



WINDSOR CHARTER TOWNSHIP

2023 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 2023 Holiday Policy and for any office closures. Office Phone: 517-646-0772.

Clerk: Lisa Rumsey

clerk@windsortownship.com

Treasurer: Sue Fritts

treasurer@windsortownship.com

Website: www.windsortownship.com

PHONE NUMBERS:

EMERGENCIES DIAL 9-1-1

Supervisor Kern Slucter

Office in lower level of Emergency Service Building
300 W. Jefferson, Dimondale, MI Phone: 517-648-3528
Office Hours: by appointment
Email: supervisor@windsortownship.com

Assessor Pete Preston

300 W. Jefferson, Dimondale, MI Phone: 517-646-0040
Office Hours: Tues. 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
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Public Service Director/Sexton

Jim Bogi

Phone: 517-604-3334

Emergency Services Chief

Phil Miller: Non-emergency calls & activating
Burning permits Phone: 517-646-0893
Email: chief@windsortownship.com

Library

405 W. Jefferson, Dimondale, MI Phone: 517-646-0633
Library Hours: TUES - FRI 10:00 AM-6:00 PM

Trustees of the Township:

Curt Myers, Tony Piper, Sandy Pray & Patricia Pisano

MEETINGS:

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

Township Board:

2nd and 4th Tuesday – 7:00 PM

Planning Commission:

2nd 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 – KERN SLUCTER:

The supervisor's office is open by appointment. I am available most anytime for your questions by telephone at 517-648-3528. Please feel free to call during business hours with your questions, comments or for an appointment.

2023 Budget:

The single most important function of local government is to keep our township residents safe. Of course, that holds true with Windsor Charter Township. We have fulfilled that responsibility for many years. In planning this year's budget, inflation at 6%+ (by most estimates) coupled by many years of no raises forced us to offer wage increases to most of our Fire and EMS staff. I know most of you have seen the yard sized signs on street corners offering \$12.00 to \$17.00 per hour for relatively low skilled workers. Unfortunately, we must compete with these offers to retain and attract professionals. Additionally, our office staff has not had salary increases since 2018.

For 2023 Windsor Charter Township will have the largest budget in its history with no tax rate tax increase. The local millage will remain at 3.8 mils. The only property tax increase will be in assessments as mandated by the State of Michigan and the Eaton County Equalization Department.

Consumers Energy:

As many of you may be aware Consumers Energy is planning a new facility for the southeast corner of Canal Rd. and Billwood Hwy. While the project had been slowed due to Covid, please look for more announcements and plans in 2023. Stay tuned to the township website for news of planning commission meetings and board meeting notices for opportunities to comment.

LISA RUMSEY, CLERK:

We had two busy elections this past year. The Primary Election was held August 2th with a 33% turnout of registered voters. The General Election was held November 8th with an impressive turnout for a midterm election of 69%. The election inspectors did a GREAT job and their hard work was greatly appreciated. To all you election inspectors out there.....THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY!

At this time, there are no elections scheduled for 2023; but stay tuned, with seven school districts in Windsor Township, you just never know. Anyone who is a registered voter and is interested in working the elections, please stop by the office and fill out an Election Inspector Application or visit the township website at windsortownship.com and click on Elections, then Election Inspector/Training to obtain a copy of the application. It can be a long but enjoyable day and you will be compensated at \$12 per hour for your service.

Just a reminder: The township office, 405 W. Jefferson St, Dimondale, MI 48821, has a secure drop box located along the sidewalk to the main entrance, for your voting and tax payment needs.

Wishing you a Happy and Healthy 2023! Lisa and Sandy

NOTICES FROM TREASURER'S OFFICE, SUE FRITTS

GREETINGS FROM THE WINDSOR CHARTER TOWNSHIP TREASURER'S OFFICE, SUE FRITTS located at 405 W Jefferson Dimondale MI 48821

If paying by check, please remember to include a phone number.

Postmark dates are not accepted as payment date. The tax payment due date is stated on the front of the tax bill. The due date means the payment must be in our office on that date, at the end of the business day. We accept cash, checks or money orders.

The office will be open extended hours, from 9:00am thru 6:00pm on Thursday, December 29, 2022 for tax bill payments to be dated paid in 2022. The office will be closed December 23 thru 26, 2022 and December 30, 2022 thru January 2, 2023. Don't forget we have a secure drop box, located outside the township entrance for tax payments and voter materials. Cash payments should be for the exact amount and brought into our office. The Dorothy Hull Library does not accept tax payments.

On Tuesday, February 28, 2023 we will be open extended hours, 9:00 am thru 6:00pm for the last day of 2022 property tax payment collection in our office.

Winter 2022 and any unpaid Summer 2022 real property tax bills are DUE in the Township Office on or before February 28, 2023. After that date, we must turn our 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 delinquent tax bills. Partial payments can be made 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).

Have a Safe and Healthy 2023, Sue Fritts and Jodi Streeter

PETE PRESTON, ASSESSOR:

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. Please remember to check your new assessment notices that will be arriving in late February on dates and times for the March Board of Review.

EMERGENCY SERVICES - FROM THE CHIEFS DESK:

2022 has been a busy year for your Emergency Services Staff. This year is shaping up to be the busiest year in our history, with over 1500 runs already between Fire and EMS with a little over a month to go. We would like to say huge thank you to the Township Board and the Windsor Township Community as a whole for the support you all have given us to be able to assist others in their times of need. I would like to take this opportunity to mention a few items.

Fire safety items within your home:

With the home heating season upon us, it is a great time to check your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors to make sure they have fresh batteries and are in good working order. A working smoke detector or carbon monoxide alarm will save lives. It is also a great idea to have your home heating systems checked for proper operation, by an appropriate service technician. If you have to utilize small portable electric heaters, you should make sure that it is not plugged into a power strips or extension cords as many are not rated for the wattage that electric heat requires. You should also have a clear space around them to make sure that something doesn't drop on them that will cause a fire. These are some common causes of home fires during the winter. If you have children, make sure you have a "Fire Escape Plan", and practice it so in the event of a fire, your family knows how they can exit the home.

Smoke/Carbon Monoxide detector program:

The Emergency Services department is working on a program, made possible by the State of Michigan Bureau of Fire Services to install smoke detectors in homes of people that don't have them in their home free of charge. Because of the requirement that our Emergency Services staff install them, it will be limited to Windsor Township Residents, and we will be starting with those that cannot afford them. It is a popular program and with back orders on most everyday things, this program will be limited to what we can receive from the State. If you do not have working smoke detectors in your home, cannot afford them and would like more information, please contact Asst. Chief Bill Fabijancic Jr. @ 517-646-0893.

Can Emergency Services reach your home:

Many people like having tree's lining their driveways as it provides a buffer from noise and adds to the aesthetics of a home. However, you have to ask yourself, do these tree's lining both sides of my driveway create an issue for responders reaching my home in the event of an emergency. Our Emergency Services vehicles are tall, heavy and wide, with the largest being 13 foot 6 inches tall, 8 foot wide and weighing in close to 60,000 pounds. We have many tree's lining driveways in the Township that are overgrown, give us low clearance and are scraping the sides of the vehicles as we enter. While that may not seem like a big deal, this creates damage, that is costly to repair and more importantly to fix it takes it out of service for the next person that calls 911 and needs assistance. We ask home owners when they trim trees to make sure your driveway has 15-foot height clearance and at least 20-foot width. This assures that Emergency Services workers can reach your home and not damage trucks in the process of doing so. If you have any questions, about weights or clearances, please contact Chief Miller.

Have a blessed holiday season, and a safe winter.

Chief Phil Miller

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 to 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 \$15.00. Contact the Township Office (646-0772) to place your order or stop into the office to fill out a form.



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BEST WISHES FOR A SAFE AND WONDERFUL 2023