



# Newsletter

## Summer 2022

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Treasurer Susan Burek  
Trustee Linda Adams  
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### From the Supervisor

- Bunton sewer line project to begin mid June
- Hitchingham bridge to begin late August per Washtenaw County Drain Commission
- Talladay Road between Whittaker and Rawsonville will be graveled
- Township office will be reorganized with supervisors office moving to the modular
- Augusta Township Spring Clean-Up is July 23 at Lincoln High School, detailed information is at [www.washtenaw.org/2414/County-Clean-Up-Days#calendar](http://www.washtenaw.org/2414/County-Clean-Up-Days#calendar)
- Car show cancelled due to scheduling difficulties
- Garbage dumping will be prosecuted. Contact supervisor if you would consider volunteering to help pick up any reported violations to my office.

**Brian Shelby, Supervisor**

### Clerk's Corner

ELECTION UPDATE – Remember, all 3 Precincts will use The Family Center at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 9425 Whittaker Road, Ypsilanti. You may have already received your new Voter Registration Card listing the new location. Listed on the right are 3 Augusta Township proposals that will be on the August 2, 2022 Ballot.

Please feel free to reach out to the Clerk's department anytime. The Board of Trustees meetings are now being held at Lincoln Golden Ages Senior Center at 8970 Whittaker Road, Ypsilanti. The meeting schedule can be found on our website at <https://augustatownship.org>. We have public comment at the beginning and end of each meeting. It would be nice to meet and see you at one of our meetings.

Respectfully,

**Kim Gonczy, Clerk**  
**Belynda Domas, Deputy Clerk**  
**Michael Bartley, Election Inspector**

### AUGUSTA CHARTER TOWNSHIP AUGUST 2, 2022 PRIMARY ELECTION OFFICIAL LIST OF PROPOSALS

#### “HEADLEE” OVERRIDE MILLAGE INCREASE PROPOSAL

Shall the authorized general tax millage of Augusta Charter Township which was previously established at 1.16 mills (\$1.16 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and now reduced to .8069 mills (\$.8069 per \$1,000 of taxable value) by the required Headlee millage rollbacks, be increased by .3531 mills (\$.3531 per \$1,000 of taxable value) which increase will restore the original authorized charter millage rate of 1.16 mills and raise an estimated \$332,000 for general fund purposes in the first year of levy.

#### FIRE PROTECTION AND PREVENTION MILLAGE RENEWAL

Shall the expired previous authorized increase in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6, of the Michigan Constitution in Augusta Charter Township, of 2.0 mills (\$2.00 per \$1000 of taxable value), reduced by required “Headlee” millage rollbacks to 1.9964 mills (1.9964 per \$1000 of taxable value) be renewed and increased to the original voted 2 mills (\$2.00 per \$1000 of taxable value) and levied for four (4) years, 2023 through 2026 inclusive, for the purpose of providing fire protection and prevention services in the Township, which 2 mills renewal will raise an estimated \$574,000 in the first year the millage is levied.

#### PARKS AND PATHWAYS MILLAGE PROPOSAL

Shall the Charter Township of Augusta impose a tax increase on all taxable real and tangible personal property in the Township not to exceed .65 mills (\$.65 on each \$1,000.00 of taxable value) for a period of ten (10) years, 2022 to 2031 inclusive, for the purpose of providing a dedicated funding source to maintain nature preserves, parks, trails, recreational opportunities, including a network of non-motorized pathways in the Township? The estimated revenues raised in the first year by the proposed tax increase is approximately \$ 187,000.

## From the Treasurer's Office

The Treasurer's office continues to improve our customer service for processing tax and utility payments at the hall not only to improve customer service but to save money. Since 2018, our township hall has had perfect audits and we look forward to another this year. We hope this inspires more trust with our residents that your money is being handled accurately with accountability firmly in place.

We have made great strides in the Utility Billing department. We had to say farewell to our previous Coordinator, Carol Zimnie, who was very instrumental in our meter replacement program. We wish her well in her retirement. Our new Coordinator is Marsha Zavitz. We are currently monitoring the efficiencies we are gaining with the new meters. The software that reads the new meters registers a lot of valuable information on how the system is working and we can greatly improve our operations by being alerted to problems in real-time. We can offer our residents assistance if we notice certain alerts that could mean a water leak or other plumbing issues. This same information is offered through a mobile app that is available free of charge to each resident who is connected to our utility system. Register at

[bit.ly/EyeOnWaterSignup](https://bit.ly/EyeOnWaterSignup). You will need the Beacon Account number listed in the upper right corner of your bill. Another project we will be working on this year is to implement sending utility bills by email. This added choice will save postage costs and residents will receive their bills in a consistent manner.

The main Cashier is Kathleen Venzke and she is the person who greets you at our cashier window. She not only processes cash receipts but is very knowledgeable about township business and can direct you to the proper resources. She also serves as Cemetery Coordinator and is working towards documenting each gravesite at the Stony Creek and Child's cemeteries.

We have included for you a "tax dollar" breakdown of where your taxes are being used. We hope you find this useful.

With best regards,

**Susan Burek, Treasurer**

**Joanne Wade, Deputy Treasurer**

## AUGUSTA CHARTER TOWNSHIP WHERE OUR 2021 PROPERTY TAX DOLLARS WENT

