



Newsletter

July 2023

www.marillatownshipmi.gov

Marilla Township Clean-up 2023

This year's Township Clean up day was another great success with 36 households participating in bringing over 110 yards of waste and 30 yards of scrap metal to the collection site. This annual service of the Township is just one way in which Marilla Township is working hard to serve the community to keep our rural beauty alive. Thanks to Guthrie's for their excellent service! Residents have begun requesting a second date each year, though this would require additional expense to the Township budget. If you have feedback about adding (or not) an additional date each year, please contact Township Supervisor Douglas Glick by email dglick@marillatownshipmi.gov or by calling the Township Hall and leaving a message at 231.362.3555

Some reminders for residents about participating in the clean-up day:

- ◇ No concrete or other stone/brick material accepted.
- ◇ No hazardous waste, including household cleaners, oil-based paints, turpentines, etc. (These can be collected at the Manistee County hazardous waste clean-up day – see the Township website for dates).

- ◇ No tires (Manistee County offers collection of these – see Township website for dates).
- ◇ All items should be bagged and not loose wherever possible.

Income & Expenses

Marilla Township has completed our annual budgeting process and approved a budget for the 2023/2024 fiscal year, starting July 1, 2023.

The Township had a windfall this year in that our one permitted and licensed recreational marijuana microbusiness (Jungle Katt Budzz on Yates Road) allowed the Township to collect over \$50,000 in revenue sharing from the State of Michigan. The current budget has some conservative increases in income and expenses projected as we work out of past budget shortfalls. The approved budget is available for residents to view by contacting the Township Clerk.

Master Plan Renewal

The Marilla Township Planning Commission continues to work through the required, regular revision of the Township Master Plan. Planning Commission meetings are posted and open to all residents. This process is required every five years by Michigan Statute. The Planning Commission will have their proposed document to the full board for review and approval. A public comment period will be announced on

the Township website and in the newspaper prior to the board meeting.

Part-time Township Position Added

Marilla Township has added a new, part-time position, titled Township Manager, to complete all non-statutory duties that have historically been done by the Township Clerk. This follows what many other townships have had to do because of increasing responsibilities for township clerks over recent years. It also follows a strong recommendation from the Michigan Township Association (MTA) to delineate statutory duties (like running elections) and non-statutory duties (like maintaining the Township Website or supervising cleaning personnel) and provide required compensation for work done. To review statutory duties of a township clerk, please see

<https://michigantownships.org/statutory-duties-of-board-offices/>

The job description for this position is available at the Township Hall and includes 18+ areas of service that are non-statutory needs of the Township. The incumbent Clerk has agreed to take this position in agreement with the Township Board. For further information from the MTA on this topic, see <https://michigantownships.org/additional-non-statutory-duties-of-elected-officials/>

ARPA Funding Projects

The Township Board has completed assignment of ARPA funds for public safety projects in the Township that included concrete work at the cemetery and the Township Hall; new stair railings to be installed at the cemetery for compliance with safety and insurance recommendations; demolition of the facilities at the Township Park on Marilla Road; and removal of dangerously

precarious cement at both the Township Hall and the cemetery.

Tax Time

(SUMMER TAX DUE DATE)

February 14, 2023

Office hours are on Tuesday from 10am-2pm or by appointment. Please call the office @ 231-362-3555 on Tuesdays with any questions.

End of year taxes open hours with the Treasurer are December 27th from 9:00-5:00 p.m.

Reminder:

Marilla Township does NOT accept postmark dates as timely delivery of taxes. Please mail out your payment early enough to allow for postal delivery so to avoid late fees.

Camie Bay, Treasurer
cbay@marillatownshipmi.gov

Zoning Administration

Acting Zoning Administrator Misty Cudney has been hard at work this year as increases in interest in real estate and building of homes in Marilla Township is up.

Additionally, working closely with the Planning Commission and our Township attorney, she has begun the enforcement process for the Township's Nuisance Ordinance. Property clean up and following of all other Township ordinances are being followed up on with a plan that stresses partnership and planning to keep Marilla Township's rural beauty the center of our community.