

Holiday Office Hours

December

Treasurer

Open-Dec 22nd & 23rd

Dec 29th, 30th

9-NOON on Dec 31st

Closed-Dec 24th & 25th

Clerk & Building Dept.

Closed-Dec 24th thru Jan 4th

Resume normal business hours on January 5th, 2015

News from the Treasurer

Winter Taxes

When paying your taxes, please include the bottom portion of your tax bill. Please make check/money orders payable to *Metamora Township*. Also, please include your property number on your check/money order.

Taxes are payable December 1, 2014 thru February 17th, 2015. *Partial payments are accepted at any time* Dec 1st thru Feb 17th without penalty. After February 17th, 2015 there will be penalties and interest added to the *unpaid* balance.

After February 17th and thru March 2, 2015, a 1% interest and 3% penalty will be added and postmarks are NOT accepted for those dates. March 2nd will be the last day to pay at the Township before going delinquent to the Lapeer County Treasurer.

Postmarks for Dec 31st and anything in the dropbox will be accepted as the 31st.

Please feel free to use the <u>Drop Box</u> at the front door.

February 17th is the last day to pay taxes without penalties.

2014 Millage Rates

<u>School</u>	<u>Homestead</u>	Non-Homestead
Lapeer #44010	22.5436	40.5436
Dryden #44050	22.8936	40.8936
Oxford #63110	29.4675	47.4621

Metamora Township SEV: \$232,674,605.00

Township Taxable Value: \$208,484,953.00

General Fund Operating: 1.3732 mills \$269,425.99 DDA: \$16,853.97

Police Operating: 2.1831 mills \$455,130.97

Fire Operating: .9392 mills \$195,796.49



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Open: Monday – Thursday 9-5 p.m. www.metamoratownship.com

Dave Best-Supervisor
Jennie Dagher-Clerk
Carolyn Woodley-Treasurer
Dean Bedford, Jr.-Trustee
Ann Derderian-Trustee

Notes from the Township

Clean Up Day 2015

FREE for Metamora Township and Village Residents

May 9th, 2015 8 a.m. - NOON



We will also have a shredding company to shred any personal papers. Limit of 10 boxes per family.

Fire Department

The Fire Department reminds all residents that even though there might be snow on the ground, it is still necessary to call the Fire Department (810-678-2255) for a burn permit. Permits can be obtained 8:30-4:30 p.m. Mon-Friday. Fire permits are not needed for small campfires, but you are still responsible, if you allow a fire to get out of control.

Also, I would like to remind those of you that have a wood burning stove or fireplace, please have your chimney inspected often. Everyone burns different types of wood at different temperatures and those of you that burn cool fires build up creosote quickly in your chimney. Chimney fires can be devastating and I urge all of you to make sure that your chimney is cleaned at least twice a year.

Thank you for all your continued support of our Department and if there are any young men and women in your household interested in becoming a paid on- call firefighter/EMT. We are currently taking applications for the position of firefighter and/or EMT. Call our office for more information @ 810-678-2255.

Thank you, Chief Dave Eady

Police Department

As another year comes to a close, I have just one thing to say, "Think warm and carry a big comforter."

I would like to remind everyone that due to last year's ice storm, which crippled much of the community for a week, to be prepared. Now is a great time to check your batteries, generators and other items that may serve as necessities, as well as comforts, in the event of an issue like the one we experienced. This message is not only for the house, but your cars as well. Extra blankets, kitty litter and even small non-perishable snacks can be a great idea if you happen to get stranded. If you live around neighbors that may need a little extra help or checked on, please check on them or call us to assist.

This year, a resident asked about using websites, such as, Craigslist to sell items. His concern was for the safety with the person you're making the transaction with. I am sure that the majority of people who list items for sale and those making purchases are doing so honestly. However, using these selling services does come with a bit of a risk that you should be aware of. If it sounds too good to be true, it usually is. I would like to suggest that if you're making a face to face transaction to do so in a safe, well lit place. In the past, some residents have used our parking lot for safety reasons and please feel free to do so anytime.

Finally, always be aware of your surroundings. If you see something you don't normally see, please don't hesitate to report it to us. Even though we live in a very safe neighborhood, criminals can and do take advantage of that. We are here for you 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

Sincerely,

David B. Mallett Chief of Police 810-678-3657



Metamora Township has arranged for residents to recycle materials without the payment of \$3 per vehicle at the *Habitat for Humanity Restore* @ 1633 N. Lapeer Road on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month. Residents desiring this service can come to the Township Office and obtain an identification card. For more info, visit online @ www.lapeerhabitat.org.