

TREASURER'S INFORMATION

Township Treasurer, Arlene Tonkin, is available by phone (269-948-2464) (voice mail available), FAX (269-948-4646) and by Email: hopetwptr@mei.net.

TAXES: Summer tax bills are mailed June 30 each year. Taxes are due and payable July 1 through September 14.

Winter tax bills are mailed November 30. Taxes are due and payable December 1 through February 14 (February 16 in 2021).

Payments should be mailed or put in the township hall "drop box;" receipts are sent for all payments. Currently, honoring postmarks is optional for treasurers. My option is to accept them. Make checks payable to "Hope Township." It is highly recommended payments be made by check or money order. If payment must be made by cash, only the exact amount can be accepted and should be put in a sealed envelope with property number noted and left in the township drop box.

Partial payments of taxes will be accepted for any amount at any time during the tax collection periods. Extra principal payments on special assessments are accepted at any time.

CREDIT CARDS: Payments using credit cards may be made through a third-party processor, Government Payment Service (GPS). To do so, call GPS, 888-604-7888, 24 hours a day, or pay online at www.GovPayNet.com. You MUST provide GPS your property tax (parcel) number, amount to be paid and the "Pay Location Code" which is **6007**. Incomplete payment requests may be declined. There are fees for using this service.

SUMMER TAX DEFERMENTS: Taxpayers may defer their summer taxes until February 14 if they meet the following criteria, and apply by September 15 each year: Principal Residence property owned by a taxpayer who has a total household income of \$40,000 or less AND is totally and permanently disabled, blind, paraplegic, quadriplegic, or an eligible serviceperson, eligible veteran, or eligible widow or widower, OR is at least 62 years old.

Agricultural property may qualify if the gross receipts of the operation are not less than the household income of the owner; leased property does not qualify. Please click on "summer deferment form" for the complete form to complete and file before September 15. This form must be filed each year.

Poverty exemptions are available to those who qualify. Call Supervisor Doug Peck (269-948-2464) to determine eligibility.

Taxpayers should make sure their "Principal Residence" status is current and correct. PRE designation is printed on all tax bills and assessment notices. Changes may be made through the township assessor, Kevin Harris (269-663-3057). Forms to file "Homeowner's Principal Residence Exemption Affidavit" and "Request to Rescind Homeowner's Principal Residence Exemption" are available on this website.

Drain assessments are mandated by the Barry County Drain Commissioner. Call 269-945-1385 if you have questions.