

**CHIPPEWA TOWNSHIP**  
**MECOSTA COUNTY, MICHIGAN**  
**February 2025**

**Supervisor:** Shirley Hazen

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**Township Hall:** 231-867-3777

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Township Board meetings 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month @ 6:30 P.M., in the Community Building

Fire Board meetings 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month @ 6:30 P.M., in the Martiny Twp. Building

**TOWNSHIP OFFICE HOURS ARE MONDAY THRU THURSDAY 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. UNLESS OTHERWISE POSTED. Chippewa Twp. Officers may not always be in the offices during normal hours due to continued education, meetings, cemetery and park work, etc. It is always advisable to call before driving to the office.**

Dear Chippewa Lake Weed District Members:

The Chippewa Township Board members would like to say Thank You to Bryan Roels, Mark Coscarelli, and Paul Phillips for your time, dedication, and attention that you have put in as Chippewa Lake Weed Advisory Members. You are all appreciated! The Weed Advisory Committee takes weekly samples of Chippewa Lake to ensure that the nutrients, water clarity, fisheries, phosphorus, etc. are within normal range and that those numbers are similar to the numbers that PLM also records. Seven new Weed Advisory Committee members have volunteered to learn how to take samples and report results back to the CLWD Coordinator. We would like to Thank each and every one of you!

**A few things to remember:**

- 1) Chippewa Lake is NOT a swimming pool. There will always be weeds in Chippewa Lake. Non-Native, invasive weed are the only weeds that are treated. Native weeds stabilize sediment, support aquatic insects and fisheries, maintain oxygen levels and are necessary to keep a balanced ecosystem.
- 2) Chippewa Township does NOT control the lake level. The Lake level is set by the Michigan State Supreme Court and is the responsibility of the Mecosta County Drain Commissioner to monitor and adjust when they deem fit.
- 3) The Chippewa Lake Weed Control Special Assessment District ends in 2027. That means, if weed control on Chippewa Lake is going to continue; the petition process would need to be started in 2026 to ensure there is enough time for the Public Hearings, signature verification, etc. This is not an initiative that Township officials can do. The Chippewa Lake Weed Advisory Committee will be working closely with Chippewa Township if they choose to move forward with this option.
- 4) In 2024 we experienced (as did many other Michigan inland lakes) multiple algae blooms. PLM stayed on top of this, and we received treatments as needed to reduce this. Some of the problems with algae was the weather conditions that worked in its favor. Another issue could be the increased phosphorous levels. We will be monitoring this closely in 2025. You can help by not using fertilizer near the water's edge. If you feel it's necessary to fertilize within 500 feet of the lake, please make sure you use fertilizer that has phosphorus content of 0. This is the middle of three numbers listed on all fertilizer packages.

As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or comments regarding the weeds in Chippewa Lake, please contact the Township offices at 231-867-3777 or email [Kristin@Chippewatwp.org](mailto:Kristin@Chippewatwp.org). Social media (Facebook) is not the correct place to voice your concerns.

Sincerely,  
The Chippewa Township Board