



# WINDSOR CHARTER TOWNSHIP

## WINTER 2017 NEWSLETTER

### OFFICE HOURS

The office, at 405 W. Jefferson, is open M-F from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Check the website for the 2018 Holiday Policy for any office closures. Office Phone: 517-646-0772.

Clerk: Lisa Rumsey  
[clerk@windsortownship.com](mailto:clerk@windsortownship.com)

Treasurer: Sue Fritts  
[treasurer@windsortownship.com](mailto:treasurer@windsortownship.com)

Website: [www.windsortownship.com](http://www.windsortownship.com)

### PHONE NUMBERS:

### EMERGENCIES DIAL 9-1-1

Supervisor Marcus Braman

Office in lower level of Emergency Service Building  
300 W. Jefferson, Dimondale, MI 517-648-3528  
Office Hours: Tues: 9 am to 1 pm  
Thurs: Noon to 6 pm  
or by appointment.  
[supervisor@windsortownship.com](mailto:supervisor@windsortownship.com)

Assessor Pete Preston

300 W. Jefferson, Dimondale, MI 517-646-0040  
Office Hours: Tues. 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM  
or by appointment: [windsorassessor@gmail.com](mailto:windsorassessor@gmail.com)

Cemetery/Sexton

William Long or Jim Bogi 517-646-8357  
Leave a message.

Emergency Services Chief

Phil Miller: Non-emergency calls & activating  
Burning permits 517-646-0893  
[chief@windsortownship.com](mailto:chief@windsortownship.com)

Library

Ann Sanders 517-646-0633  
Library Hours: MON & WED 1:00PM-7:00PM  
TUE & THURS 10:00AM-5:30PM  
FRI 1:00 – 5:30 PM and  
SAT: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Trustees of the Township:

Curt Myers, Tony Piper, Sandy Pray & Kern Slueter

**MEETINGS:**

All meetings are held in the meeting room at 300 W. Jefferson (lower level).

Township Board: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday – 7:30 PM

Planning Commission: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday – 7:00 PM

Board of Appeals: As needed

Board of Review: March: Check new assessment notice in late February for specific times.

**SUPERVISOR’S REPORT - MARCUS BRAMAN:**

With another year quickly passing by, Windsor Township has continued to move forward, with exciting new developments and opportunities. During 2017 we made another effort to update our emergency service fleet with a new fire truck. The truck was built in Charlotte at Spartan Motors and we encourage everyone to look at the amazing efforts Spartan Motors is making in our region.

The “facelift” efforts along Lansing Road are starting to take effect with the hopeful reopening of Don’s Truck stop. We are in continued talks with several other companies, from several different industries including trucking, manufacturing, technology and hospitality. In addition, we have sold one of our burdensome properties and expect development very soon.

The announcement of Harvest Park was the biggest news of the year and as the State of Michigan finalizes the rules or operation we will continue to help inform the public as to how this new industry will move forward. In addition, we will be putting together a FAQ and informational brochure to help answer the common questions, and I am always happy to field any other questions you may have.

We have also finished our first year with our new clerk and treasurer, and in my opinion, they are the best in the business. With a new board of trustees, the township continued to move forward with the rights of our citizens being the number one priority for all decision making.

I would like to thank the residents of Windsor Charter Township for another successful year. As always, I will keep an open door and I encourage the residents to stop by, email, call or even text me, as well as attending our meetings. Have a very Happy Holiday Season and thank you for helping make Windsor Township a wonderful place to live.

**LISA RUMSEY, CLERK:**

EXCITING NEWS – Before the end of 2017, we will be receiving new election equipment, paid for with funds from Help America Vote Act (HAVA). For those of you familiar with the touchy, uncooperative, big and bulky AutoMarks (ballot marking devices), we’re finally replacing them with new, lighter, user-friendly devices. We will also be receiving new digital scanning tabulators.

Three elections are probable in the upcoming year, so I will be needing inspectors. If you are interested in becoming an election inspector, please stop by the office to sign up. It is a long but fun day and you will be compensated at \$10 per hour for your help. As soon as training sessions are scheduled, I will be contacting all election inspectors, current and new, to sign up for the election training as well as training on the new equipment.

Thank you to everyone for the warm welcome and kind words during my first year as clerk. I will continue to do my best to serve our community. Have a wonderful 2018!

**SUE FRITTS, REMINDERS FROM THE TREASURER:**

The office will be open **extended hours**, from 9:00am thru 6:00pm on Thursday, **December 28, 2017** for tax bill payments to be **dated paid** in 2017. The office will be **closed** Friday, December 29, 2017 thru Monday, January 1, 2018. On **February 28, 2018**, we will be **open extended hours**, 9:00am thru 6:00pm for the last day of in office dog licenses and/or tax payments. The Dorothy Hull Library does **not** accept tax payments.

Winter 2017 and any unpaid Summer 2017 tax bills are **DUE February 28, 2018**. After that date, I must turn my records over to the Eaton County Treasurer and payments will need to be paid directly to them. There will be penalty and interest charges added to these late bills. **Partial payments** can be made, to help keep those charges lower, anytime during the Summer or Winter tax season. If you have any questions on your tax bill please don't hesitate to call (517-646-0772).

**Dog licenses** are available in the township office from December 1, 2017 thru February 28, 2018. Detailed information can be found on the back of your Winter 2017 tax bill. Remember: **Your puppy is close to your heart**, so if you don't have a 2018 license by Valentine's Day (February 14) come see us.  
**Have a Safe and Healthy 2018**, Sue Fritts

**PETE PRESTON, ASSESSOR:**

The December Board of Review is scheduled for December 12, 2017. Anyone who has received a winter tax bill with "PRE 0%" and believe they are eligible for the Principal Residence Exemption "PRE 100%", or believe they are eligible for a poverty or veterans exemption please contact the Assessor.

**CHIEF PHIL MILLER, EMERGENCY SERVICES:**

**Fire Insurance Rates**

A portion of the insurance that you pay on any building, including your home is for fire loss potential. The rate, and amount you pay, are based on the type of occupancy, the value of the building, and often the classification of your local fire department. Many insurance companies use a fire department classification system managed by the Insurance Service Office (ISO). This system classifies a community's fire protection on a scale of 1 through 10, with 1 being the best and 10 being no fire protection at all. Windsor Township Emergency Services is currently rated by ISO as a class 5. It is a good idea to make sure that your insurance company is aware of your current Fire Department Rating to make sure the rating they are using is the proper one for our department. What has happened a few times over the past year is that a company will not be aware that Windsor Township has a fire department and will use a fire department that is more than 5 miles away meaning a higher rate for fire insurance. If you have any questions about ISO ratings, please feel free to contact Chief Phil Miller or Assistant Chief William Fabijancic @ 517-646-0893.

**Propane Vendor Relationships**

We understand that many residents utilize alternate heating sources to provide heat for their homes, workshops and propane as a backup. Were you aware that you should keep a relationship with a propane provider even if you only use it for backup reasons? We have had situations in the past year where residents who have propane backup have had damage to their big propane tanks due to storms. This creates delays in getting someone to service the tank and the leak stopped because there is no customer file. Depending on weather conditions this often leads to evacuation of the home for a longer period of time and greater risk to life and property.

### **Burn Permits**

Are you new to Windsor Township, or haven't burned in the Township before? Windsor Township uses a permit system for the burning of brush or leaves. If you live in the Township and would like to burn, then you need to go to the Township office located at 405 W. Jefferson St. and purchase a burn permit. The permit costs \$25.00 and is good for the calendar year it was purchased. Once the permit is issued, then you need call the number on the permit to activate it. Activation of the permit is good for 7 days. The Township Office is open Monday-Friday between 9am and 4pm.

Burn permits do not allow holders to transport wood or brush in from another location or municipality for burning within Windsor Township. It also does not allow the permit holder to burn construction materials at any time. A permit is not needed to have a recreational campfire or a fire for cooking. Burning of brush or leaves is prohibited within the Village of Dimondale although recreational campfires are allowed. Any questions, please contact us at 517-646-0893.

### **DO YOU STILL NEED A GREEN SIGN?**

They are still available at a cost of \$12.00. Contact the Township Office (646-0772) to place your order or stop into the office to fill out a form.

### **LIBRARY UPDATES:**

2017 was a big year for your library! We added to our open hours, purchased new electronic databases, upgraded summer reading and, most importantly, joined MeL, the Michigan eLibrary. 2018 may not have the same number of big changes, but we hope to build on our successes and have another good year.

Our hours for 2018 will remain Monday and Wednesday, 1-7 PM, Tuesday and Thursday, 10 AM-5:30 PM, Friday 1-5:30 PM, and Saturday 10 AM- 2 PM. Our summer reading program was a huge success and in response to requests, we will launch a Winter Reading program for adults on January 16. Summer reading for kids and teens will return in late June.

In case you missed it, our membership in the Michigan eLibrary means that you can now request books that we do not own from anywhere in Michigan, delivered here for you. You can also use your Dorothy Hull Library card to check out books in person at some other participating libraries. Please call or visit the library for details.

**BEST WISHES FOR A SAFE AND WONDERFUL 2018**