

**Chippewa Township**  
Mecosta County, Michigan  
**2023 WINTER NEWSLETTER**  
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**Supervisor:** Bryan Roels

**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](http://www.michigan.gov/burnpermit)

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

**FY 2023-2024 Fire Board meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month @ 6:30 pm, at the Martiny Twp. Hall**

**TOWNSHIP OFFICE HOURS ARE MONDAY THRU THURSDAY 9am TO 1pm UNLESS OTHERWISE POSTED**

**Additional hours are always available by appointment.**

**\*\*Closed on Holidays\*\***

**Assessors' hours are 10 a.m. – noon on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of each month UNLESS SCHEDULING CONFLICT**

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION – 2023 WINTER TAX INFORMATION**

**2023 Winter Tax Bills** are due on or before 2/14/2024. **POSTMARKS** will **NOT** be accepted. On 2-15-2024 late penalties will apply. **DELINQUENT 2023 Summer Taxes or Deferred Summer Taxes** are **NOT** reflected on the 2023 winter tax bills. On March 1, 2024, **all unpaid** taxes are **TURNT 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 2023 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 Remittance Payable to:** Chippewa Township Treasurer. A secure drop slot is located just to the right of the Chippewa Township Hall's 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. The Township does NOT accept credit/debit card payments.** **TREASURER/CLERK OFFICE HOURS (UNLESS POSTED)** Monday thru Thursday from 9 am to 1 pm. **The Treasurer's Office will be closed December 20<sup>th</sup> - December 26<sup>th</sup>, Open on December 27<sup>th</sup>, and closed December 28<sup>th</sup> - January 9<sup>th</sup>.** Treasurer's email: [julie@Chippewatwp.org](mailto:julie@Chippewatwp.org)

\*\*\*\*\***EXTREMELY IMPORTANT**\*\*\*\*\*  
**Make sure you carefully check the enclosed Tax Statement(s).** If you find an error you need to contact the Treasurer **immediately** to have the statement corrected at the December 12, 2023, Board of Review. Upon the adjournment of the 2023 December Board of Review, corrections **cannot** be made, to the 2023 Tax Roll, until the 2024 July Board of Review. The December Board of Review is for **"Qualified Errors & Poverty Appeals ONLY. The 2023 taxes are assessed to a property as it existed on 12-31-2022 (MCL211.2). If a property is sold during the 2023 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](http://www.Chippewatwp.org)), by clicking on the "Forms" tab or by contacting the Chippewa Township Hall @ 231-867-3777 or email [julie@chippewatwp.org](mailto:julie@chippewatwp.org). **You must file for the Veterans Exemption each year to qualify!**

**NEW OFFICES:**

**At the November 7<sup>th</sup> Election, Chippewa Township voters approved a ballot proposal of a 1-year millage (2023 only) for 2 mills. This millage along with the ARPA funds, will allow Chippewa Township to add offices onto the existing Chippewa Township Community Building. The vote was 145 Yes votes to 93 No votes. Thank You for your support of this project! We will begin moving forward with this project ASAP.**

**ROAD PROJECTS:** 23 Mile Rd. from 80th to 90th was paved this Fall. This completes the 23 Mile Rd Project. Asphalt overlay was completed on 19 Mile between 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 67<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Chip/Fog Seal was completed on Dwight Street from 105<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Lake Street, on 80<sup>th</sup> Avenue from 21 Mile Rd. to 23 Mile Rd., and on 110<sup>th</sup> Avenue from 18 Mile Rd to W. Chippewa Drive. In total over 7 miles of Chippewa Township roads saw work this summer 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 2, 2023. Children who participate will be given a candy cane and can make a Christmas ornament to take home.

**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, Brian David for more information. **The Chippewa Township Board along with the Chippewa-Martiny Fire Board would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank our firefighters. Sometimes we may take for granted, that in times of need, we have men and women, serving on first responder units, who are willing to give up their time, and often times 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, especially our local men and women serving as firefighters, rescue, EMS and police, THANK YOU for all that you do and your sacrifice to help and protect us. You are greatly appreciated and there are no words that can express our gratitude adequately.**

The Chippewa-Martiny Fire Department Clerk and Treasurer have applied for and were awarded \$24,128.36 in Grants for 2023; The Michigan Fire Equipment Grant in the amount of \$20,000, a Community Giving Grant in the amount of \$500, and the Mecosta County Safety Grant in the amount of \$3628.36. We are anticipating an additional \$2500 through the Michigan DNR Wildland Grant, in December. The grant proceeds were used to purchase safety cones/signs; safety vests; dual wildland turn out gear and helmets; extrication gloves, structure fire gloves and Kevlar boots; 4 Vulcan lights; 8 Firepro personal Thermal Imaging Cameras; 12 guardian safety lights and a set of structure fire gear.

**UPDATE:** The new Fire Engine (ordered in December 2022) is in the build stage and on schedule for a summer 2024 delivery.

**VERIZON TOWER:** The last update the Township was given for the Verizon Tower to be powered up is December 2023.

**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. 2023 has been a year of challenges, however, Marcia is pushing forward to ensure wonderful fireworks display for 2024. The bottle/can drive raised over \$3,338.00. WOW! Continue watching the township website and Chippewa Lake Facebook page for upcoming events. If you have any questions, please contact Marcia Leiter by email at: [Chippewafireworkscommittee@gmail.com](mailto:Chippewafireworkscommittee@gmail.com).

*Love and kindness are never wasted. They always make a difference. They bless the one who receives them, and they bless you, the giver. Be kind to one another!*

***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*