

Lake Township

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Winter—December 2024

Winter Tax Payments

Winter 2024 tax payments are due by **February 28, 2025**. **Payments by mail are encouraged and should be sent to:**

Lake Township Treasurer
P O Box 429
Caseville, MI 48725

Please include, with payment, the yellow tax bill in its entirety if you would like a receipt mailed back to you. If paying by **check**, you may drop off your payment in the secure drop box located in the entrance of the hall labeled “for tax payments” . A receipt will be mailed to you, if you include the yellow tax bill in its entirety.

If paying with CASH please call 586.292.4872 for an appointment. You will need to have the exact amount.

In person tax payments can be made at the Lake Township Hall **on the following dates from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

Monday, December 30, 2024

Friday, February 28, 2025

Dog Licenses

Dog licenses are available at Lake Township through February 28, 2025. Fees are as follows:

\$15.00—Neutered

\$20.00—Unneutered

Proof of rabies shots required. After February 28, 2025 licenses may be obtained at Huron County, only, for \$40.00.

Dog licenses may also be purchased on line by visiting: www.midoglicense.org

Speaking of taxes.....

Property taxes are based on millages which are reflected on your tax bill. If you have ever wondered where your property tax dollars go, page 2 of this Newsletter has an easy reference that shows all the millages included in your Lake Township property taxes and where they are allocated (in the Laker School District).

2024 Election

As a result of the General Election, the Township Board has two new officials; Kenny Kapa is a new Trustee and Lisa Clinton is the new Clerk. The other Board officials are: Valerie McCallum, Supervisor, Nicole Collins, Treasurer and Dale Hartsell, Trustee. We look forward to the new officials’ service for the Township and are grateful for the dedication and years of service of both Jim Deming and Clay Kelterborn.

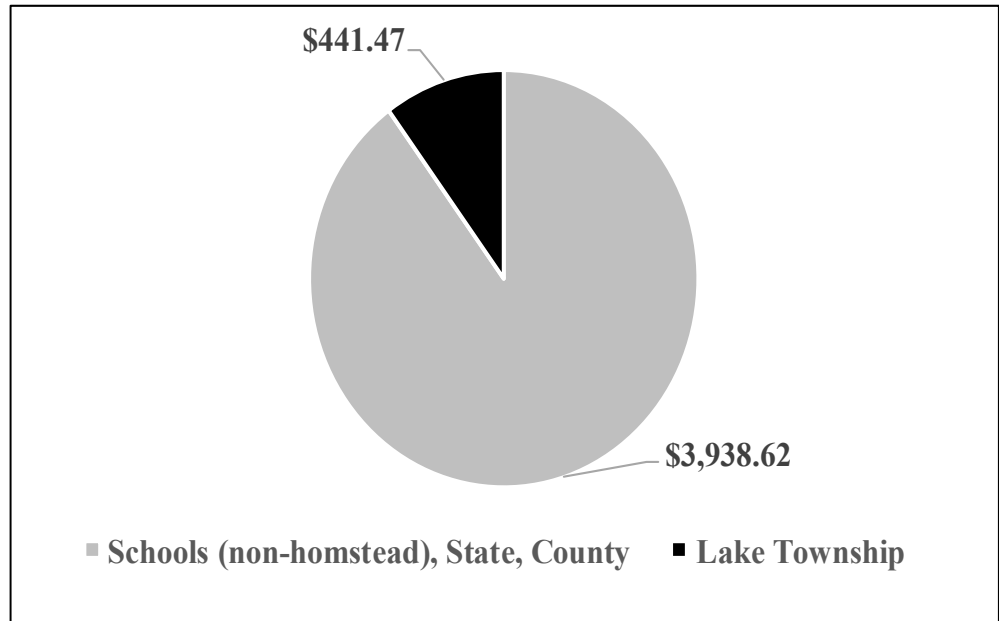


Lake Township would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a joyous holiday season and a healthy and prosperous New Year

The following tax information is based upon 2023 millage rates in the Laker School District.

Where do my property taxes go?

This chart reflects the total tax dollars allocated to the Township and the total tax dollars allocated to the Schools and State and County governments based on a property's taxable value of \$100,400 for the 2023 tax year.



Millage rates for 2023

- 18.00000 - Laker School Operating Millage (School)
- 6.00000 - State Education Millage (State)
- 4.88860 - Huron Intermediate School District Millage (School)
- 4.38070 - County Operating Millage (County)
- 2.58000 - Laker School Debt Millage (School)
- 1.50000 - Roads/Gypsy Moth Millage (Township)**
- 1.00000 - County Roads Millage (County)
- 1.00000 - Lake Fire Millage (Township)**
- 1.00000 - Laker Sink Fund Millage (School)
- .99640 - Roads Millage (Township)**
- .90070 - Township General Operating Fund (Township)**
- .50000 - Medical Care Millage (County)
- .35000 - EMS 911 Millage (County)
- .25000 - Older Citizen Millage (County)
- .20000 - Transit Millage (County)
- .08000 - Veterans Millage (County)

The property tax rate in Michigan is referred to as a millage, and it's figured in mills. One mill is equal to 1/1,000 of a dollar. Or, more simply, for every \$1,000 in taxable value, a property

owner will pay \$1 in property tax. Below is an example of tax allocation for the 2023 tax year millage rate of 43.6264 (Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port School District) and a **property's taxable value of \$100,400:**

Non-homestead tax due = \$4,380.09

Local School Tax -	\$2,657.45
State School Tax -	\$ 602.40
County Tax -	\$ 678.77

Lake Township Tax - \$ 441.47

Lake Township receives \$441.47 of the total \$4,380.09 property tax. The remainder is allocated to the School, State and County.

If the property has a Principal Residence Exemption (homestead) Lake Township would receive the same amount of \$441.47 and the Local School Tax would be reduced to \$850.25 (which includes local school debt retirement, local school sinking fund and County Intermediate School District).

Building & Zoning News....

Lake Township has a new Zoning Administrator/Building Inspector, Terry Kelly. Terry has been working for Caseville Township and the City of Caseville in this capacity for many years and we welcome his expertise working for us.

Please check with Terry before you start with any improvement projects on your property to ensure that you have any required permits.

Terry is at the Township Hall on Wednesday and Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and on Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Terry will also respond to phone messages and emails. Terry's direct email is bldg&zoning@laketownship.net. To contact Terry by phone, please call the Township Hall at 989-856-4867.

IN MEMORIUM

Long time resident, Dorothy Colletta, passed away on November 10, 2024. Dorothy served as an Election Inspector for many years and volunteered on many occasions to help the Lake Township community. Dorothy's knowledge of the community and her friendship to many will be missed.

Short Term Rentals

At its September 18, 2023 meeting, the Township Board adopted Ordinance No. 2023-2, an Ordinance/Ordinance Amendment to amend the Lake Township Zoning Ordinance, as amended, regarding Short Term Rentals and Similar Matters.

This Ordinance defines short term rentals ("STR") as dwellings rented for less than 30 days at a time. The Ordinance allows STRs in the commer-

cial/business zoning districts only and any STR not in the commercial/business zoning districts has not been a lawful use in the Township since the enactment of the zoning regulations over 50 years ago.

The only STRs that may be lawful outside of the business/commercial zoning district would be a lawful nonconforming use which would have to have been operating continually since the first zoning regulations went into effect over 50 years ago.

At the time that the Ordinance was adopted in 2023, the Township Board allowed for a "wind down" period to cease such operations with a deadline date of December 31, 2024.

This Ordinance, however, does not prevent renting property on a long-term basis; i.e. for more than 30 days, so long as all other Zoning Ordinance and code requirements are met.

Furthermore, the Ordinance does provide that a "...lawful single-family dwelling may be rented or leased to one (1) family at a time, with a total of such rentals or leasing not to exceed fourteen (14) consecutive days during a calendar year..." No more than one consecutive two (2) week rental per year.

The entire Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2023-2) is on the Township's website at laketownship.net.

Port Austin Library

If you're looking for a good book to read or a movie to watch, check out the Port Austin Library. As a Lake Township property owner, if you obtain a library card, you are entitled to use the library and take part in the services that they provide. Visit their website to learn more at portaustinlinebrary.org or contact them at 989-738-7212.

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4988 W. Kinde Road, P O Box 429
Caseville MI 48725
989-856-4867

The Township Offices are staffed Wednesday thru Friday between 10 AM to 2 PM. Appointments with officials may be scheduled upon request.

Township Officials & Staff:

Valerie McCallum, Supervisor
supervisor@laketownship.net
989.550.1046

Lisa Clinton, Clerk
clerk@laketownship.net

Nicole Collins, Treasurer
treasurer@laketownship.net

Dale Hartsell, Trustee
trustee.hartsell@laketownship.net

Kenny Kapa, Trustee
trustee.kapa@laketownship.net

Terry Kelly Building Inspector /
Zoning Administrator
bldg&zoning@laketownship.net
989-856-4867

The **Lake Township Board of Trustees** meets on the third Monday of the month. Winter meetings (December - March) begin at 6:30 P.M. April - November meetings at 7:30 P.M.

Planning Commission meets every other month (Odd numbered month i.e. January, March, etc) on the second Wednesday at 6:00 P.M.

Special meetings may be scheduled at other times. Notices are posted on the Township website and sent out by email upon request.

**For Burning Permits call 989-856-9198
and follow instructions**

TRANSFER STATION HOURS

**Attendants: Tom Ashton
Craig Iceman**

November thru December (Winter hours)

Sundays—9 AM - 4 PM

Wednesdays—2 PM—5 PM

January thru April

Sundays only—9 AM - 4 PM

May thru October (Summer hours)

Sundays—9 AM - 4 PM

Wednesdays—2 PM - 6 PM

The Transfer Station is **closed** on these holidays:

Easter Sunday

Mother's Day

Father's Day

Independence Day

Christmas Day

New Year's Day

**CLOSINGS MAY ALSO OCCUR DUE TO
WEATHER EVENTS**

Located on Sand Road 1/4 mile east of
Champagne Road

**REMINDER: We cannot accept household items,
such as furniture, appliances, lawn equipment, etc.**

NO Paints or Lacquers and

NO Building Materials

Recycling limit— two (2) green recycling containers.

There is no need to sort recycling; however we ask that you only recycle household trash such as plastic containers, #1 and #2 plastic jugs and bottles, aluminum cans, glass jars and bottles, magazines, junk mail, newspaper, cardboard and paperboard.

No foam packaging, Stryofoam, plastic bags, bubble wrap, coated paperboard, milk/juice/water cartons, paper coffee cups and lids, plastic plant containers, etc. A more complete list is on our website and available at the Transfer Station upon request.

Leaves, grass and tree trimmings are accepted at the Transfer Station during regular hours at no charge.