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TAX INFORMATION



Joanne E. Boehler, James Township Treasurer

Taxes can be paid at the James Township office July 1st until September 16th. After September 16th a penalty of 1% per month will be added. Summer taxes can be paid at the James Township Office until February 28, 2025. Please make your check or money order payable to the James Township Treasurer for the exact amount of the tax bill. Please mail separate from your water bill. You can also drop your tax payment in the mail deposit box on the building if you wish.

Tax payments may be mailed to: James Township Treasurer
6060 Swan Creek
Saginaw, MI 48609.

DEFERMENT FORMS If you are a senior citizen 62 years or older, with an income of \$40,000 or less, paraplegic, quadriplegic, eligible service person, eligible veteran, eligible widow or widower, blind person, totally and permanently disabled or agriculture, you can defer your summer taxes until February 28, 2025. You will need to fill out a deferment form. They are available at the James Township Office.



Water Department



Mark Jebb, Water Superintendent

The water department is still working on replacing aging meters. The last change was in 2009. If you receive a letter in the mail to arrange an appointment, please call as soon as possible. The longer residents wait, the longer your usage is estimated. Once the meter is changed, if the system over-estimated you, this will come back as a credit on the following bill. If the system **UNDER estimated** you, you could potentially have a higher than average bill to cover the difference. The service only takes about 10-15 minutes to complete, but someone will have to be present, as we do need entry to your home to complete the repair.

As a reminder, payments to the office can be made by cash, check, or money order. If you utilize online bill pay, be sure to have your six digit account number somewhere within the payment. Either in the memo line, or in the banks requested account number field. This ensures your payment is applied to the proper account. Our drop box is available 24 hours a day, with blank envelopes. The box is to the left of the front doors and labeled "MAIL".

If you have a fire hydrant in or near your yard, please keep it accessible for the Water Superintendent and the Fire Department. If you have any questions, call the Township Office at 781-1353.

Ed Hak, Township Supervisor

Township Website I have been working with Kyle Shumaker from Shumaker Technology Group who are website developers and document management specialists to develop a new more user friendly website for James Township. I have placed a link on the top of our current website to the new site for folks to use and become familiar with how it works. I am open to suggestions on content for the site. I am pleased with the work they have done so far and have found the site quite easy to work with for most things. Please note the calendar as you scroll down. We will try to keep important activities up to date that are happening in the Township.



Roads Our road work this year will consist of chip sealing Hart Road and hot patching throughout the Township. In addition we will do maintenance on our gravel roads and dust control. The Road Commission is putting a request for a Two Mills Special Assessment on the August ballot for funds to forward to Townships for road repair. The millage will be for six years and would generate about \$144,000.00 per year for James Township.

Drains The New Tamarack Drain Project is progressing. Bids have been reviewed and special assessments have been sent to affected residents. You have the option of spreading the assessment payments over 20 years or paying it off in one lump sum. It is hoped that work can start later this year and be completed in the fall of 2025.

James Township Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 8:00am to 4:00pm. Website: www.jamestownship.org

Ed Hak, Township Supervisor, cont'd

The James Township Board of Review will be in Public Session at the James Township Hall, 6060 Swan Creek Rd. Saginaw, Michigan on: **Tuesday, July 16, 2024 at 4:00pm** to correct a **mutual mistake** of fact or clerical error (212.53b); "homestead" or "qualified agricultural" property may appeal for the current year and the immediate preceding year **if the exemption was not on the tax roll.** (211.7cc (13) & (211.7ee(6): **poverty exemptions** unless denied at the March Board of Review for the current year (211.7u): appeal **rescission of a homestead exemption** in the year of recession or the immediate succeeding year or taxpayer has requested a poverty exemption. The session will conclude when all current assessment decisions are addressed.



Addresses Please make sure your address is on your home and clearly marked so that in the event of an Emergency at your home or during a natural disaster your home can be easily identified. Our ability to respond quickly or give notification quickly may save your life or that of a loved one. See Mary Burkey in the office if you think you would like to order a reflective green sign for your yard.

Jim Gray, Code Enforcement

Work being done on your home may require a Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Mechanical or Zoning permit. Call the James Township Office or Supervisor Hak at 989 860-2417 with questions. Tall grass and junk vehicles continue to be the most common complaints that we receive. An unlicensed/inoperable vehicle on your property over 7 days may receive a citation. Grass over 8" may also receive a citation.

Jim Gray, Township Clerk Election information 2024

August 6th State primary election. Early voting starts on July 27 at the Saginaw County early vote center located at 618 Cass St. The early vote center is open 9am - 5pm and on Wednesday 11am - 7pm, for 9 days prior to election day. Deadline to register by mail or online is July 22, you can register at the Township Clerks office up to and including election day.



November 5 general election Early voting starts on July 27 at the Saginaw County early vote center located at 618 Cass St. the early vote center is open 9am - 5pm and on Wednesday 11am - 7pm, for 9 days prior to election day. Deadline to register by mail or online is October 21, you can register at the Township Clerks office up to and including election day. In person voting at the Township hall is from 7am- 8pm on both election dates.

SERVING JAMES TOWNSHIP FOR 61 YEARS 1963 – 2024**Carl Portner Fire Chief**

Hello from your James Township Fire Department. We hope to find you and yours in good health. It looks like another hot and dry summer. There will be some fire restrictions going forward. Pay attention to the wind and periods of dry weather. Make sure you have a water supply nearby when burning. The elections will be on us before you know it, make sure you go out and vote because our military is fighting for this right. We will be putting a burning gauge up on the south side of the station this summer to help township residents know what the state burning regulations are. For a burning permit, call (989) 781-2023 and leave your information on the recorder.



The James Township Fire Department is in need of new members, no pay but cool hat. If you are interested in joining the department or want more information, call Chief Carl Portner at 989 781-2023 for a tour of our facilities.

Parks Commission

Township Park Activities The James Township Park had their annual Easter Egg Hunt on March 30, 12:00 p.m. The weather was perfect and everyone had a great time. Our next party is Pictures with Santa on Sat, December 7th. Have a fun and safe summer and enjoy our park!

