

Chippewa Township
Mecosta County, Michigan
2024 WINTER NEWSLETTER
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Supervisor: Shirley Hazen

Clerk: Kristin Lytle

Treasurer: Julie Austin

Trustee: Annette Walters

Trustee: Debbie Zielinski

Assessor: Andrea Roberts: 231-867-3777

Township Hall 231-867-3777

Chippewa Lk. Sewer Dept. 231-867-3616

Community Bldg. Rental: 231-867-3991

Emergency Service: 911

Animal Control: 911

Burn Permits: (866) 922-2876 or www.michigan.gov/burnpermit

Township Board meets 1st Wednesday of each month @ 6:30 pm, in the Chippewa Township Community Building

FY 2024-2025 Fire Board meets the 3rd Monday of each month @ 6:30 pm, at the Martiny Twp. Hall

TOWNSHIP OFFICE HOURS ARE MONDAY THRU THURSDAY 9am TO 1pm. Occasionally, we must run to the cemeteries, continuing education classes, county meetings, etc. during business hours. Feel free to call the office prior to stopping by.

Additional hours are always available by appointment.

****Closed on Holidays****

Assessors' hours are 10 a.m. - noon on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month UNLESS SCHEDULING CONFLICT

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - 2024 WINTER TAX INFORMATION

2024 Winter Tax Bills are due on or before 2/14/2025. POSTMARKS will **NOT** be accepted. On 2-15-2025 late penalties will apply. **DELINQUENT 2024 Summer Taxes or Deferred Summer Taxes** are **NOT** reflected on the 2024 winter tax bills. On March 1, 2025, *all unpaid* taxes are TURNED OVER DELINQUENT and become payable to the Mecosta County Treasurers Office at 400 Elm St. Big Rapids, MI 49307; (231) 592-0169 & are subject to additional penalties. **IF YOUR TAXES ARE ESCROWED, A MORTGAGE CODE APPEARS ON YOUR BILL AND A COPY OF THE 2024 WINTER TAX BILL HAS BEEN SENT TO YOUR MORTGAGE COMPANY. BY LAW, THE ORIGINAL BILL MUST BE SENT TO THE PROPERTY OWNER (MCL 221.11(1)).**

Mail your payments to: Chippewa Township Treasurer, P.O. Box 26, Chippewa Lake, MI 49320.

Make Payments Payable to: Chippewa Township Treasurer. A secure drop slot is located just to the right of the Chippewa Township Office main entrance. A self-addressed stamped envelope is requested for the return of your paid receipt. **If making payment in 'cash' please have the exact amount. CHIPPEWA TOWNSHIP DOES NOT ACCEPT CREDIT/DEBIT CARD PAYMENTS.** Treasurer/Clerk office hours are Monday thru Thursday from 9 am to 1 pm. The Treasurer's Office will be closed December 23rd - December 29th. Open on December 30th, and closed December 31st - January 5th. Treasurer's email: julie@Chippewatwp.org

*******EXTREMELY IMPORTANT*******

Make sure you carefully check the enclosed Tax Statement(s). If you find an error, please contact the Treasurer **immediately** to have the statement corrected at the December 10, 2024, Board of Review. Upon the adjournment of the 2024 December Board of Review, corrections **cannot** be made to the 2024 Tax Roll, until the 2025 July Board of Review. The December Board of Review is for "**Qualified Errors & Poverty Appeals ONLY.** **The 2024 taxes are assessed to a property as it existed on 12-31-2023 (MCL211.2).** **If a property is sold or split during the 2024 tax year, it is the responsibility of the buyer & seller or their agents to prorate the whole tax year obligation.** **ALL** address changes need to be submitted in writing. **Failure to receive a property tax notice does NOT prejudice the right to collect or enforce the payment and or penalties, of the payment of the property tax.**

DISABLED VETERANS' EXEMPTION: Honorably discharge veterans with a 100% permanently and totally disabled veteran classification or their surviving unmarried spouse, may be eligible for exemption from real property tax, for property that is used & owned as their principal residence. Forms can be downloaded, on the Township's website (www.Chippewatwp.org), by clicking on the "Forms" tab or by contacting the Chippewa Township Hall @ 231-867-3777 or email julie@chippewatwp.org or kristin@Chippewatwp.org.

You must file for the Veterans Exemption each year to qualify!

NEW OFFICES: The new offices are coming along nicely. The electrical rough-in is completed, siding, soffits, and fascia are completed. The voting box was installed. Drywall is started. The builders are estimating a completion date in January/February.

SAYING GOODBYE: Supervisor Bryan Roels retired on November 20, 2024. We would like to Thank him for his years of service to Chippewa Township. We wish him nothing but the best in all his future endeavors.

As many of you have probably heard, Scott Rice, the Chippewa Township Sewer Operator, is moving to a new State. We would like to wish him the best.

The current Sewer Tech will be moving into the Sewer Operator's position, and we anticipate a flawless transition.

ROAD PROJECTS: 90th Avenue between 18 Mile and 19 Mile Road was paved this Fall. Chip/Fog Seal was completed on 19 Mile Road between 90th Avenue and 105th Avenue, Crack Seal was completed on N. Chippewa Drive to E. Chippewa Drive, and on 105th Avenue between Dwight St. and 19 Mile Rd. along with the annual Brine Project of gravel roads.

LIBRARY NEWS: The Barryton Branch library (in Barryton) will be hosting a 'Meet Santa' event after the Old-Fashioned Christmas parade on Saturday, December 7, 2024, from 4 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Children who participate will be given a candy cane and can make a Christmas ornament to take home. Parents are encouraged to bring their cameras to take a photo with Santa.

CHIPPEWA-MARTINY FIRE DEPT:

The Chippewa-Martiny Firefighters would like to remind everyone that it is the time of year for every household to check and/or replace the batteries in their smoke detectors. If you would like to become a part of this great public service organization, you can obtain an application at either the Chippewa Township Offices or the Martiny Township Hall. You can also contact Chief, Brain David for more information. The Chippewa Township Board would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank our firefighters. We have men and women, serving on first responder units, who are willing to give up their time, and often their safety, to protect and help us. Seldom do we think of the physical and mental toll it may take on them. To all of you THANK YOU for all that you do and your sacrifices to help and protect us. You are greatly appreciated.

The Chippewa-Martiny Fire Department Clerk and Treasurer have applied for and were awarded \$27,187.00 in Grants for 2024; \$18,812.00 through the MET Grant, \$3375.00 through the Michigan DNR Wildland Grant and \$5000.00 through the Tri-County People Fund Grant. The grant proceeds were used to purchase new Jaws of Life tools, boots, helmets, and additional fire gear.

UPDATE: The new Fire Engine was delivered in September. Having updated equipment is an essential part of keeping our community safe. We would like to thank everyone who made this purchase possible as well as a Thank you to all the Firefighters for the additional training hours they've put in to learn this new engine.

CHIPPEWA LAKE FIREWORKS: Marcia would like to extend a **Thank You** to all those who graciously continue to support and donate to the Chippewa Lake Fireworks display each year. The bottle/can drive raised over \$2,608.30. WOW! If you would like to donate, sponsor a fundraising event, or have any questions, please contact Marcia Leiter by email at: Chippewafireworkscommittee@gmail.com.

As always, please feel free to stop and visit with the township officials at the office if you have any questions, suggestions, or comments. You may also call or email your local officials whenever needed.

Wishing you all a very blessed Holiday Season!
The Chippewa Township Board