or state ID. A REAL ID is considered a passport or an enhanced driver's license.

MORTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

Allen Sutherby, Fire Chief 231.972.7211
firechief@mortontownship.org



Remember to check the DNR site for burning permit information: www.dnr.state.mi.us/burnpermits.

BE SAFE. NOT SORRY.

Austin Township continues to contract with Morton Township for fire services and looks forward to a long-lasting relationship.

AUSTIN TOWNSHIP RECYCLING

HOURS: Saturdays 9:00 am-Noon

Austin Township provides monetary support to Morton Township's Recycling Center. Austin Township residents can use this service for free.

Check Austin Township Website for information on what can be recycled. Go to Resident Resources/ Recycling Information.

DOG LICENSES

**Purchase at Township
December 1, 2020 - March 1, 2021**

ONE YEAR	THREE YEAR
Unsexed \$4.00	Unsexed..... \$10.00
Sexed..... \$8.00	Sexed..... \$20.00

TOWNSHIP HALL RENTAL

\$100 = \$50 Rental Fee & \$50 Refundable Fee

Currently no hall rentals are being accepted due to the Covid 19 implications on how many people can be together in spaces. When we can rent again it will be posted on our website. Below is information on our hall rental.

The Hall Rental Agreement can be found on our website. Go to www.austintownship.org/hall-rental for a fillable form that can be mailed, emailed, or faxed for approval. Or you can call 231.823.9704 x3 for a reservation. For available hall rental dates check the Upcoming Events calendar on the main page of our website. \$50 refundable fee is refunded after rental if there is no damage, no trash left behind, or excessive cleaning required after your event.

Please note that there are NO YARD SALES, NO ALCOHOL, and NO TRASH SERVICES. (All renters must take trash with them.)

SUPERVISOR/ASSESSOR'S NOTES

Kenn Vredenburg 231.250.7341

Contact the Supervisor/Assessor if you need:

- Land Division, Homestead, Assessing information/affidavit
- Change or update website content

Mailing Address: 13829 7 Mile Road
Stanwood MI 49346

STANWOOD CEMETERY

Kenn Vredenburg 231.250.7341



Board meeting date, time, and location will be publicized on website when set.

Lots available for purchase.
Call Kenn Vredenburg.

CONSERVATION DISTRICT



www.mecostacd.org

CONSERVATION DISTRICT OFFERS FREE SITE ASSESSMENTS

Forestry Assistance Program Keeping your forest healthy, productive, and sustainable long term is no easy task. It is more important than ever, to take a closer look at programs that can assist you with the management of your property. They include: Forestry Assistance Program, Qualified Forest Program, Hunter Access Program, Forest, Wetlands and Habitat Program and many others. Contact District Forester, Rick Lucas, for more information at 231.408.3567.

Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program Participate in our voluntary and confidential program to reduce environmental risk on your farming operation, forest, wetland, or wildlife habitat. Call Karen McDaniel, Mecosta MAEAP Technician, at 231.408.3574.

Invasive Species Management Program For information to identify, prevent, monitor, manage and respond to invasive species, contact Vicki Sawicki, North Country CISMA Coordinator, at 231.429.5072 (covering Osceola, Lake and Mecosta Counties).

Natural Resources Conservation Service For information regarding your natural resource concerns, improvements, protection, and enhancement, contact Jennifer Taylor, Mecosta District Conservationist at 231.796.2659 Ext. 3, *The USDA is an Equal Opportunity Provider & Employer and Lender.*

Native Plant Presentation & Sale

Friday, June 4, 2021

Call or email the Mecosta Conservation District to be placed on our mailing list.
231.796.0909 Ext.3
brook.baumann@macd.org

Annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection

**Saturday, October 9, 2021,
9:00 a.m. to 12 noon**

Collection Sites:

Mecosta County - Mecosta County Fairgrounds
Osceola County - Road Commission North Facility
Lake County - Wenger Pavilion, downtown Baldwin

CALL 231.796.0909 Ext. 3 TO RECEIVE A FREE SPRING & FALL 2021 TREE/SHRUB CATALOG

DID YOU KNOW?

Green House Number Emergency Signs can be obtained from Morton Township at www.mortontownship.org/sites/default/files/files/911_SIGN.pdf