



Newsletter Summer 2024

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Supervisor Brian Shelby
Clerk Kimberly Gonczy
Treasurer Susan Burek
Trustee Linda Adams
Trustee Deborah Fuqua-Frey
Trustee David Hall
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From the Supervisor

- Augusta Township Clean Up Dates are Saturday, August 17, Saturday September 21, and Saturday September 9. Time 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.
- Early this spring a group of concerned citizens came together to tackle the township's roadside trash problem and successfully petitioned the Board of Trustees for financial support. Monthly to bimonthly trash cleanups are scheduled in various locations across the township. Email Heather at Hamilton.heatherc@gmail.com for more information and to suggest a cleanup location.
- Lights will be put up at the intersections only along Willow Rd. Thank you to Susan Burek, Linda Adams, and Pete Hafler for helping with this project.
- Tire Collection Day will be in September. More details to follow. Allan Cassell will be in charge of this project.
- Remember to vote August 6th! Vote for one party only.
- Credit to Heather Hamilton and Wendy Albers for starting the Spring clean up.

Brian Shelby, Supervisor

Patty Neal, Zoning Administrator

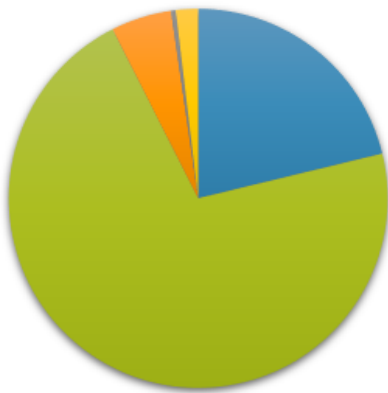
Allan Cassell, Deputy Supervisor

Roy Williams, Code Enforcement Officer

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From the Treasurer's Office

Augusta Township General Fund Revenues FY 2023



■ Property Taxes ■ State Shared Revenue ■ Franchise Fees ■ Licenses and Permits ■ Interest Incc

This is an informational chart to show General Fund Revenues for the Township. It is the relationship among the sources of the \$1,247,155 General Fund Revenue for Fiscal Year 2023. The Property Taxes (blue) are 19% of our revenue. The bulk, 64%, comes from State Revenue Sharing (green). Full details are in the certified auditor's report available on the Township website.

The Treasurer's office has implemented many in-house services that have better served our residents along with cost savings for the township. One policy we put in place six years ago was to implement an optional ACH program to automate collection of payments for the utility bills at no charge to the residents. We just hit a milestone of 400 utility customers who have signed up for it, which is approximately one quarter of our utility customers. This illustrates to me a confidence to trust the Treasurer's office to handle money efficiently and accurately. It also reduces the processing we need to do with scanning payments and bank deposits which saves the township money. If you are interested in signing up, please contact the Deputy Treasurer at the township office ext. 207. Another responsibility performed by the Treasurer's office is the utility billing and past-due account management. Bringing this in-house has saved money, increased accuracy and improved customer service.

Treasurer's Office (con't)

As Treasurer, I am part of the Township Hall Committee formed by the Board in 2022. This was proposed to use some of the ARPA money awarded to the township from the State of Michigan. We are in dire need of a township hall to meet and a place to hold elections. We also need more adequate office space to accommodate the officers and staff. We are determined not to ask the residents for any increased taxes to fund this undertaking and looking for additional monies in the way of appropriations and grants. Please follow our progress on the Augusta Township website under Boards and Committees.

With best regards,

Susan Burek, Treasurer

Kathleen Venzke, Cashier

Joanne Wade, Deputy Treasurer

Marsha Zavitz, Utility Billing Coordinator

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Augusta Township Clerk's Corner

MICHIGAN TOWNSHIP ASSOCIATION (MTA) ANNUAL CONFERENCE & EXPO:

The theme for MTA's 2024 Conference was "One Team." "One Team" means that our combined efforts towards excellence make for a single unit of excellence. Augusta Township's six attendees were provided the opportunity to learn from experts and leaders on topics relevant to their respective role and to interact with officials from other townships. Everyone returned home with new ideas and inspiration for continuing to work together as "One Team" to serve Augusta Township.

Augusta Township is authorized by State Laws to perform a wide variety of functions, mandated and permissive. Further, each Augusta Township Elected Official has specific duties. The Statutory Duties of the Clerk are to be a township board member, maintain Records, accounting, payroll and payables as well as election administration.

"Leadership is not a person or a position. It is a complex moral relationship between people based on trust, obligation, commitment, emotion, and a shared vision of the good."

Joanne B. Ciulla 1952 –

UPCOMING ELECTIONS:

The State Primary Election is August 6, 2024, and the General Election will be November 5, 2024. The polling place for all three precincts is St. Joseph Catholic Church Family Center at 9425 Whittaker Rd., Ypsilanti, MI 48197. For more Election information, visit Washtenaw.org/elections.

CONTACT US:

Please don't hesitate to reach out to the Clerk's department with any questions you may have. The Board of Trustees meetings are held monthly at Lincoln Golden Ages Senior Center at 8970 Whittaker Road, Ypsilanti MI 48197. It would be nice to see and meet you there. The meeting schedule can be found on our website at <https://augustatownship.org>. There is public comment at the beginning and end of each meeting. The Board of Trustees meetings are taped for those who cannot attend, the YouTube link to watch is posted on our website.

Respectfully,

Kimberly Gonczy, Clerk

Belynda Domas, Deputy Clerk

Michael Bartley, Election Manager

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