#### **Office Hours**

Monday- CLOSED

T/W/T- 9 am- 2 pm

Friday- 9 am- 12 pm

**Supervisor-** Jerry Rohde jerry@wheelertownship.com

Clerk- Kelly Bushre clerk@wheelertownship.com

**Deputy Clerk-** Joy McCallister

**Treasurer-** Maggie Cooper treasurer@wheelertownship.com

**Deputy Treasurer-** Emma Rohde

**Trustee's-** Brian Goward Neil Jenkins

### **2022 Board Meetings**

7 pm at the Township Hall 2nd Tuesday of every month

Jan. 11

Feb. 8

Mar. 8

Apr. 12

May 10

Jun. 14

July 12

Aug. 9

Sep. 13

Oct. 11

Nov. 8

Dec. 13



# Wheeler Township

8510 E Monroe Rd Wheeler, MI 48662 (989) 842-3428

#### Wind Energy Project

Wheeler township has 56 wind turbines that have been producing electrical power for just over 8 years. During that time your township, through the additional tax revenue generated from that project, has been able make more road improvements, upgrade much of our fire equipment and make some improvements to our township hall. Our local landowners and our schools have also received additional income as well as gratiot county as a whole. Most of our residents have now gotten used to seeing them and we have not been getting any complaints like we had when they first went in, like shadow flicker and noise. The only problem we have has been the tax appeals that have been filed with the state tax tribunal by dte and many of the other compainies that own the turbines. At this time, we have had tax cases pending for about 4 years over the de preciation tables that are being used to value them. These depreciation tables have been changed about four times by the state tax commission and are allowing for much more depreciation than what we agreed upon when they were talking about when they were pushing to get them in. The townships have been using a table that was developed for us by the appraisal economics co. That fairly represents the true value of the turbines. If we are unsuccessful in our negotiation for settlement, we may have to pay some of the monies back to the electric compaines. This will hurt the schools, the townships and the counties who have spent much of the revenue that has been collected. In any case we are working hard through our wind coalition group to keep the amout of pay back as low as possible. We are hoping to get much of this resolved by yearend 2021.

#### Trash & Recycling

Our township is now in the process of negotiating a new trash and recycle agreeement for the next ten years through our mmwa group. We are looking to get bids in and approved in december of this year so we can have an new agreement starting in 2022. Our present estimate per household is about \$167. This is up somewhat from what we are charging now which will be \$145 per household. Most of the increases have been coming from the higher cost of fuel to run the trucks and the higher cost of wages paid to workers, also the trash disposal cost. Through the mmwa we will be working hard to keep the cost down and keep providing this service for our residents in the future.



## December 2021

#### Hall Rental

Cost of renting is \$60, plus \$50

Damage Deposit.

Call the township office to check availability and to reserve you date for 2022.

#### Trash

Wheeler Township and the
Village of Breckenridge trash
services are on Fridays.
Mid-Michigan Waste Authority
(989) 781-9555
www.recyclemotion.com

#### 2021 Tax Bills

Taxes will be due February
14, 2022. A **3%** will be added
Februrary 15th thru the 28th.
Taxes not paid by Februrary
28, 2022 will need to be paid at
the Gratiot County Treasurers
office in Ithaca.

#### **Cemetery**

Burial/Cremation sites available.

Call for more information.

# Mid Michigan Waste Authority A-Week You have recycling <u>every other week</u>. Please put your recyclables out during the weeks highlighted in purple below. Observed holidays are marked in blue and collection will be delayed one day for that day and all following service days for the rest of that week.

**Richland Twp** 

City of Zilwaukee

**Village of Merrill** 

Wheeler Twp

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Recycling is easier than ever! You no longer need a recycling bin - just add a "Recyclables Only" sticker to any 45-gallon or smaller can with handles. For stickers, visit your township, village, or city office or call MMWA at (989) 781-9555.

For more information on recycling visit www.recyclemotion.org.