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Washington Township Community Information Guide

2017/2018

Charter Township of Washington, 57900 Van Dyke, Washington MI 48094
www.washingtontownship.org 586/786-0010

Welcome to Washington Township

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Supervisor – Dan O’Leary

Clerk – Kathy Bosheers

Treasurer – Mike Nicley

Trustee – Stan Babinski

Trustee – Abby Jacobson

Trustee – Sebastian Previti

Trustee – Art Grimes

Deputy Clerk – Christine Krawczyk

Deputy Treasurer – Michele DeClercq

Washington Township is a Charter Township operated under the Michigan Charter Township Act. A seven member board comprised of a Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer, and four Trustees govern the Township.

These members determine Township policy, evaluate the public needs of the community and approve the allocation of public funds. The Board members are elected to four year terms in the presidential election years.

The regular business meetings of the Board are held on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Washington Township Municipal Building, 57900 Van Dyke, Washington MI 48094. Call the Township or visit our website www.washingtontownship.org for an update on meeting dates.

Citizen participation is welcome at all Board meetings and time is reserved for those who wish to address the Board on any matter.

Historical Background

Washington Township was originally surveyed in 1816, and was subsequently organized as a Township in 1827, only five years after Macomb County was formed. At the time of its formation, Washington and Bruce Township were combined. The Township’s first inhabitants, other than Native Americans, were from New York and first settled near the Village of Romeo. The remaining residents were widely dispersed throughout the combined two townships. A total of 40 families inhabited the 72 square mile area. The Township has historically been a productive farming community, with a strong emphasis on orchards. Residential homes now stand side by side with some of our historic orchards and farmland. The Township is 36 square miles; from 26 Mile Rd to 32 Mile Rd and from Dequindre to Hayes Rd. The current population is 25,000.

For your convenience –

A drop box is located at the front of the building for DPW bills, Tax Payments, and Absentee Ballots

SUPERVISOR – Dan O’Leary

The Supervisor is the moderator at the Township meetings and is the spokesperson for the Township in general. Under the direction of the Township Board, the Supervisor oversees the operations of the Assessing, Building, Planning & Zoning, DPW, Ordinance Enforcement, and Fire & Ambulance departments. The Supervisor also works closely with the Macomb County Sheriff to implement the law enforcement agreement between the Township and Sheriff for full-time police services. The Supervisor also works with other County departments to insure the health and safety of the residents.

(586)786-001 ext. 261

CLERK – Kathy Bosheers

The Clerk is the official keeper of Township Records and acts as the Freedom of Information Coordinator. The Clerk serves as the Chief Financial Officer and Purchasing Agent. The Clerk’s office prepares the Board of Trustees Agendas and records their minutes. The Clerk and her staff administer all Federal, State and Local elections and keeps voter registrations. All questions concerning Township records, meetings, agendas, budgets, elections, and the sale of cemetery lots within the Township should be directed to the Clerk’s office.

Phone (586)786-0010 ext. 251

Fax (586)677-4238

Deputy Clerk: Christine Krawczyk

TREASURER – Mike Nicley

All questions concerning taxes, the receipt of Township funds, and special assessment district payments, should be directed to the Treasurer’s office. Summer taxes are payable July 1st through September 14th, and winter taxes are payable December 1st through the last day of February, and may be paid at the Treasurer’s office, at local banks or online. Sewer and Water bills may also be paid at the Treasurer’s office.

Phone (586) 786-0010 ext. 24

Fax (586) 786-0021

Deputy Treasurer: Michele DeClercq

ASSESSING – Deb Susalla

The Assessing department determines the property value for every parcel of property within the Township on a yearly basis. The Assessor is required by law to assess all property at 50% of current market value. This includes homes, factories, commercial property, vacant land and personal property (machinery and equipment for commercial or industrial properties).

Phone (586) 786-0010 ext. 23

BUILDING – Mike Bommarito

The Building Department is responsible for the enforcement of the State of Michigan Building, Electrical, Mechanical and Energy codes. The office issues all permits for building construction to insure that work is completed in compliance with all applicable codes. The office reviews all plans before permits are issued. Zoning administration is responsible for interpretation and enforcement of the Zoning Ordinance.

Phone (586) 786-0010 ext. 211

Fax (586) 786-0404

Inspection Line (586) 786-0010 ext. 212

CABLE TV/WBRW

WBRW Channel 6 is the Cable Access Studio serving our area. WBRW is part of the non-profit Michigan Community Media. The studio provides training, facilities and equipment to community residents, students and organizations for production of local television

Phone (586) 697-5344

Fax (586) 697-5343

FINANCE – Cathy Deman

The Finance Dept. verifies financial transactions and services all Township departments in regards to accounts payable, payroll, record keeping and human resource needs.

Phone (586) 786-0010 ext. 252

Fax (586) 786-5417

FIRE/AMBULANCE – Chief Brian Tyrell

A full-time Fire Chief, Assistant Chief, full and part-time Firefighters/Medics, and a full time dispatcher operate the Washington Township Fire Department.

Burning permits are available at Fire Station # 1 (11300 27 Mile Rd) and online:

www.washingtontownship.org.

Fire Chief - Brian Tyrell

Phone (586) 781-6161 (non emergency)

Assistant Fire Chief/Fire Marshal - Rob Schmelzer

ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT – Frank Prainito

The Ordinance Enforcement Officer is responsible for the enforcement of signs and abandoned vehicles, investigates complaints and enforces Township laws and ordinances.

Phone (586) 786-0010 ext. 27

SENIOR TRANSPORTATION – S.T.A.R.

Senior and physically challenged transportation is available through the Parks & Recreation department on a 24 hour advanced reservation basis. This service also coordinates with SMART Transportation for trips outside the immediate areas.

Phone (586) 752-9010

PARKS & RECREATION – Clara Russell

The Parks & Recreation Department, serving Washington and Bruce Townships and the Village of Romeo, provide parks, playgrounds, baseball-softball-soccer fields, tennis and basketball courts, two senior centers, walking trails and a community center, as well as programs and activities for all ages. Parks and Recreation also operates the Senior Transportation program.

Office & General Community Center
Phone (586) 752-6543
Fax (586) 752-1118
www.rwbparksrec.org

Senior Activity Centers
Romeo (586)752-9601
Washington (586)786-0131

PLANNING/ZONING – Dana Coleman

All questions concerning the process of all land, zoning and rezoning, and subdivision and land development plans should be directed to this department. This department also provides administrative support duties for the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals.

Planning Commission meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Zoning Board of Appeals meetings are held on the first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Both boards meet at the Municipal Building.

Phone (586) 786-0010 ext. 262

POLICE SERVICES/9-1-1

The Township contracts with the Macomb County Sheriff's Department for five full-time deputies to patrol the Township 24 hours a day; seven days a week. The Sheriff's Department and the Michigan State Police provide other routine patrols. Residents interested in neighborhood watch programs, crime prevention tips, or other services offered by the Sheriff's Department are welcome to contact the Sheriff through this non-emergency number:

Phone (586) 469-5151 (non-emergency)

PUBLIC WORKS – Rich Amormino

Washington Township contracts with the Great Lakes Water Authority for municipal water and sewer. Sewer and water is provided to approximately 15,000 residents and businesses. Washington Township has about 96 miles of water and sewer mains.

Michigan Department of Environment and Quality certified operators staff the Department. The Department oversees community sidewalks, drainage, soil removal, watershed, weeds and invasive species and other public works projects. All questions concerning the municipal water and sewer should be directed to the Public Works department.

Phone (586) 786-0010 ext. 221
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