

CHIPPEWA TOWNSHIP

Mecosta County, Michigan

2022 Winter Newsletter

Supervisor: Bryan Roels

Clerk: Kristin Lytle

Treasurer: Julie Austin

Trustee: Annette Walters

Trustee: Debbie Zielinski

Assessor: Andrea Richards 989-232-8878

Township Hall 231-867-3777

Chippewa Lk. Sewer Dept. 231-867-3616

Community Bldg Rental: 231-867-3991

Township Website: www.chippewatwp.org

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 Twp. Community Building

Fire Board meets the 3rd Monday of each month @ 6:30 pm, in the Chippewa Twp. Community Building

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION – 2022 WINTER TAX INFORMATION

2022 Winter Tax Bills are due on or before 2/14/2023. POSTMARKS will **NOT** be accepted. On 2-15-2023 late penalties will apply. DELINQUENT 2022 Summer Taxes are **NOT** reflected on the 2022 winter tax bills. On March 1, 2023 *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 COPY OF THE 2022 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 mail drop box 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. **TREASURER/CLERK OFFICE HOURS (UNLESS POSTED)** Monday thru Thursday from 9 am to 1 pm Treasurer's email: julie@Chippewatwp.org.

Chippewa Township does NOT accept credit/debit card payments.

*******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 13, 2022 Board of Review. Upon the adjournment of the 2022 December Board of Review, corrections **cannot** be made, to the 2022 Tax Roll, until the 2023 July Board of Review. The December Board of Review is for "Qualified Errors, Poverty Appeals, & Veterans Exemptions ONLY. The 2022 taxes are assessed to a property as it existed on 12-31-2021 (MCL211.2). If a property is sold during the 2022 tax year, it is the responsibility of the buys & seller or their agents to prorate the whole tax year obligation. **ALL address changes need to be submitted in writing.** If ownership has changed, documentation supporting the change must be submitted. **Failure to receive the 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% 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. **You must file for the Veterans Exemption each year to qualify!**

CEMETERY NEWS: All of the Chippewa Township Cemeteries are closed to **ALL** vehicle traffic in Winter months when there is snow on the ground. Flower pots, urns and grave blankets may be place & maintained at the headstones of graves no earlier than May 1st and must be removed no later than October 1st of each year. Decorations will be permitted for holidays falling outside of those dates, but only for three (3) weeks prior and three (3) weeks following a holiday. All decorations left after October 1st and not within the Holiday dates, will be removed by Township officials. The Chippewa Township Cemetery Ordinance is located on the Township's website, for reference. Go to www.chippewatwp.org, click on the "Community" tab then click on "Cemeteries".

The Chippewa Township website: www.chippewatwp.org is being redesigned and will be available on all devices soon. You can find all kinds of wonderful information regarding the Sewer System, Chippewa Lake Weed Control Notices, Cemetery information, Up to date Election Information, Local businesses and so much more. Many forms can also be printed directly from the website. Please frequent local business when possible.



CHIPPEWA-MARTINY FIRE DEPARTMENT: 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 Hall or the Martiny Township Hall. You can also contact Chief, Brain David or Assistant Chief Carl Kerns, for more information.

As always, Please join the Chippewa Township Board in saying, **“Thank You”**, to all of our firefighters. "The Bravest People in the World", is a fitting title, for firefighters. If you happen to see them in action pause a minute, show them you care and help them out with a little prayer.

The Chippewa-Martiny Fire Board Treasurer and Clerk have applied for and were awarded \$16,182.91 in grant funding in 2021/2022. This funding is used to purchase training and safety equipment,

A Fire Truck Committee has been formed and they are specking out a new Fire Engine to replace the current 1997 Engine that they operate with.

Road Projects: Chippewa Township was able to complete the following Road Projects in 2022:

19 Mile Road between 90th Ave and 105th = Resurfaced

105th Ave. between 18 Mile and 19 Mile = Gravel Project

90th Ave. between 23 Mile and Meceola = Gravel Project

105th Ave between 21 Mile and Truman = Surface Wedge

We also brined 32 miles of gravel roads, twice.

BELL RINGING TRADITION:

Come out on your doorstep to raise a little Christmas Cheer! We're calling on families in Chippewa Township to come outside and ring a bell on Christmas Eve at 6 p.m. We'd like everyone to ring a bell for 2 minutes to spread Christmas Cheer. Wouldn't it would be wonderful to end 2022 with a bit of Magic, Hope, & Togetherness!



2023 Fireworks Display is scheduled for Saturday, July 1st, 2023. Marcia would like to **Thank** all of the sponsors, volunteers, and everyone that continues to support the Fireworks fundraising events. The 2022 Can Drive raised \$2,768.30! You can keep up to date on Fireworks events through the Chippewa Lake, Michigan Facebook page and on the Chippewa Township website.

Verizon Cell Tower:

Verizon is moving forward with the Cell Tower in Chippewa Township. All the contracts and agreements have been signed and Verizon is hoping to start construction of the Cell Tower in Spring of 2023.

Chippewa Lake Community Church: CLCC now offers two Services on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. If you are in need of food assistance, please contact Debra Benson at 231-867-1167. To keep up with all of the Church happenings, please follow them on Facebook at [Chippewa Lake Community Church Group](#)

Chippewa Branch Library: Stop in and see one of our friendly librarians. They have books, audio books, DVDs, computers and WIFI. They also fax and make copies! Open on Tuesday Noon – 5 p.m., Thursday and Friday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. For questions or library information, please call 231-867-2014

As we approach 2023, let's remember the importance of a small town and how Thankful we all are, to live in such a wonderful place.

The Chippewa Township Board would like to wish each of you a Safe and Happy Holiday Season. If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas; please reach out to your Board Members, we'd love to hear from you.