

the vevay VOICE

A Publication
Of the Vevay
Township
Board

UPCOMING ELECTIONS

Primary: Tuesday, August 2, 2016

General: Tuesday, November 8, 2016

Vevay Township Hall, 780 Eden Road

Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

REGISTRATION DEADLINES

Primary: July 5, 2016

General: October 11, 2016

ELIMINATION OF STRAIGHT- TICKET VOTING



With the State Legislature eliminating the option of straight party voting on the November ballot and this year proving to be a very popular election cycle, we are anticipating longer than normal lines and wait times for both the 2016 August and November elections.

If you are 60 years of age or older, you are automatically eligible to vote via absentee ballot. Those individuals that request to be on the Permanent AV list will receive an absent voter application for every election. *No more waiting in line at the precinct!* Once received, ballots are locked in a fire-proof safe and counted in the precinct on Election Day.

If you are interested in the convenience of voting by absentee ballot, please complete the form on the reverse side of this section of the newsletter.

Questions? Call Clerk JoAnne Kean or Deputy Clerk Brett Linsley at 517.676.9523.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Free collection for the residents of Ingham County

Ingham County Health Department
5303 S. Cedar Street, Lansing, MI 48911
Tuesdays and Thursdays through September
2pm to 6pm
Hotline for information: 517.887.4312

MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERVISOR

The last year has proven a busy one for Vevay Township as several notable opportunities and projects have been started and finished.

Last winter, Consumers Energy expressed an interest in building a large solar energy project in Vevay Township that could generate up to 6 million watts of power. It would be located along US127 just north of Eagle View Golf Course. This type of development requires a Special Land Use permit to be granted by the Township. Consumers submitted a detailed plan that was approved by the Planning Commission in May. An open house was held by Consumers to inform the public and a Public Hearing was held by the Township to find out what Vevay residents had to say about it. The project is moving smoothly with approval by the Board of Trustees possibly happening in June. I am pleased that Consumers is considering investment in both clean energy and Vevay Township. That's a win-win.

Since it was developed, Shawanee Estates and the surrounding area has had problems with standing water. The County Drain Commissioner determined the problem needed to be corrected so he initiated the Mud Creek Drain Maintenance and Improvement Project. The total cost of the project was estimated to be \$2.3 million. Ingham County is responsible for 40%, Vevay for 20%, with the remaining 40% assessed over 20 years to the property owners of the affected area. Work was mostly completed by winter last year. Even with the wet spring we have had, the ground is drier than it has ever been. Sump pumps are running less and basements are drier. Because of the Mud Creek Drain Project, the quality of life for many Vevay residents has improved.

- *Jesse Ramey, Supervisor*

CLERK'S CORNER

2016 Primary and General Elections

All five positions on the Vevay Township Board of Trustees (Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer, and two Trustees) will be voted on in both the August Primary and November General Election (on page two of the ballot). For more information on these and all Ingham County races go to cl.ingham.org.

How Does Absentee Voting Work?

Under election law, a voter must verify their identity with their local Clerk and fit one of the following criteria to be eligible to vote by absentee ballot:

- Age 60 years or older
- Absent from the community in which they are registered to vote for the entire time the polls are open on election day
- Physically unable to attend the polls without assistance
- Cannot attend the polls because of their religion
- Appointed as an election inspector in a precinct other than the precinct in which they reside
- Confined to jail awaiting trial or arraignment.

A signed application that specifies one of these reasons must be filed with the Clerk for *every election* you wish to vote by absentee ballot.

Only one **dual application** is mailed for the August Primary and November General elections. Dual applications will be mailed in June. Happy voting!

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Clerk!

- Clerk JoAnne Kean, CMMC

**PERMANENT ABSENTEE VOTER
REQUEST APPLICATION**

Yes, I would like to be on the Permanent Absentee Voter List. By returning this card, I will now receive an absentee ballot application for every election as long as I am a registered voter in Vevay Township.

Voter's Name (please print)

Date

Signature

Address

Return to: Clerk JoAnne Kean
780 Eden Rd., Mason, MI 48854

Or leave in the night box

MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER

Many exciting changes have taken place within the Treasurer's office this year.

I have a new Deputy Treasurer, Kimberly Dockter. Many of you may know Kim from Mason State Bank or Mason Community Church. Kim brings a wealth of knowledge to the Treasurer's office and is a very welcomed addition! We will begin working on your summer tax bills soon so any address changes or corrections need to be made as soon as possible. Your bills should be mailed out the first week of July.

In an effort to encourage timely payment of property taxes, a **NEW** penalty for late taxes has been added by the Board of Trustees. Any taxes paid after Feb. 14th and until Feb. 28th will be assessed a **3%** penalty to be paid to the township. This penalty is in addition to any interest that might be due on delinquent summer taxes not paid by Sept 14th. This is a two week collection period before taxes are turned over delinquent to the County Treasurer. The County Treasurer will add 5% in Penalties and interest beginning March 1st. Please look for information on this new penalty to be printed on your tax bills. We accept E-checks and all major credit cards for payment of taxes or any other fees due to the township. The user pays a 3% fee on credit card payments and a flat \$3.00 fee for an E-check. Payments can be made on-line through the township website, over the phone, or in person.

Applications for Deferment of Summer Taxes are due to the Treasurer before Sept 14th and are available on our website or by stopping into the office. If you feel you might qualify or have any questions please contact me.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve as your Treasurer. My door is always open! Feel free to call, drop me an e-mail, or stop in any time with questions or even just a Hello! Have a great summer!

*Treasurer Shaun Sherwood, MiCPT
treasurer@vevaytownship.org*

Weekly E-News

Our electronic newsletter continues to be a popular resource for residents to stay updated on what is happening in the Township. To sign up, please send a request via email to Township Clerk JoAnne Kean at clerk@vevaytownship.org or call our office.

Electronic Newsletter

The Township is transitioning this newsletter to an electronic form. If you wish to receive the newsletter in electronic form, let us know when you sign up for our weekly e-news as explained above!

Vevay Township on Facebook

To receive regular updates on your Facebook feed simply visit our page and click the "like" button.

911 Emergency Address Signs

Safety Street makes reflective address signs to make your home more visible for emergency service personnel. Regular signs cost \$14 and high intensity signs cost \$15. They provide signs in both a vertical and horizontal design. Signs can be purchased at:

Website: www.safetystreet.com
Telephone: 800.526.7077

FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Vevay Township will continue the process of re-examining properties. This is to assure the accuracy of the assessing records and to comply with the State of Michigan requirement to periodically re-inspect. Assistant Assessor, Jill Schliep, will be conducting the inspections. The re-examination generally consists of taking measurements and photographs of buildings and land improvements, like sheds and driveways. Township signage will be visible on her vehicle. If you have questions about this or any other assessing related matter you may call or visit me at the Township. My office hours are Tuesdays, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- Assessor *Jeff MacKenzie*

NEW MASTER PLAN

Every five years, State law requires Townships to review their Master Plan. A Master Plan concerns itself with long range planning to guide and manage future growth and land use. Last year we sent a survey to all residents looking for input on a variety of issues as part of our review. The Planning Commission has been working diligently since then to develop the new Master Plan and is nearing the end of that process. Until the new Master Plan is available, the current one can be found on our website.

Thank you to our Planning Commission for their time and efforts!

Ilene Thayer, Chair
Patricia McNeilly, Vice Chair *John Lazet, Secretary*
Jack Cady *Richard Lacasse*
Bruce Walker *Wayne Uzzle*

BURNING PERMITS

Burning permits for Vevay Township residents are issued through the Mason Fire Department at 517.676.9155. Copies of brush burning regulations are available at the Township office or on our website. When burning, be responsible. Unlawful burns could result in an unexpected visit from the Fire Department and an unwanted invoice.

CLIP 2016 Vevay Township Calendar SAVE

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| Wednesday, June 8 | Planning Commission meeting |
| Monday, June 13 | Board of Trustees meeting |
| Monday, July 4 | Office CLOSED for Independence Day |
| Wednesday, July 6 | Planning Commission meeting |
| Monday, July 11 | Board of Trustees meeting |
| Tuesday, August 2 | Primary Election Day (Open 7am-8pm) |
| Wednesday, August 3 | Planning Commission meeting |
| Wednesday, August 10 | Board of Trustees meeting |
| Monday, September 5 | Office CLOSED for Labor Day |
| Wednesday, September 7 | Planning Commission meeting |
| Monday, September 12 | Board of Trustees meeting |
| Wednesday, September 14 | Summer 2016 Taxes are due |
| Wednesday, October 5 | Planning Commission meeting |
| Monday, October 10 | Board of Trustees meeting |
| Tuesday, November 8 | General Election (Open 7am-8pm) |
| Wednesday, November 9 | Planning Commission meeting |
| Friday, November 11 | Office CLOSED for Veterans' Day |
| Wednesday, November 16 | Board of Trustees meeting |
| November 24 & 25 | Office CLOSED for Thanksgiving |
| Wednesday, December 7 | Planning Commission meeting |
| Monday, December 12 | Board of Trustees meeting |
| December 23 & 26 | Office CLOSED for the Christmas holiday |
| December 30 & January 2, 2017 | Office CLOSED for the New Year holiday |
| Tuesday, February 14, 2017 | Winter 2016 Taxes are due |

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780 Eden Road
Mason, MI 48854
Hours: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Phone: 517.676.9523
Fax: 517.676.6655

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www.vevaytownship.org





Board of Trustees Meetings – The Vevay Township Board of Trustees meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. (unless posted otherwise) at the Township Hall. We encourage your attendance.

Township Pavilion – The pavilion is ready for summer picnics! To reserve the pavilion, a Township resident must complete an application and provide a certification of insurance. There is no rental fee. You are welcome to use the pavilion without RSVP, but please be considerate and check the reservation list located on the door at the west entrance of the Township Hall.

Web Pages, E-mail addresses, telephone numbers for local government representatives

Vevay Township - email addresses

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| Supervisor | Jesse Ramey | supervisor@vevaytownship.org |
| Clerk | JoAnne Kean | clerk@vevaytownship.org |
| Treasurer | Shaun Sherwood | treasurer@vevaytownship.org |
| Trustee | Bruce Walker | trustee1@vevaytownship.org |
| Trustee | Doug Shaw | trustee2@vevaytownship.org |
| Assessor | Jeff MacKenzie | assessor@vevaytownship.org |
| Deputy Clerk | Brett Linsley | deputyclerk@vevaytownship.org |
| Deputy Treas. | Kim Dockter | deputytreasurer@vevaytownship.org |
| Secretary | Shirley Harmon | secretary@vevaytownship.org |

Web Pages:

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| Ingham County | www.ingham.org |
| US Senate | www.senate.gov |
| State of MI | www.michigan.gov |
| US House of Rep. | www.house.gov |

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| Ingham Co. Commissioner | Robin Case-Naeyaert (R) Dist. 14 | commnaeyaert@ingham.com | 517.676.7200 |
| MI State Senator | Curtis Hertel (D) Dist. 23 | SenCHertel@senate.org | 517.373.1734 |
| MI State Representative | Tom Cochran (D) | TomCochran@house.mi.gov | 517.373.0587 |
| United States Senator | Gary Peters (D) | www.peters.senate.gov | 202.224.6221 |
| United States Senator | Debbie Stabenow (D) | senator@stabenow.senate.gov | 202.224.4822 |
| United States Representative | Mike Bishop (R) | www.mikebishop.house.gov | 202.225.4872 |

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