LOCKE TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA Feb. 13, 2024 7 PM
LOCKE TWP HALL- 3805 BELL OAK RD, WMSTN 48895 517 468-3405

1. Call to Order, Welcome, Pledge of Allegiance
2. Additions to agenda/approval of agenda
3. Action on Jan. 09, 2024 meeting minutes
4. Action on Accts Payable Independent Bank checks #6140 - #61___ totaling $ _____
5. Public Comment [3 minute limitation]
6. Unfinished Business:
*Quotes summary for security cameras for new ballot drop box & installation of ballot drop box
MI Twp Part Plan Risk Reduction Program grants opportunity
7. New Business:
*2024-25 Wages
*Res. 2024-03 Poverty Guidelines and Income/Asset Test [blue]
*2024 Locke Township Lawn Maintenance
Cemeteries: Strong's Lawn Service $850 per mow [same company/price as last yr]
Twp Hall: Nick's Lawn Services $80 per mow [same company/price as last yr]
*Resignation of Deputy Treasurer Julia Keyes on 1-15-24 / Motion to accept resignation
*Treasurer appointment of Deputy Treasurer Michelle Soliz on 1-25-24 / Motion to accept appointment
Authorization of Michelle to be a signer at Independent Bank [treas&dep treas / clerk&dep clerk]
~~*Resignation of Planning Commissioner Sarah Lackey / Motion to accept resignation~~
~~*Supervisor appointment of ???? to Planning Commission for remaining term ending 12-31-2026~~
~~*Motion to accept Planning Commission appointment~~
*2024 Local Road Program
*Hall Rentals monthly/annual summary
*Draft 2024-2025 General Budget Worksheet [pink]
*Schedule Budget Public Hearing, March 12, 2024 @ 7:00 PM
*Received $107.51 dividend return from our workers compensation insurance-Accident Fund Ins Co
*Renewable Energy discussion, including ballot initiative and options for local government
*$1000 Quote from T C Tree Service to remove leaning pine tree in Bell Oak Cemetery
*Volunteer for Bell Oak Cemetery-remove 2stumps/clean-up
8. Reports:
Clerk - Jan rev/exp report; mailed 705 postcards notifying households of early voting; received & tested new election equipment; prepare/distribute W-2/1099's/employee tax reports-submit to IRS & State; 01/30 held Election Commission meeting; 2/01 attend Clerks Early Voting training @ Vevay Twp Hall-East Lansing Clerk facilitator; 2/02 performed Preliminary Accuracy Test w/Dep Clerk; 2/07 BOE Early Voting E-Pollbook Training; 2/08 performed Public Accuracy Test w/Spvsr & Treas; 2/12 Election Inspector Training-Ingham County
Treasurer –Jan 31 treas report; attend 01/17 MTA Renewable Energy Siting: What's Next? Webinar; attend 01/30 Election Commission meeting; will meet 03/14 w/Decker Ins-review renewal policy
Trustee – Davis:
Trustee – Shepler: attend Jan 17 MTA Renewable Energy Siting: What's Next? webinar; update on Planning Commission Master Plan
Supervisor – attend 01/11 NIESA Bd meeting; Jan NIESA report; Sun 01/14 work on back-up generator; 01/18 met w/ICRD re: 2024 road improvements; complete Census Boundary&Annexation Survey; 01/30 attend Election Commission meeting; attend 2/08 NIESA Bd meeting
Zoning Administrator –Jan report; building permits update; registered MI Assoc of Planning Mar 6&7 Zoning Administrators zoom workshop
9. Public Comment [3 minute limitation]
10. Communications, seminars, etc.
*MTA 2024 Educational Conference & Expo, April 22-25, Grand Traverse Resort
11. Any Other Business / Board member comments
12. Adjournment

The Township will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board meeting upon 3 days notice in writing or by calling the Locke Township Clerk at 517 468-3405.

Dorothy G Hart, Locke Township Supervisor **Next meeting –Mar. 12**

Feb. 13, 2024 Outdoor Dropbox Security Camera summary

Z Solutions, Webberville		*information provided at Dec Twp Bd meeting*
REOLINK 4K NVR w/2 12 MP cameras	499.00	
Installation [from IT closet to network rack]	450.00	
6TB Hard Drive [60 days recording]	175.00	
	1124.	NDAA [National Defense Authorization Act] compliant?
American Video Transfer Inc, Brighton		*information provided at Dec Twp Bd meeting*
Geovision 8MP camera, back box, parts	1100.00	
Storage drive	100.00	
Travel to site	85.00	
Wires, cords, jacks, misc hardware	135.00	
Labor – engineering, install, network, training	1500.00	
	2920.	NDAA compliant, one year on site support
ADT, Novi		*information provided at Jan Twp Bd meeting*
Hanwah 2Megapixel camera		
[4 Megapixel add $215]		
Hanwah 4 Terabyte NVR in server closet		
Total Installation Price	**2380.68**	NDAA compliant

MI Twp Participating Plan Risk Reduction Program grant opportunity - $5000 maximum award per member, per cycle

2024-25 LOCKE TOWNSHIP WAGES [effective 04/01/2024]

🗁Board of Review	17. per hour (minimum 2 hours) (includes certification class time)
🗁Planning Commission 721	150. per meeting – member 25. additional - chairperson 25. additional – member secretary 60. per meeting – recording secretary
🗁Zoning Board of Appeals 722 Construction Board of Appeals	150. per meeting – member 25. additional - chairperson 25. additional – member secretary 60. per meeting - recording secretary
🗁NIESA representative	80. per monthly meeting
🗁Election inspector 262-702 inspector chairperson Plus mileage to training	16. per hour (inc. training) [minimum 2 hours] 25. extra on Election Day
🗁hall maintenance 265-702	17. per hour (minimum 2 hours)
🗁Cemetery caretaker 276-702 Cemetery foundations	17. per hour plus mileage .50 per sq inch sexton pd 25¢ per sq inch if quikcrete or ~~18¢ per sq inch w/Beck pouring~~]
🗁Deputies	17. per hour (minimum 2 hours)
🗁Webmaster 101-711	17. per hour (minimum 2 hours)
🗁Ordinance Enforcement Officer	20. per hour (minimum 2 hours)
🗁 Deputy Zoning Administrator	17. (minimum 2 hours)

Mileage @ IRS rate 2021 .56 / 2022 .585 thru 6/30 & .625 thru 12/31 / 2023 .655 / 2024 .67

MI minimum hourly wage 2020 $9.65 / 2021-22 $9.87 /2023 $10.10 / 2024 $10.33

TOWNSHIP OF LOCKE
RESOLUTION #2024-03
POVERTY GUIDELINES and INCOME/ASSET TEST

WHEREAS, the adoption of guidelines for poverty exemptions, required by Section 7u of the General Property Tax Act, Public Act 206 of 1893, is within the purview of the Township Board; and

WHEREAS, the homestead of persons who, in the judgment of the Supervisor and Board of Review, by reason of poverty, are unable to contribute to the public charges is eligible for exemption in whole or part from taxation under Public Act 390, 1994 (MCL 211.7u); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to PA 390, 1994, Locke Township, Ingham County adopts the following guidelines for the Supervisor and Board of Review to implement. The guidelines shall include but not be limited to the specific income and asset levels of the claimant and all persons residing in the household, including any property tax credit returns, filed in the current or immediately preceding year. To be eligible, a person shall do all of the following on an annual basis:

1) Be an owner of and occupy as a homestead the property for which an exemption is requested.

2) File a claim with the Supervisor or Board of Review, accompanied by federal and state income tax returns for all persons residing in the homestead, including any property tax credit returns filed in the immediately preceding year or in the current year.

3) Produce a valid drivers' license or other form of identification, if requested.

4) Produce a deed, land contract or other evidence of ownership of the property, if requested.

5) Income Test: Meet the Federal Poverty Income Standards as defined and determined annually by the United States Department of Health and Human Services under the authority of 42 U.S.C. 9902(2):

Poverty (Hardship) Exemptions for 2024

size of family unit	poverty guidelines
1	$14580
2	$19720
3	$24860
4	$30000
5	$35140
6	$40280
7	$45420
8	$50560
for each additional person	$5140

6) The application for an exemption shall be filed after January 1 and before the day prior to the last day of Board of Review.

7) Asset Test: To be eligible for a 100% poverty exemption for 2024, residents shall have a maximum of $50,000 in net assets, excluding their principal residence, retirement accounts, and accounts having a substantial penalty for withdrawals.

8) Any additional eligibility requirements as determined by the Township Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Review shall follow the above stated policy and federal guidelines in granting or denying an exemption.

The foregoing resolution offered by Board Member _____ and seconded by Board Member _____.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted:
Aye:

Nay:

Absent:

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

_____ _____

Glenda S Turner, Clerk attested to by: Dorothy G Hart, Supervisor

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify, as the duly qualified and acting Clerk of Locke Township, Ingham County, Michigan, that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted at a meeting of the Locke Township Board held on February 13, 2024; that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being 1976 PA267; that a quorum of the Board was present and voted in favor of said Resolution; and that minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by the Open Meetings Act.

_____

Clerk

LOCKE TOWNSHIP LAWN MAINTENANCE – 2024 SEASON AGREEMENT
Bids must be received by **February 6, 2024 @ noon.**
BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED ON THIS FORM TO BE CONSIDERED

Company Name Strong's lawn Service phone 517-294-5845

Address 490 meadow Ln. Fowlerville MI 48836 email aaron strong43@yahoo.com

1. Locke Township Hall, 3805 Bell Oak Rd, Williamston [approximately 2 acres]
   -Per occurrence mow/trim, pick up debris, blow clippings from sidewalks/asphalt $ 120.00

2. Rowley Cemetery, corner Rowley Rd & M-52 [approximately 5.61 acres]
   -Per occurrence mow/trim, pick up debris $ 475.00
   -Per occurrence mow easterly approximately 1 acre $ 55.00

3. Bell Oak Cemetery, Bell Oak Road east of Morrice Road [approximately 2.45 acres]
   -Per occurrence mow/trim, string trim, pick up debris $ 200.00

4. Brick Cemetery , Shaftsburg Road north of Haslett Road [approximately 2.04 acres]
   -Per occurrence mow/trim, string trim, pick up debris $ $120.00

5. Spring / Fall / storm damage / general maintenance cleanup @ $ 30.00? per hour

Lawn service to be provided on a weekly basis. [Extreme dryness or heavy growth may decrease or increase the per occurrence schedule.] The Lawn Care Company shall provide machinery and workforce to do the work in a timely, professional manner. Invoice Township monthly, listing dates of mowing. Checks authorized/issued 2nd Tues of month.

Modifications or Termination Terms. Either party may modify or terminate this Agreement by giving the other party thirty [30] days written notice. No assignment or subletting of this Agreement without the written consent of Locke Township. **Prefer no Sunday mowing** unless a necessity due to weather.

Attach 3 references [at least one cemetery reference, if available].
Proof of Liability Insurance to accompany Bid.

Aaron Strong — Signature
1,25,24 — Date

Return Bids to Locke Township Hall, 3805 Bell Oak Road, Williamston MI 48895 or locketwpsupervisor@tds.net

Bid received 01-25-2024 [date] Bid accepted by Locke Township Board _____ [date]

_____ Dorothy G Hart, Locke Twp Supervisor / date

_____ Glenda S Turner, Locke Twp Clerk / date

LOCKE TOWNSHIP LAWN MAINTENANCE – 2024 SEASON AGREEMENT
Bids must be received by **February 6, 2024 @ noon.**
BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED ON THIS FORM TO BE CONSIDERED

Company Name Nick's Lawn Services phone 517-449-4982

Address 4167 W grand river Rd owosso MI 48867 email nick48872@yahoo.com

1. Locke Township Hall, 3805 Bell Oak Rd, Williamston [approximately 2 acres]
   -Per occurrence mow/trim, pick up debris, blow clippings from sidewalks/asphalt
   $ 80 per mow

2. Rowley Cemetery, corner Rowley Rd & M-52 [approximately 5.61 acres]
   -Per occurrence mow/trim, pick up debris $_____
   -Per occurrence mow easterly approximately 1 acre $_____

3. Bell Oak Cemetery, Bell Oak Road east of Morrice Road [approximately 2.45 acres]
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Proof of Liability Insurance to accompany Bid.

Signature _____ Date 2/4/24

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Bid received _____[date] Bid accepted by Locke Township Board _____[date]

_____ _____
Dorothy G Hart, Locke Twp Supervisor / date Glenda S Turner, Locke Twp Clerk / date

January 15, 2024

To the Residents and Staff of Locke Township,

Thank you for allowing me to have the opportunity to serve as your Deputy Treasurer for the past fifteen years. I am currently at a different stage in life and finding it very difficult to continue on as your Deputy Treasurer. Having a full-time job already and recently adding the roll of caregiver for my mother keeps me extremely busy and overwhelmed. I appreciate the knowledge that I have learned and gained while serving as your Deputy Treasurer. Please accept this letter as my official resignation.

Sincerely,

Julia Keyes

Julia Keyes

From: Sarah <sarahalackey@gmail.com>
To: Dorothy <locketwpsupervisor@tds.net>; Marcy <guatemalamarcy@yahoo.com>
Date: Tuesday, 16 January 2024 5:44 PM EST
Subject: Tonight's Meeting

Dorothy and Marcy,

We are still in South Lyon, MI at a job. I will not be able to make it tonight.

Unfortunately, Dorothy, I have been just barely making the meetings because of our business schedule and I think I have missed 3 in the last 4 months. I have enjoyed my time on the PC but I think I should step down at this time. I would like to be considered for a position again in the future once our business schedule is more aligned with the requirements. I will send a formal resignation later this week.

I am so sorry. I value the PC and the township office and feel strongly that I should not hold this position if I am not able to fulfill the requirements.

Thank you,
Sarah

2024 LOCAL ROAD PROGRAM

Locke Township

INGHAM COUNTY
ROAD DEPARTMENT
Address: 301 Bush Street, PO Box 38, Mason, MI 48854
Phone: (517) 676-9722 E-Mail: roads@ingham.org Website: http://roads.ingham.org

Introduction

The following packet was assembled for both seasoned officials who are very familiar with the process and for officials new to their positions to help them better understand the intricacies of local road funding.

Each year, the Ingham County Road Department (ICRD) and Township Boards partner to provide local road improvements to the residents of Ingham County. While road funding is limited, these parties work hard to spend this precious limited funding efficiently and effectively. In 2023, approximately $6.8M was invested in the local road network, with $5.8M being contributed through the Townships, special assessment districts and/or a Township millage.

Funding for Local Roads

Roads in Michigan have been chronically underfunded for decades. There are numerous reasons behind this fact, but no matter the cause, Michiganders see the results – many miles of poor roads.

This is especially true for local roads, which connect people from the primary road system to their homes and businesses. Local roads can be further divided into local collector roads and subdivision roads. Local collector roads are those that connect residential and business areas to the primary road system. Local subdivision roads mostly service residents or businesses within subdivisions and business parks.

Ingham County has 432.76 miles of primary roads and 822.27 miles of local roads. See below for a chart breaking down the mileage per Township.

Township	Primary Roads (miles)	Local Roads (miles)
Alaiedon	34.20	41.66
Aurelius	26.11	45.98
Bunkerhill	30.00	30.50
Delhi	43.33	97.91
Ingham	19.54	35.65
Lansing	15.93	26.99
Leroy	22.30	45.02
Leslie	27.13	49.97
Locke	20.84	49.79
Meridian	51.65	158.15
Onondaga	23.50	41.01
Stockbridge	21.80	29.84
Vevay	29.39	47.53
Wheatfield	27.63	29.50
White Oak	10.80	45.70
Williamstown	28.61	47.07

The primary and local designations play an important role in how much the ICRD receives from the Michigan Transportation Fund (MTF). According to the 2024 MTF formula, the

ICRD will receive $3,269 for each mile of rural local road and $2,833 for each mile of urban local road.

Unfortunately, the MTF allocated for local roads barely covers the ICRD's cost for routine maintenance such as snow plowing and pothole patching. In addition, under current state law (Act 51 of 1951), any improvements to a local road must have at least 50% of its funding come from a source other than the road agency. This alternate source of funding often comes from the Township, but it can also come from a millage, special assessment district, developments or other outside sources.

Funding Options for Townships

Townships are not legally required to contribute to the maintenance, construction or reconstruction of county roads. However, Act 51 of 1951 does restrict how much a road agency can spend on improvements to local roads as noted above. While road agencies do not have any legal taxing authority, Townships have three options to help raise revenue to fund road improvements: a millage through Act 51, a Township-wide millage or a special assessment district. Additionally, the use of American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) funds can be used to fund local road improvements, of which most of the Townships took advantage of this option for the 2022 and 2023 Local Road Programs.

1. Act 51 Millage

Act 51 of 1951 outlines two options for Townships to raise revenue for the maintenance and improvement of local roads.

- Township Boards can levy a property tax of no more than three mills in any year, without a vote of the people, for the maintenance or improvement of county roads within the Township.
- With voter approval, Township Boards may levy a property tax of no more than six mills in any year for the maintenance or improvement of county roads within the Township.

2. Township-Wide Millage

Section 6 of Article IX of the Constitution of Michigan of 1963 authorizes Townships to levy millages with a majority vote of the people.

3. Special Assessment Districts

Two options are available to create special assessment districts (SAD). An SAD is an area where the majority of property owners agree to allow a governmental agency to levy a property tax in exchange for a specific service such as road improvements. The area can be limited to a neighborhood or can be Township-wide.

- Public Act 188 of 1954 allows Townships to initiate the SAD process via a resolution and a public hearing. The Township is the primary contact for Public Act 188 SAD projects. This is a more streamlined process than the Public Act 246 option, as it usually can be completed within one year.

- Public Act 246 of 1931 allows Landowners to petition the Road Department for an SAD. This process requires numerous Board resolutions and public meetings, which extends the schedule timeframe to 2-3 years. The Road Department is the primary contact throughout the process.

Historic Township Local Road Contributions

The chart below includes all contributions made by the Townships and/or residents within Ingham County for local road improvements over the last five years.

Township	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Alaiedon	$20,400	$56,244	$97,695	$269,135	$141,197
Aurelius	$75,000	$24,282	$35,275	$248,466	$132,585
Bunkerhill	$0	$51,613	$53,115	$90,564	$62,672
Delhi	$0	$0	$0	$155,913	$0
Ingham	$33,300	$0	$64,217	$0	$73,611
Lansing	$110,460	$118,019	$0	$81,828	$57,730
Leroy	$76,000	$0	$108,929	$71,098	$106,658
Leslie	$57,851	$0	$61,494	$55,519	$48,107
Locke	$80,000	$25,000	$76,698	$172,096	$258,506
Meridian	$483,810	$4,636,645 (*)	$2,335,991 (*)	$1,775,512 (*)	$4,341,407 (*)
Onondaga	$30,000	$0	$0	$61,812	$44,635
Stockbridge	$56,683	$30,088	$0	$254,584	$274,076
Vevay	$40,000	$45,000	$53,973	$72,968	$126,604
Wheatfield	$36,018	$33,300	$0	$80,233	$62,175
White Oak	$66,700	$0	$0	$112,506	$0
Williamstown	$327,662	$0	$71,409	$1,263,003 (**)	$103,931

(*) = Township-wide Millage

(**) = includes $284,351 from SAD projects

Local Road Matching Program

In 2023, the ICRD re-calculated the allocation amounts for each Township based on the MTF formula used by the State to distribute funding to each County. The formula uses population and road mileage to determine funding amounts, so as a result of the 2020 Census, the Township allocation amounts were adjusted accordingly.

Unfortunately, this resulted in several Townships receiving less allocation than in previous years. In an effort to maintain the same level of allocation (at a minimum) to each Township, the overall Local Road Program funding was increased from an annual allocation of $802,200 to $1,173,200.

Another change that was implemented in 2023, was that each Township can only rollover their annual allocation for one year in an effort to work on a larger overall project. As a result, Townships with existing large carryover balances must utilize their available Road Department funding by the end of 2025 or it will be forfeited.

The chart below shows the 2024 Local Road Program funding allocation for use by each of the Townships as calculated by the ICRD. Please note, the "Total Allocation Available for 2024" column includes the 2024 LRP allocation from the ICRD plus any current rollover funds.

Township	Historical Allocation (Prior to 2023)	2024 Allocation	Total Allocation Available for 2024
Alaiedon	$45,000.00	$45,000.00	$45,000.00
Aurelius	$33,300.00	$50,000.00	$50,000.00
Bunkerhill	$33,300.00	$33,300.00	$33,300.00
Delhi	$99,000.00	$210,000.00	$916,059.84
Ingham	$33,300.00	$33,300.00	$33,300.00
Lansing	$60,000.00	$60,000.00	$160,440.20
Leroy	$33,300.00	$45,000.00	$45,000.00
Leslie	$36,000.00	$50,000.00	$51,892.73
Locke	$33,300.00	$45,000.00	$45,000.00
Meridian	$172,500.00	$335,000.00	$335,000.00
Onondaga	$33,300.00	$45,000.00	$192,875.31
Stockbridge	$33,300.00	$33,300.00	$33,300.00

Township	Historical Allocation (Prior to 2023)	2024 Allocation	Total Allocation Available for 2024
Vevay	$45,000.00	$55,000.00	$55,000.00
Wheatfield	$33,300.00	$33,300.00	$33,300.00
White Oak	$33,300.00	$40,000.00	$80,000.00
Williamstown	$45,000.00	$60,000.00	$60,000.00

Leslie Township Summary

The following is a summary of the roads located in Locke Township. A map showing the road network within the Township is included in Appendix A. This map also shows the LRP work performed in the Township over the last several years.

Primary Roads

- 20.84 miles of primary roads
  - 0 miles are located within the urban boundary

Local Roads

- 49.79 miles of local roads
  - 0.28 miles are located within the urban boundary

Project Selection

Each Township is requested to coordinate with the ICRD to develop a 3-year road improvement plan for planning purposes. Eligible local road capital improvements include such activities as cold-milling, pulverizing, asphalt overlays, gravel resurfacing, curb replacement and shoulders. Typically, the ICRD will fund staff labor and equipment costs, culvert replacements and tree removals associated with a local road project. However, if a contractor is required to perform work on a project, all contracted costs will be included in the cost sharing formula described above for the LRP.

The ICRD staff have put together a small selection of project candidates with anticipated costs as shown in Appendix B. Additionally, the roads completed as part of the 2023 Local Road Program are included in Appendix B. Typically, the road segments paved within the current year Local Road Program will be chip sealed the following year at the ICRD's cost.

Action Required by Township

Each Township shall notify the ICRD by **Friday, February 9, 2024** of their intentions regarding the LRP fund allocation as follows:

1. Able to use ALL of the allocated LRP funds; or
2. Unable to use any portion of the allocated LRP funds; or
3. Only able to use a PORTION (amount of $_____) of the allocated LRP funds

If Option 2 or 3 are selected, the Township may request to roll over the all or part of the 2024 annual allotment to the 2025 calendar year, in an effort to complete a larger project. Please

note, only one year of funds can be rolled over annually.

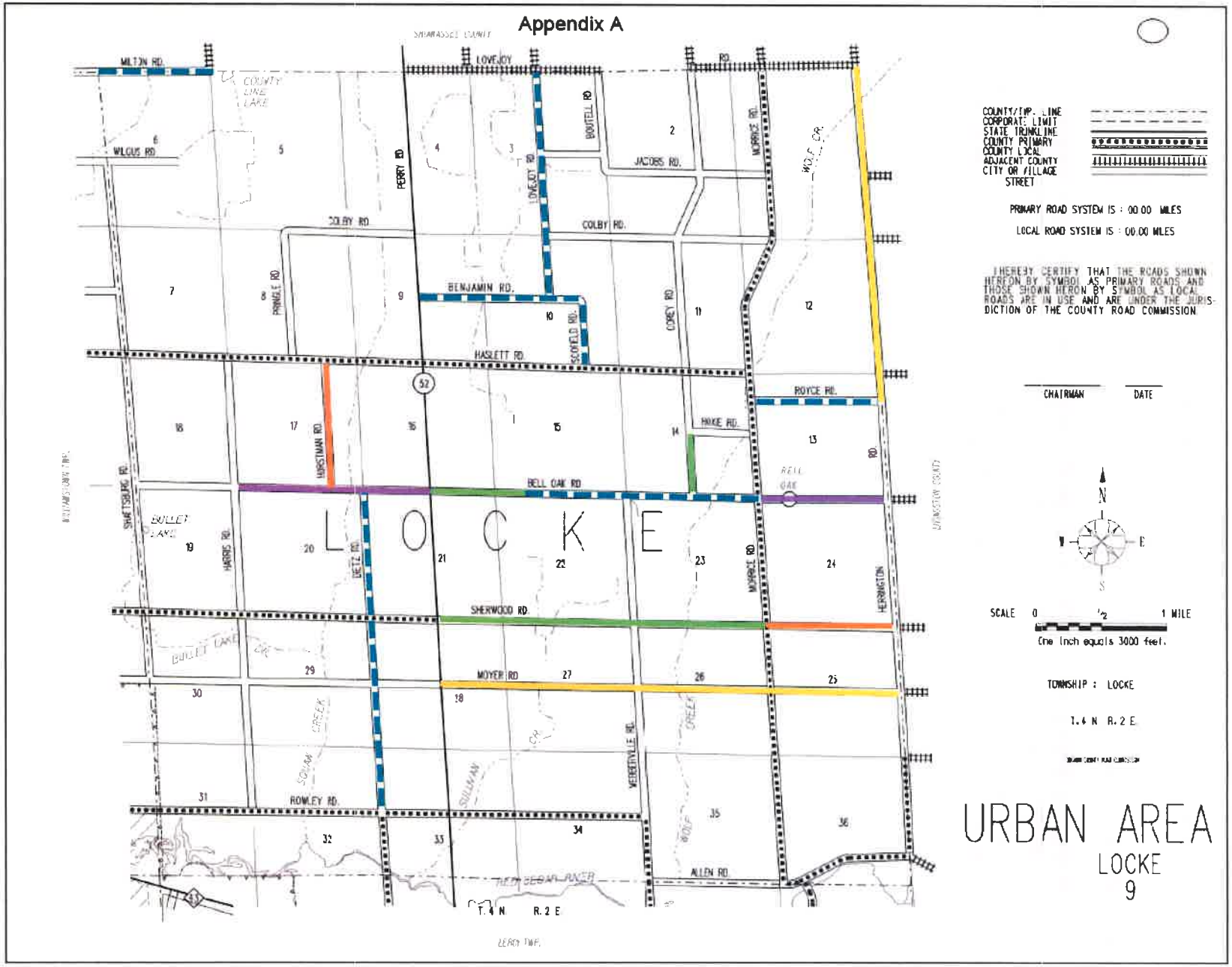
As a reminder, Townships with existing large carryover balances must utilize their available Road Department funding by the end of 2025 or it will be forfeited.

A lack of response by the deadline may result in forfeiture of the current year's allocation.

Contact Information

Managing Director	Director of Operations	District Supervisor
Kelly Jones kjones2@ingham.org (517) 676-9722 x 2336	Andy Dunn adunn@ingham.org (517) 676-9722 x 2355	Tim Engel tengel@ingham.org (517) 719-6660

Appendix A



Completed 2020 **Completed 2021** **Completed 2022** **Completed 2023** **Proposed 2024**

INGHAM COUNTY
ROAD DEPARTMENT

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LOCAL ROAD PROGRAM

LOCKE TOWNSHIP
2024 PROPOSED PROJECTS

BUDGET OVERVIEW

2023 LRP ROLLOVER	2024 LRP ALLOCATION	TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE 2024
$0 * MUST BE USED IN THIS YEAR OR FORFEITED	$45,000 * MAY BE DESIGNATED FOR ROLLOVER TO 2025	$45,000
To calculate the township cost for the year, add up cost for each project set to be done, then subtract the total LRP funds available.		

GLOSSARY

TERM	DEFINITION
Chip Seal	Pavement surface treatment that combines a layer of asphalt emulsion (liquid oil) with a layer of aggregate (small stone).
Culvert	Metal pipe below the road that moves water from one side of the road to the other.
Fog Seal	Thin layer of asphalt emulsion (liquid oil) that is applied over top of a chip seal. Fog seal applications help lock in aggregates and also change the appearance of chip sealed surfaces. Fog seal cost are not included in cost sharing.
Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA)	Stone, sand, gravel bound together by asphalt cement (product of crude oil).

PROJECTS COMPLETED 2023

ROAD SEGMENT	SUMMARY OF WORK	CHIPSEAL STATUS
Herrington – Royce to Mohrle	Trees, Ditching, Culverts, HMA Overlay, Gravel Shoulders.	*Scheduled 2024*
Moyer – M52 to Webberville	Trees, Ditching, Culverts, HMA Overlay, Gravel Shoulders	*Scheduled 2024*
Herrington – Love Joy to Mohrle	Regraded Gravel, Added 3" Gravel and reshaped.	N/A
Moyer – Webberville to Herrington	Regraded Gravel, Added 3' Gravel and reshaped.	N/A

PROPOSED PROJECT #1

ROAD NAME	SEGMENT OF ROAD	COST OF PROJECT
Milton Rd	Twp Line to Locke Rd	$55,055
DESCRIPTION OF WORK		
Tree trimming and removal, ditching, culverts, HMA leveling course, HMA wearing/top course, gravel shoulders, chip seal.		

PROPOSED PROJECT #2

ROAD NAME	SEGMENT OF ROAD	COST OF PROJECT
Bell Oak Road from last yr.	.5 Miles E of M52 to Morrice	$220,220
DESCRIPTION OF WORK		
Tree trimming and removal, ditching, culverts, HMA leveling course, HMA wearing/top course, gravel shoulders, chip seal.		

PROPOSED PROJECT #3

ROAD NAME	SEGMENT OF ROAD	COST OF PROJECT
Dietz Road new this yr.	Rowley to Bell Oak	$275,275
DESCRIPTION OF WORK		
Tree trimming and removal, ditching, culverts, HMA leveling course, HMA wearing/top course, gravel shoulders, chip seal.		

PROPOSED PROJECT #4

ROAD NAME	SEGMENT OF ROAD	COST OF PROJECT
Royce Road from last yr.	Morrice to Herrington	$110,110
DESCRIPTION OF WORK		
Tree trimming and removal, ditching, culverts, HMA leveling course, HMA wearing/top course, gravel shoulders, chip seal.		

PROPOSED PROJECT #5

ROAD NAME	SEGMENT OF ROAD	COST OF PROJECT
Scofield/Benjamin Road from last yr	Haslett to Lovejoy	$81,852
DESCRIPTION OF WORK		
Tree trimming and removal, ditching, culverts, HMA leveling course, HMA wearing/top course, gravel shoulders, chip seal.		

PROPOSED PROJECT #6

ROAD NAME	SEGMENT OF ROAD	COST OF PROJECT
Lovejoy Road from last yr.	Benjamin to W Lovejoy	$193,776
DESCRIPTION OF WORK		
Tree trimming and removal, ditching, culverts, HMA leveling course, HMA wearing/top course, gravel shoulders, chip seal.		

NOTES

One mile of Gravel Improvement (3" Gravel) $33,000.

Locke Twp new hall rentals (Living Church of God]) [dog clubs]

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
JAN	2	05 [5]	05 [4]	0	2	1 2 c-W	0	2 [1 c-C]	2 [1 c-C]	3 [2c]
FEB	3	04 [3]	07 [4]	1	1	6 [5]	0 1 c-C	3 [1]	4	
MAR	8	06 [2]	03 [3]	1	2	0	0	3 [1c-C]	0	
APR	8	09 [5]	11 [6]	3	4	0 3 c-C	1	6 [4]	5 [3]	
MAY	6	07 [1]	07 [2]	5	0 5 c-C	3 1 c-C	5[1][3]	7 [5]		
JUN	7	06 [1]	05 [0]	2	4	1 5 c-C	4	6	7	
JUL	6	08 [2]	07 [3]	5	1	4 4 c-C	3	4 [3]	7 [5]	
AUG	9	06 [2]	06 [2]	6	5 [1]	6	6	9 [6]	9 [8]	
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OCT	7	08 [5]	02 [0]	2	7 [3] [3]	3 1 c-C	2	3	3	
NOV	5	06 [3]	05 [0]	1	8 [4]	0 1 c-C	1 1 c-C	4	2 [1]	
DEC	8	12 [2]	06 [0]	7	8 [0]	0 7 c-C	3	7	8	
	74	82 [34]	65 [24]	37	53 [13]	21	29	61 [24]	55	

Relative Humidity-Clerk office:
10/10 42% 10/12 44% 10/17 41% 10/19 42% 10/24 41% 10/28 48% 10/31 39%

Per MDEQ water analysis testing form, our water would have to be tested at least quarterly if there are 25 or more persons 60 days or more per year.
Tested: 2023Mar17 2020Jan06 2018Apr17

Currently 3 dog clubs: American Water Spaniel, MI Flyways Retriever, Marshbanks Golden Retriever

c-C = cancel-COVID [2020-2022] c-W=cancel-weather

Updated 12-12-2023 *Dorothy*

LOCKE TOWNSHIP 2024-2025 GENERAL BUDGET WORKSHEET

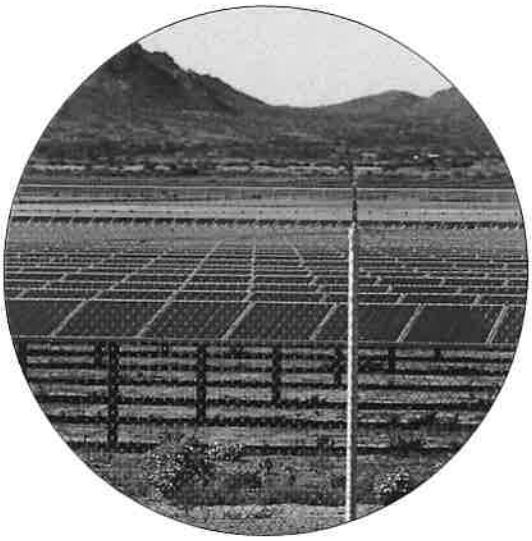
		2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25[revised]
REVENUE					
101 000 402	PROPERTY TAXES	81000	83500	85000	94000
101 000 447	TAX ADMINISTRATION FEE	34000	34000	34000	36000
101 000 490	BUILDING PERMITS	10000	9000	10000	12000
101 000 478	ZONING PERMITS	1000	2000	3000	2000
101 000 448	SUMMER TAX COLLECT	2700	2700	2700	2700
101 000 528	ARPA GRANT		97000	195500	00
101 000 576	ELECTION REIMBURSEMENT	500	500	500	5000
101 000 546	METRO ACT RIGHT OF WAY FEE	5000	5000	5000	6700
101 000 574	REVENUE SHARING	150000	150000	160000	199662
101 000 626	CEMETERY BURIAL	9000	7000	6000	10000
101 000 642	SALE OF CEMETERY LOTS	2000	3000	1500	3000
101 000 665	INTEREST	500	300	5000	8000
101 000 667	HALL RENTAL	2000	5500	5500	5000
TOTAL REVENUE		**297700****	**399500****	**513700****	**384062**
EXPENDITURES					
101 101 709	TWP BD NIESA REP WAGE	900	960	960	960
101 101 710	PER DIEM [TRUSTEES]	3500	4172	4250	4250
101 101 711	NON STATUTORY WAGE	200	200	400	200
101 101 713	MEDICARE-SS	350	400	430	400
101 101 727	OFFICE SUPPLIES	2000	2000	2000	1500
101 101 818	LEGAL	3000	3000	13000	3000
101 101 822	TECH ADMIN/SUPPORT	3000	3000	3000	3000
101 101 820	AUDIT	5000	500	7600	500
101 101 860	TRAVEL	300	300	300	300
101 101 957	EDUCATION-TRAINING	500`	1000	600	1000
101 101 956	WORKERS COMP INS	1200	1200	1200	1200
101 101 901	PRINTING-PUBLISHING	500	500	500	1000
101 101 955	MEMBERSHIPS-DUES	1500	1600	1700	2000
101 101 972	CAPITAL OUTLAY	5000	5000	5000	5000
	TOTAL TWP BD	**26950***	**23832***	**40940***	**24310***
101 171 702	SUPERVISOR SALARY	11496	12186	13044	19641
101 171 713	MEDICARE-SS	900	930	998	1500
101 171 727	OFFICE SUPPLIES	250	300	300	300
101 171 821	ACCNTNG/CNSLTNG FEE	200	200	200	200
101 171 860	TRAVEL	200	200	200	300
101 171 957	EDUCATION/TRAINING	500	500	300	1000
101 171 955	MEMBERSHIPS-DUES	50	50	50	50
101 171 971	CAPITAL OUTLAY	500	500	500	500
	TOTAL SUPERVISOR	**14096***	**14866***	**15592***	**23491***
101 215 702	CLERK SALARY	16912	19003	19932	39302
101 215 703	DEPUTY SALARY	2500	2500	3500	2000
101 215 713	MEDICARE-SS	1485	1650	1800	3160
101 215 727	OFFICE SUPPLY-POSTAGE	1000	1000	1200	1000
101 215 821	ACCNTNG/CNSLTNG FEE	200	200	200	200
101 215 860	TRAVEL	300	300	300	300
101 215 957	EDUCATION-TRAINING	500	600	300	1000
101 215 955	MEMBERSHIPS-DUES	100	100	100	100
101 215 971	CAPITAL OUTLAY	500	1400	500	500
	TOTAL CLERK	**23497***	**26753***	**27832***	**47562***
101 247 702	BOARD OF REVIEW SALARY	800	800	800	1000
101 247 713	MEDICARE-SS	60	60	60	80
101 247 860	TRAVEL	100	100	100	100
101 247 957	EDUCATION-TRAINING	200	250	250	300
101 247 901	PRINTING-PUBLISHING	200	200	300	300
	TOTAL BD OF REVIEW	**1360***	**1410***	**1510***	**1780***
101 253 702	TREASURER SALARY	15924	16879	18060	28987
101 253 703	DEPUTY SALARY	1000	1000	1000	500
101 253 713	MEDICARE-SS	1300	1370	1450	2260
101 253 727	OFFICE SUPPLY-POSTAGE	3000	3000	2500	2800

		2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25[revised]
101 253 821	ACCNTNG/CNSLTNG FEE	300	300	300	300
101 253 860	TRAVEL	600	600	600	700
101 253 957	EDUCATION-TRAINING	500	600	300	1000
101 253 971	CAPITAL OUTLAY	500	900	500	500
TOTAL TREASURER		**23124***	**24649***	**24710***	**37047***
101 257 727	ASSESSOR OFFICE SUPPLY-POST	1500	1500	1500	1500
101 257 818	CONTRACT ASSESSING	22000	24000	24000	24000
	TOTAL ASSESSOR	**23500***	**25500***	**25500***	**25500***
101 262 702	ELECTION SALARY	1000	3500	2500	14500
101 262 713	MEDICARE-SS				1500
101 262 727	SUPPLIES	500	3000	1981	2500
101 262 818	ELECTION CONTRACT	00	00	00	00
101 262 860	TRAVEL	200	200	500	600
101 262 901	PRINTING-PUBLISHING	300	800	800	4000
101 262 971	CAPITAL OUTLAY	500	1400	500	1000
	TOTAL ELECTION	**2500***	**8900***	**6281***	**24100***
101 265 702	BUILDING/GROUNDS SALARY	2500	2500	2500	2000
101 265 713	MEDICARE-SS	200	200	200	150
101 265 731	MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES	2000	2000	2500	3000
101 265 818	BLDG/GRNDS CONTRACT	9000	9000	12000	8620
101 265 850	PHONE/INTERNET	3500	3500	3500	3500
101 265 920	UTILITIES	4000	6600	6600	6000
101 265 955	INSURANCE	9000	9000	9000	9000
101 265 971	CAPITAL OUTLAY	3000	3000	6000	6000
	TOTAL BUILDING/GROUNDS	**33200***	**35800***	**42300***	**38270***
101 567 702	CEMETERY SALARY-MAINT	5000	5000	5000	7500
101 567 703	SEXTON ~~BACKHOE~~	2500	2500	2500	1500
101 567 713	MEDICARE-SS	380	380	380	680
101 567 737	OPERATING SUPPLIES	1400	1400	1000	1500
101 567 818	CONTRACT GRNDS MNT	20000	24000	30000	42000
101 567 860	TRAVEL	100	100	100	200
101 567 971	CAPITAL OUTLAY	5000	6000	2000	1000
101 567 955	MEMBERSHIP-DUES	35	35	35	35
	TOTAL CEMETERY	**34415***	**39415***	**41015***	**54415***
101 302 823	HAZMAT APPROPRIATION	**500***	**500***	**500***	**500***
101 371 818	CONTRACT INSPECTOR	**7000***	**9000***	**10000***	**10000***
101 445 818	DRAINS	**10000***	**10000***	**10000***	**10000***
101 446 819	HIGHWAYS/STREETS/BRIDGES	**71393***	**170000***	**304500***	**93000***
101 701 702	PLANNING PER DIEM	4200	5000	5500	8000
101 701 713	MEDICARE-SS	325	380	420	600
101 701 727	OFFICE SUPPLY-POSTAGE	200	500	500	500
101 701 818	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	3000	7000	30000	24000
101 701 860	TRAVEL	200	200	200	200
101 701 957	EDUCATION	500	500	500	500
101 701 901	PRINTING-PUBLISHING	500	500	500	500
	TOTAL PLANNING	**8925***	**14080***	**37620***	**34300***
101 702 702	ZONING SALARY	8640	12000	10000	8640
101 702 703	DEPUTY ZONING SALARY	5000	5000	2000	1000
101 702 710	PER DIEM [ZBA]	800	1000	2000	1000
101 702 713	MEDICARE-SS	1100	1200	1100	850
101 702 727	OFFICE SUPPLY-POSTAGE	200	200	200	200
101 702 818	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	1000	2000	5000	2000
101 702 957	EDUCATION	300	300	300	500
101 702 901	PRINTING-PUBLISHING	200	200	300	500
	TOTAL ZONING	**17240***	**21900***	**20900***	**14690***
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		**297700****	**42360.****	**609200****	**438965****

04-01-24 ESTIMATED FUND BALANCE	500000
PROPOSED REVENUE	+384062
PROPOSED EXPENDITURES	- 438965
03-31-25 ESTIMATED FUND BALANCE	445097

$100,000 MINIMUM FUND BALANCE
25% of annual expenses/auditor recommends 17%

Supervisor



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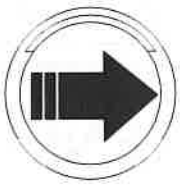
TODAY'S PRESENTATION

BACKGROUND

- History of legislation
- Key provisions



FLOWCHART

- What are the different processes?

WHAT NEXT?

- What power is left?
- What should we do now?

CONCLUSION

- Misc. questions
- Final thoughts

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BACKGROUND

History of legislation; key provisions

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OVERVIEW OF LEGISLATION

PA 233 OF 2023

- Contains the vast majority of new rules
- Signed Nov. 28, 2023
- Takes effect Nov. 29, 2024

- Limits local zoning based on PA 233
- Adds vested rights
- Signed Nov. 28, 2023
- Takes effect Feb. 13, 2024

PA 234 OF 2023

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PROJECTS COVERED BY NEW LAW

SOLAR

50 megawatts or more nameplate capacity across the entire project

WIND

100 megawatts or more nameplate capacity across the entire project

BATTERY STORAGE

50 megawatts or more nameplate capacity and energy discharge capability of 200 megawatt hours or more

EXISTING PROJECTS

Expansion, or repowering of any existing facility that meets the requirements listed to the left

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SUMMARY OF PA 233

- Makes significant changes to the permitting process for utility-scale renewable energy facilities
  - Including solar, wind, and battery energy storage
- Allows developers to apply directly to the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) to construct utility-scale renewable energy facilities
  - Unless all affected local units adopt "compatible renewable energy ordinance" (to be discussed shortly)
- Sets statewide standards for projects
- Severely limits local control

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SUMMARY OF PA 234

- Signed alongside PA 233, but takes effect Feb. 13, 2024
- Amends MZEA to subject all zoning ordinances to provisions of PA 233
- Also adds the following:
  - "A renewable energy project that receives special land use approval under Section 502 **on or after January 1, 2021**, is considered to be a prior nonconforming use and the special land use approval shall not be revoked or modified if substantial construction has occurred or if an expenditure equal to 10% of the project construction cost or $10,000, whichever is less, has been made."
- Alters nonconforming use vested rights law to create a very low threshold for renewable energy projects

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KEY PROVISIONS - WIND

Setbacks

- 2.1 times height to nearest outside wall of occupied building on nonparticipating property
- 1.1 times height to:
  - Nearest point of outside wall on participating property
  - Nonparticipating property lines
  - Centerline of road right-of-way

Noise

- 55 dBA average measured from nearest dwelling

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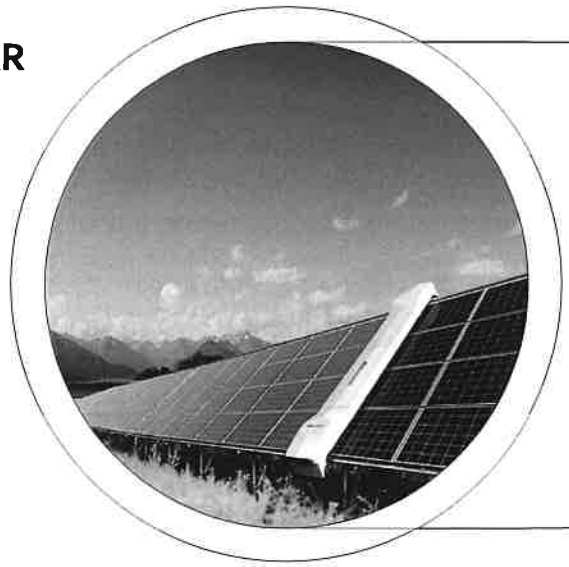
KEY PROVISIONS - SOLAR



Setbacks

- 300 feet from occupied nonparticipating buildings
- 50 feet from road right-of-way
- 50 feet from nonparticipating property lines

Maximum height

- 25 feet at full tilt

Noise

- 55 dBA average - nearest dwelling

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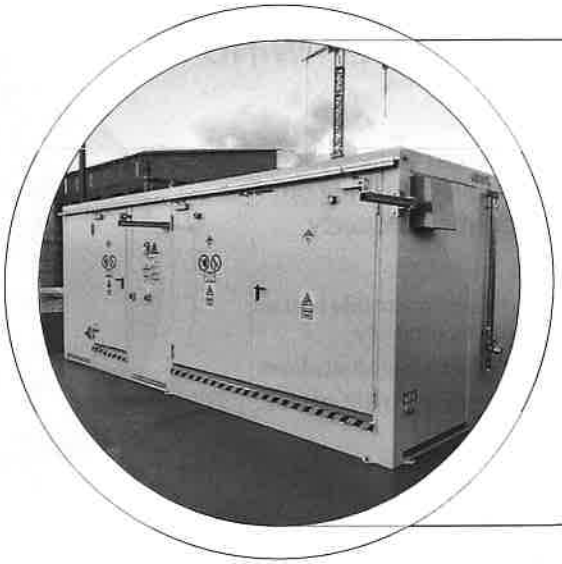
KEY PROVISIONS – BATTERY STORAGE

Setbacks

- 300 feet from nonparticipating occupied buildings
- 50 feet from road right-of-way
- 50 feet from shared property lines

Noise

- 55 dBA average measured from nearest dwelling



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KEY PROVISIONS – "COMPATIBLE RENEWABLE ENERGY ORDINANCE" (CREO)

- CREO is an ordinance adopted by all local units transferring permitting authority to them instead of the State/MPSC
- CREO cannot be more restrictive on any of the items listed in 226(8)
  - Cannot be more restrictive on setbacks, noise restrictions, height restrictions listed on previous slides and all other items listed in the statute
- All affected local governments must have a CREO in order for applicant to be required to use it
  - This includes any townships, counties, villages, or cities where project is located
- CREO process is extremely fast
  - Township must approve or deny entire application within 120 days
- More on the CREO process is discussed in the next section

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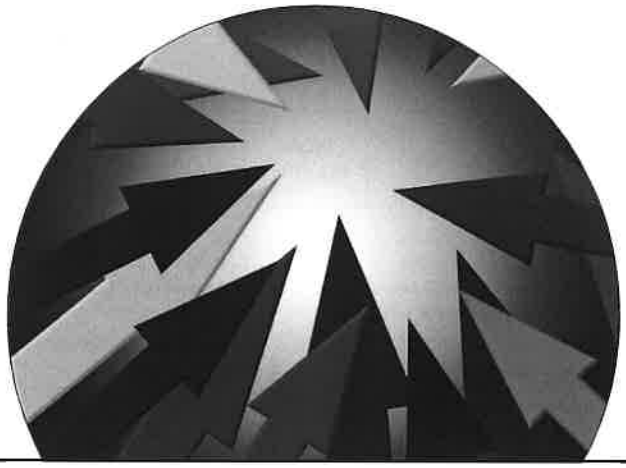
FLOWCHART

What are the processes?



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LAYING THE GROUNDWORK

Three main avenues for approval:

1. Entirely through the State (MPSC)
2. State-Township mix with a CREO
3. Entirely through the Township (non-CREO/"workable")

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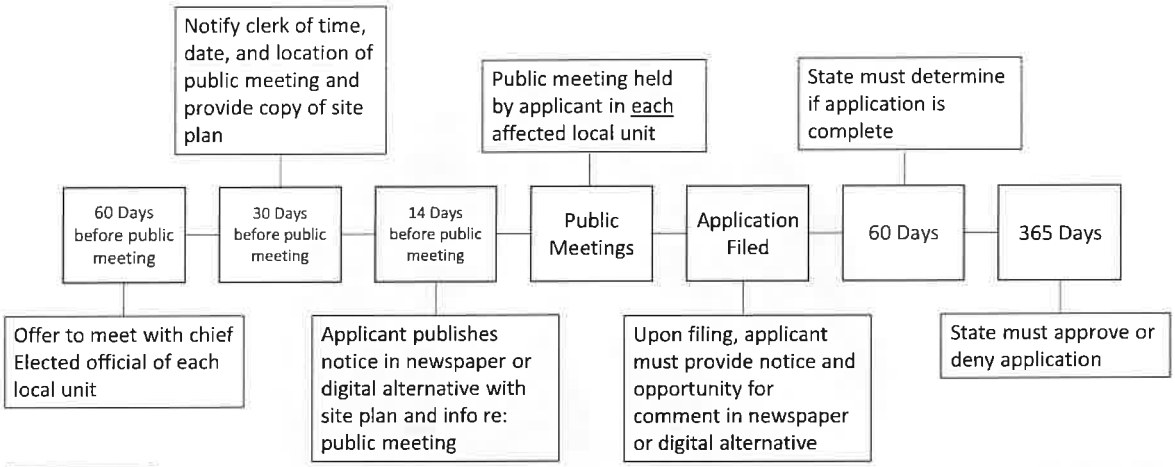
MPSC PROCESS (MCL 460.1223)



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Flowchart modeled by MSU Extension

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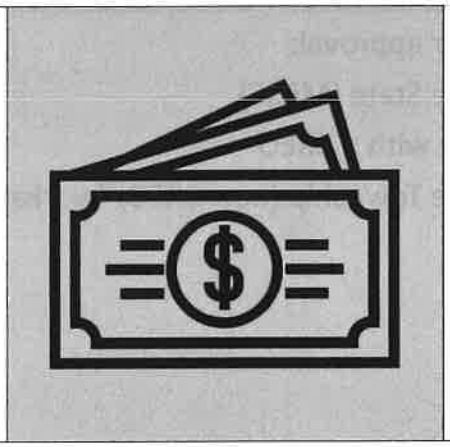
MONETARY BENEFITS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

INTERVENOR FUND

- Up to $75,000 (to be determined by MPSC, likely much lower)
- Deposited into special fund only for use in challenging application during MPSC process



HOST COMMUNITY AGREEMENT

- One-time, $2,000 per megawatt payment to the Township
- Must be used for police, fire, public safety, infrastructure. Can be used for other projects if applicant consents
- If Township refuses to enter agreement/take money, applicant can give the money to community groups instead

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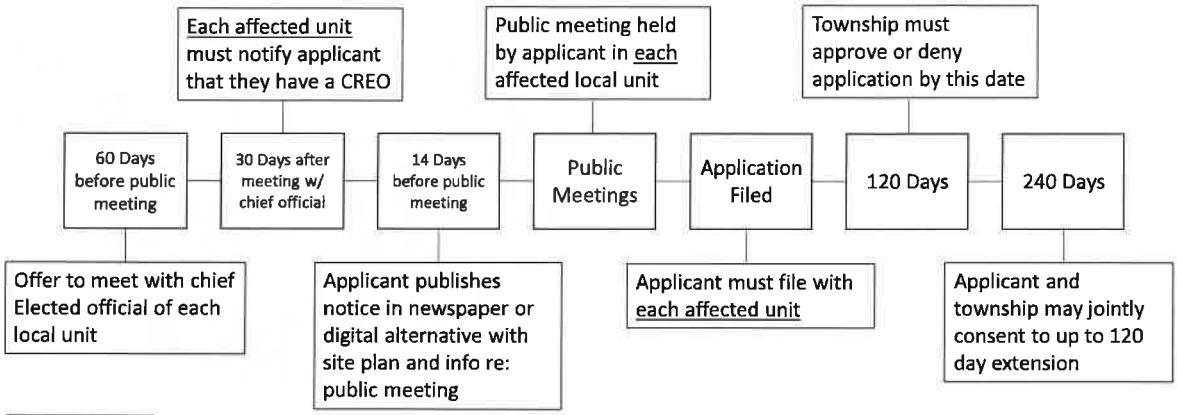
CREO PROCESS (MCL 460.1223(3))



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CREO DANGERS

If Township does any of the following, the applicant can take the "streamlined" MPSC path (discussed on next slide)

- Township fails to act on the application within 120 days
- Application meets requirements of 226(8) but is wrongly denied
- Local unit amends ordinance after notifying applicant of CREO, and the new ordinance is more restrictive than 226(8)

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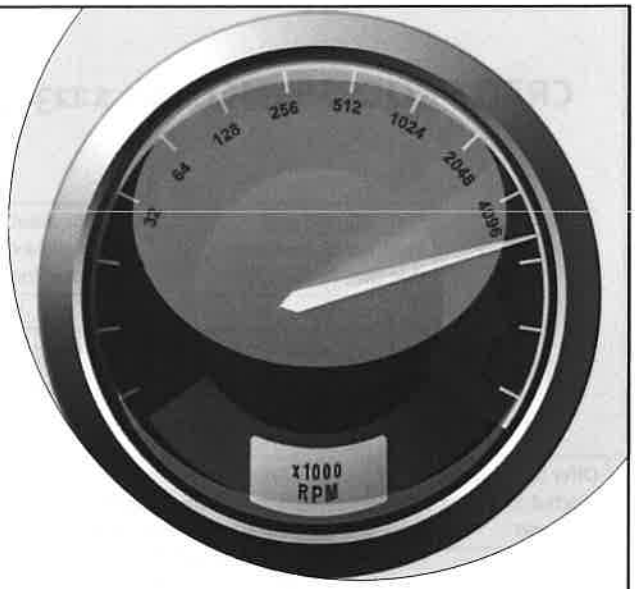
STREAMLINED MPSC PROCESS

Similar to regular process except:

- Your ordinance is declared invalid for all current and future projects;
- Applicant does not need to hold any public meetings in the Township and does not need to publish or provide any notices of activity;
- Applicant does not need to give any intervenor funds to local government.



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NON-CREO "WORKABLE" PROCESS

- Township adopts ordinance that it knows is not a CREO: sets standards above statute and/or regulates what State does not allow
- Developer voluntarily chooses to follow this local ordinance instead of MPSC
- Why would developer voluntarily choose this route?
  - Township may offer streamlined process; better value; more community support
- Caution: Developers are likely to be very wary of this option
  - It will not get them a state certificate
  - Presents serious risks: Township could be uncooperative or volatile, no statutes
  - State process will naturally appear much more secure for their huge investments

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WHAT NEXT?

What power is left? What should we do now?

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IMPORTANT NEXT STEPS

1. Consult with your attorney and planner
   - These issues are complicated, not everyone agrees on interpretation
2. Decide whether you want to follow MPSC, CREO, or "workable"
3. If CREO: Talk to neighboring governments and County <u>soon</u>
   - Everybody needs to be on the same page for a CREO to work
4. Keep timelines for CREO adoption in mind
   - If it is a zoning ordinance – need time to draft, PC hearings, Board hearings
   - Need to provide notices of meetings, adoption, etc.
   - Extra time needed to collaborate with County and neighboring jurisdictions

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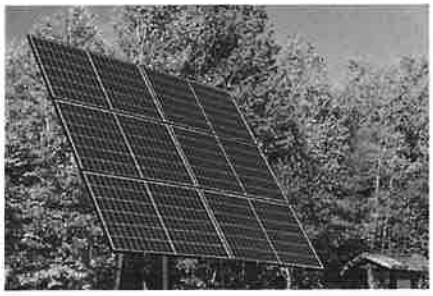
LOCAL AUTHORITY REMAINS, BUT LIMITED

- Can still regulate small scale utility projects
  - Those under megawatt limitations from earlier slide
- Can regulate roof-mounted or ground-mounted solar systems as accessory uses on property



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CONCLUSION

Miscellaneous questions; final thoughts

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MANY QUESTIONS REMAIN

- What exactly can be included in a CREO?
- What level of collaboration/ consistency will be required between local units?
- Do "workable" ordinances really have a chance?
- How will the State handle these issues?
- What will Township input at the State level really look like?

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WORK IS ONGOING

- Attorneys at our office and elsewhere are carefully reviewing language
- MTA is seeking clarifications from the MPSC
- MPSC and State offices should be reviewing and drafting guidance and procedures
- Developers are reviewing all available options to move projects forward
- Township officials are educating themselves, consulting with neighbors

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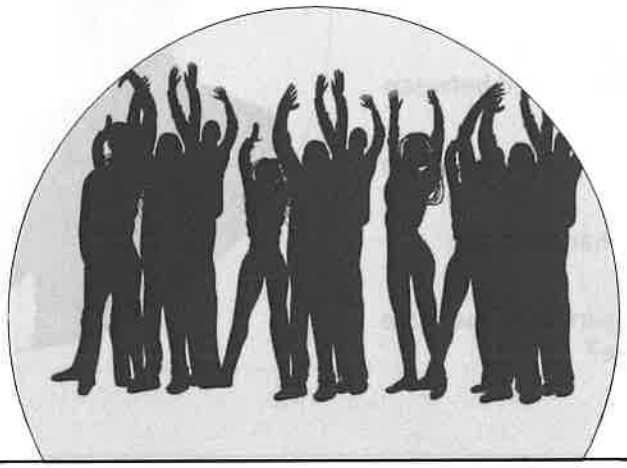
AUDIENCE QUESTIONS



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State Board of Canvassers Gives Green Light to Begin Signature Collection for Ballot Initiative to Restore Local Control

Good morning,

Last Friday, January 19th, the Board of State Canvassers approved the summary of purpose and form of the initiative petition being sponsored by our Ballot Campaign Committee, "Citizens for Local Choice," to repeal Part 8 of the Clean and Renewable Energy and Energy Waste Reduction Act as added by Public Act 233 of 2023. You can learn more about the initiative **here**.

The petition language that was agreed upon by both parties and was approved by the State Board of Canvassers states:

Initiation of legislation to: amend the clean and renewable energy and energy waste reduction act by repealing statewide requirements for the construction and development of certain wind and solar energy facilities, including: assessment of environmental, natural resources, and farmland impact; wages and benefits requirements for workers; setback distance; size and height of structures; and amount of light and sound emitted. If enacted, this proposal would allow local units of government to determine their own standards for such facilities.

We now are waiting on the final petitions from the state to be able print and begin circulating. To get the most updated information, please ensure you are checking your email as well as following us on social media on **Facebook** and **X**.

While we wait for petitions, **the most critical part of our campaign comes down to fundraising**. This effort is going **to require us to raise between $7-$10 million dollars**. We know the other side will be funded by corporate America, out-of-state money, and special interests. Our campaign has been fully funded and driven by everyday, grassroots Americans focused on ensuring locals have a voice. PLEASE CONTRIBUTE TODAY by donating online or sending a check in the mail. We can receive contributions from individuals and corporations with no limit. With your help, we can be successful and give locals the voice the legislature has denied them.

Online Contributions click **here**.

Mail Contributions to:
Citizens for Local Choice
P.O. Box 14309
Lansing, MI 48901

Again, this initiative would not be possible without the support and engagement of grassroots individuals across the state. Please consider donating to this effort to ensure we are successful with this ballot initiative! Learn more about donating **here**.

--Citizens for Local Choice Team

Call for County Captains

We need dedicated and motivated volunteers to be county captains! As a grassroots movement, our goal is to establish county captains in each county across our state to help gather petition signatures, fundraise, and spread awareness of our effort.

If this sounds like something you are interested in and willing to do to protect local control, please email us at citizensforlocalchoice@gmail.com or call us at 517-268-0889.

In The News

Detroit News: Martis: Restore local control of clean-energy zoning regulations

Local regulation of land use has been considered sacred in Michigan for decades. So, it was nothing less than shocking when House Bills 5120-5123, which strip away local control of utility-scale wind, solar, and energy storage, were signed into law this fall. But the fight is not yet over.
View the whole article here.

Crains: Ballot drive seeking to repeal wind, solar siting law gets Ok from canvassers

Critics of a new law that gives Michigan authority to effectively override local governments that block large-scale wind and solar farms will proceed with circulating petitions for a repeal initative after getting OKs rom the state election board Friday.
View the whole article here.

Bridge Michigan: State board OKs petition to repeal Michigan renewable energy siting law

The Michigan Board of State Canvassers on Friday approved summary language for a proposed ballot initiative that aims to repeal a law that allows the state to override local rejections of large wind and solar projects.**View the whole article here.**

Detroit News: Group gets OK to collect signatures to restore local control over solar, wind permits

A citizens initiative seeking to restore local control over large-scale wind and solar projects in Michigan can begin collecting signatures after gaining approvals Friday for a petition that would repeal a newly minted law transferring permitting authority to the state. **View the whole article here.**

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Solar

1. *Setbacks*:
   - 300-foot setback from building on nonparticipating properties.
   - 50-foot setback from the edge of a public road.
   - 50-foot setback from the property line of a nonparticipating property.
2. *Maximum height*: 25-feet when solar arrays are at full tilt.
3. *Noise*: No louder than 55 average hourly decibels on the A-weighted scale at the wall of the nearest nonparticipating dwelling.
4. *Fencing*: National Electric Code compliant.
5. Dark sky friendly lighting solutions.

Wind

1. *Setbacks*:
   - 1 times the maximum blade tip height from residences on nonparticipating properties.
   - 1 times the maximum blade tip height from buildings on participating properties.
   - 1 times the maximum blade tip height from the center line of an overhead utility line easement
   - 1 times the maximum blade tip height from the center line of a public roadway.
2. *Shadow Flicker*: No more than 30 hours of shadow flicker on nonparticipating residences.
3. *Maximum height*: only limited by a Determination of No Hazard to Air Navigation by the Federal Aviation Administration.
4. *Noise*: No louder than 55 average hourly decibels on the A-weighted scale at the wall of the nearest nonparticipating dwelling.
5. Dark sky friendly lighting solutions—may vary by project.

Energy Storage

1. *Setbacks*:
   - 300-foot setback from building on nonparticipating properties.
   - 50-foot setback from the edge of a public road.
   - 50-foot setback from the property line of a nonparticipating property.
2. *Noise*: No louder than 55 average hourly decibels on the A-weighted scale at the wall of the nearest nonparticipating dwelling.
3. *Installation Compliance*: Comply with NFPA 855: "Standard for the Installation of Stationary Energy Storage Systems."

The MPSC may adopt "any" more stringent requirements but "must determine that the requirements are necessary for compliance with state or federal environmental regulations."

Several items that would normally be included in local zoning special use provisions are not included or contemplated by the legislation. Glare is not addressed. Post-construction studies to confirm the as-built project performs as designed are not required. Escrow funds for municipality review and enforcement are not included nor is a conflict resolution program contemplated. Standards for landscaping are not established. Insurance requirements and road repair agreements are not addressed.

Moving Forward: the MPSC Process & Compatible Ordinances

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Volunteer Activity Waiver

Participants Name William Roback

Date of Birth 8-12-1957 Phone 575 499-6213

Address 121 E Willow St City Perry

Nature of Activity Stump grinding & Clean up

Date of Activity _____

Waiver of Physical Damage or Injury

In consideration of accepting this activity, the volunteer agrees to release, indemnify and hold harmless Locke Township, its officials and representatives against any and all liability hazards, claims, lawsuits, injury or damage to any person or property in connection with the above stated activity.

The volunteer attests and verifies that they are physically fit and capable of said activity and they understand that this activity could be hazardous.

William Roback Date 2-1-24
(Signature)

_____ Date _____
(Parent Signature, if volunteer under 18)

☐ I give permission to use my name in the Township Newsletter. _____
Initials or parents initials if volunteer under 18

TREASURER'S REPORT 1/31/2024

GENERAL ACCOUNT #4621	*Checking*	*Cash Sweep*	*Total*
Beginning Balance	$1,000.00	$491,614.57	
Deposits	$68,753.24	$48,464.87	
Interest (0.90%)		$667.42	
Withdrawals (incl. IRS)	($68,753.24)	($20,879.02)	
IRS Tax Payment	$0.00		
Ending Balance	$1,000.00	$519,867.84	**$520,867.84**

TAX ACCOUNT #4618		
Beginning Balance	$628,553.34	
Deposits (incl. interest)	$1,245,990.32	
Interest		
Withdrawals	($1,565,179.51)	
Ending Balance	$309,364.15	**$309,364.15**

HUNTINGTON #1274		
Beginning Balance		
Deposits (incl. interest)		
Interest		
Withdrawals		
Ending Balance	$0.00	**$ -**

Cash On Hand	$20.00	**$20.00**

GRAND TOTAL **$830,251.99**

Signed Sheri L. Rambo, Treasurer

NIESA report January 2024

Wed Dec 27	4 calls – medical: 2 Wmstown, 1 City-fire, **1 Locke-vehicle accident**
Thu Dec 28	8 calls – medical: 2 Wmstown, 3 City, **1 Locke**, 1 Whtfld, 1 Leroy
Fri Dec 29	2 calls – medical: 1 Whtfld, 1 Leroy-vehicle accident
Sat Dec 30	4 calls – medical: 1 Vlg, 1 Wmstown, 1 Leroy, 1 City
Sun Dec 31	4 calls – medical: 1 City, 2 Leroy, 1 mutual aid Onondage-fire
Mon Jan 01	3 calls – medical: 2 City, 1 Vlg
Tues Jan 02	5 calls – medical: 1 City, 1 Vlg, 2 Wmstown, 1 Leroy
Wed Jan 03	2 calls – medical: 1 Leroy, 1 City
Thur Jan 04	2 calls – medical: 1 Wmstown, 1 Vlg
Fri Jan 05	2 calls – medical: 1 City, 1 Whtfld
Sat Jan 06	6 calls – medical: 4 Wmstown, 1 Whtfld, 1 City-vehicle fire
Sun Jan 07	9 calls – medical: 3 Wmstown, 2 City, 1 Whtfld, **1 Locke,** 2 Leroy
Mon Jan 08	5 calls – medical: 2 Leroy, 2 Wmstown, 1 Whtfld
Tue Jan 09	5 calls – medical: 1 Wmstown, 3 City, 1 Whtfld
Wed Jan 10	6 call – medical: 2 Leroy, 2 Wmstown, 1 Vlg, 1 mutual aid Meridian
Thu Jan 11	2 calls – medical: 1 Leroy, 1 City
Fri Jan 12	3 calls – medical: 1 City, 1 Wmstown, 1 mutual aid Fowlerville-fire response
Sat Jan 13	8 calls – medical: 1 Vlg, 1 Whtfld, 2 City, **1 Locke,** 2 Leroy-1 vehicle accident, 1 Wmstown-fire alarm
Sun Jan 14	4 calls – medical: 1 City, 1 Vlg, 1 Wmstown-vehicle accident, 1 Whtfld-vehicle acc.
Mon Jan 15	4 calls – medical: 2 City, **1 Locke,** 1 mutual aid Okemos-fire response
Tue Jan 16	5 calls – medical: 1 Vlg, 2 City, **1 Locke**
Wed Jan 17	6 calls – medical: 1 Leroy, 3 City-1 fire, 1 Wmstown, 1 Vlg
Thu Jan 18	6 calls – medical: 4 City-3 fire alarm response, 1 Wmstown, **1 Locke**
Fri Jan 19	5 calls – medical: 1 Whtfld-vehicle accident, 1 Leroy-vehicle accident, 2 City, 1 mutual aid Okemos-vehicle accident
Sat Jan 20	5 calls – medical: 4 City-3 fire response, 1 Wmstown
Sun Jan 21	4 calls – medical: 1 Vlg, 1 Wmstown-CO alarm, 1 City, 1 Leroy-vehicle accident
Mon Jan 22	3 calls – medical: 1 Leroy, 1 City, 1 mutual aid Okemos
Tue Jan 23	5 calls – medical: 1 Vlg, 1 Wmstown-CO alarm, 1 Vlg, **1 Locke**, 1 Leroy-vehicle acc.
Wed Jan 24	7 calls – medical: 1 Leroy, 2 City, 1 Wmstown, **1 Locke-smoke investigation**, 2 mutual aid Meridian
Thu Jan 25	5 calls – medical: 1 Wmstown-vehicle accident, 2 Vlg, 1 City, 1 Leroy
Fri Jan 26	3 calls – medical: 1 City, 1 Leroy, 1 Whtfld-fire alarm
Sat Jan 27	6 calls – medical: 3 Wmstown-2 medical/1 smoke, 2 Whtfld-1 accident/1smoke, 1 City
Sun Jan 28	3 calls – medical: 1 City, 1 Vlg, 1 Wmstown-fire investigation
Mon Jan 29	7 calls – medical: 1 Leroy, 1 Wmstown, 2 City, **1 Locke,** 1 Vlg, 1 mutual aid Meridian
Tues Jan 30	3 calls – medical: 1 City, 1 Vlg, **1 Locke-vehicle accident**
Wed Jan 31	3 calls – medical: 1 City-utility issue, 1 Wmstown-fire alarm, 1 Whtfld-vehicle accident

Thurs Jan 11	phone from Swan Fuel, propane at 20% according to remote reader, Currently on Will Call when propane needed, can change to Keep Full. Changed to Keep Full.
	Generator regular maintenance. Noted that propane at 20%.
Fri. Jan 12	evening phone call from Kurt Griffes, snow removal. No power at hall. Generator running, Propane at 13%. Let him know that Swan Fuel had been called for fill.
Sat. Jan 13	Swan Fuel propane fill at 9:14 PM [start at 0, 374.1 gal]
Sun. Jan 14	6 AM phone call from Griffes. Generator not running. 7 AM at Hall. 6 ®. Phone to Cummins emergency number, talked me thru unlocking panel doors on generator to check for oil leakage. [None] 7:30 AM phone to rental to cancel due to no power.
Sun. Jan 14	11:30 AM Cummins at hall. Cannot get generator running, need to tear down, sometime.
Sun. Jan 14	6:00 PM approx. Power restored at hall!
Tues. Jan 16	generator repaired

LOCKE TOWNSHIP ZONING ADMINISTRATOR, JULIE A. MOORE

January 2024 Zoning Administrator report

Land Use Permits issued

2024 LU 03	Name	Address	Parcel

phone/meetings/site visits

01-02-24
Opened emails.
Corrected letter address of J. Meihls and sent letter assignment address for 01 100 044 .
Rec'd mech. permit 23-02 for 4295 Rowley Rd, 34-200-011, created and entered on 2024 Bldg. Permits & filed.
Rec'd TCF T. Smith (517) 719-2131 advised no updated Zoning ordinances for Barndominiums and advised to contact AGS.
Created 2024 Jan. Zoning Report.
Accepted tax payment for J. Roll 1,524.76 & gave check to treasurer.

01-04-24
Opened emails.
Reviewed Solar Ordinance.
Answered call re: Hall Rental
Purged files

01-09-24
Answered TCF re: winter tax information
Opened emails.
Documented mech. permit app. for 3653 Rowley Rd, 33 100 008, pd.150 & faxed to AGS by G. Turner
Reviewed & updated Plat book.
Rec'd Mech. Permit 24-001 from AGS for 3653 Rowley Rd, 33 100 008. Documented & filed.
Purged files

01-11-24
Opened emails.
Sent letterhead to B. Kotrba, Senior Planner
Documented AGS final inspections & filed.
Read "Renew Energy Projects: How should your township adjust its zoning approach"
Purged files

01-16-24
Opened emails.
Rec'd email from Amy Gilpin @ cmsenergy.com requesting updates to parcel 19-400-002, adding 2nd driveway, add't fencing 7' with 1' barbed wire, crushed limestone inside fence boundaries, add vales, launches and receivers. Will present question to PC on this date whether this is to be deemed a major or minor change.

Rec'd email from Amber Kirby inquiring ownership of purple party store on M-52. Advised Locke Township does not property and owner is Anthony Shoultes, provided address and last known phone number for property owner to Kirby.
Attended Planning Commission meeting. Consensus that Consumer Energy updates to parcel 19-400-002 is considered Minor changes.

01-18-24
Opened emails.
Rec'd TCF Reuben/Owosso re: Bldg. Permit requirements of a pole barn. Advised to complete Bldg. Permit & submit to Locke Township.
Emailed Amy Gilpin@cmsenergy.com to complete LU application permit & filing fee of $55 for updates to Consumer's Energy 19-400-002.
Documented Mech. perit 23-008, pd. 48 for resinpet of 2900 Rowley Rd, 31-426-002.
Rec'd plumbing permit app for 27-200-015, McKenzie 4437 Webberville Rd & check from MI plumb. 53816 for $48. Emailed to AGS & gave check to clerk.
Rec'd Bldg. Permit App. 02-200-008 for 6300 Corey, glassed in porch, David Carroll. Created LU Permit 24-001. Emailed to AGS.

01-23-23
Opened emails.
Rec'd Mech. Permit app. for 33-400-008 3854 Rowley Rd, F. Woelmer with check # 34824 Randazzo Mech. for $48. Gave check to clerk. & documented on 2024 Bldg. Permits. Emailed AGS.
Rec'd Bldg. Permit from AGS for 02-200-008 6300 Corey Rd, Perry, David & Eliz. Corey – called applicant Jack Palmer to notify bldg.. permit is ready for pick up an dowes 247.00.
Rec'd plumbing permit for 27-20-015, 24-001 4437 Webbervilld Rd. Robert & Linda McKenzie & filed.
TCF Justin Bloom for his Father Scott Bloom re: Solar installation that was installed & DTE rejecting to approve it. Advised AGS requested documents to be scanned back to them for their review as they are working on this discrepancy. Sent docs. to AGS. Advised Justin Bloom to call AGS.
Recf'd Mechanical Permit 24-002 from AGS for 33-400-008 3854 Rowley Rd & filed.
Rec'd email from Troy Parmalee wanting address for DTE parel 09-100-001.

01-25-24
Opened emails.
Assigned address of 3558 Colby Road Perry for parcel 09-100-001, completed letter with address assignment & mailed to Troy Parmalee. Gave copy of letter to assessor. Sent email to Parmalee with new address as well.
Rec'd email from AGS re: mech. permit 24-095MR001 & issued letter to K&B Colling PO ox 833 Perry for a refund of 102.00 for overpayment. Gave to clerk to process refund check.
Rec'd 2 parts of permit report from AGS – emailed AGS requesting Invoice report so EOM can be processed.
Returned call to Erica @ AB Tech. in Rochester Indiana (574) 224-8324 re: inspection of Bloom solar array. Spoke to Laura Lewis as Erica was not in. Advised Lewis to sned updated valid electrical permit for the solar company to AGS. Also, provided Scott Bloom with this information as he appeared in person @ Locke Township.
Printed off new forms for Commercial & Residential Permits for Elec., Mech & Plumbing.
Filed AGS Inspection card detail.

01-30-23

Opened emails.
Rec'd new Elec. Permit for 24-001 24 200 001 Justin Bloom, pd 48 & filed.
Rec'd mech. permit app. for 17-200-027 5301 Horstman Rd, Mark & Darlene McChesney, along with check 24543 for 78. Emailed app. to AGS & gave check to clerk.
Rec'd plumb. Permit app for 29 100 009 3093 Moyer Rd, Ryan & Emily, along with check 76598 for 60.00 from Ayers Basement. Emailed to AGS 7 gave check to clerk.
Updated Bldg Permit packets with new mech/elec./plumb permit forms.
Reviewed agricultural exemptions document, "What they are and what they are not.
Emailed Ayers basements advising homeowners will need to resubmit plumbing plans once they submit a bldg.. permit application for 29-100-009, Riley's @ 3093 Moyer Road.
Rec'd mech. permit application 24-003 from AGS for McChesney 5301 Horstman Rd & documented.

2024 LOCKE TOWNSHIP BUILDING PERMITS Dec/Jan☒ Jan/Feb# Feb/Mar Mar/Apr+ Apr/May
May/Jun^ Jun/Jul☺ Jul/Aug% Aug/Sep Sep/Oct♥ Oct/Nov@ Nov/Dec♣

JAN

Caroll, David & Eliz.	24-001	6300 Corey Rd	48872	02 200 008	pd. $247	Res. Glassed in porch

2024 Locke Twp-plumbing/mechanical/electrical permits

01-02-24 Shanks, Kathy	23-021	4295 Rowley Rd	48895	34 200 011	pd. $48	mech
01-09-24 Hill, Brenda	24-001	3653 Rowley Rd	48895	33 100 008	pd $150(ref 102)	mech
01-23-23 Woelmer, Fred	24-002	3854 Rowley Rd	48895	33 400 008	pd $48	mech
01-30-24 McChesney, Mark	24-003	5301 Horstman	48895	17 200 027	pd $78	mech
01-18-23 McKenzie, Rob	24-001	4437 Webberville	48892	27 200 015	pd $48	plumb.
01-30-24 Riley, Ryan	24-002	3093 Moyer Rd	48895	29 100 009	pd $60(ref 12.)	plumb.
01-25-04 Bloom, Justin	24-001	5350 Bell Oak Rd	48892	24 200 001	pd 48	elec.