

Danby Township 2025 Winter
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From the Supervisor's Desk

- Danby Township still has an opening on Board of Review (BOR). This is a paid hourly position, BOR meets in March for 12 hrs, July for up to 3 hrs and December for up to 2 hours.
What does a BOR do? The BOR is responsible for reviewing and making decisions on property assessments and exemptions.
Here are a few key functions: Reviewing Property Assessments, Property Classification, Disability & Poverty Exemptions
- If you are interested in the position, please call Supervisor Platte (517) 994-8086.
- Fiber Optics project has been completed. If you are interested in fiber optics, please go to www.homeworks.org or call (800) 562-8232 for availability.

Treasurer

- Danby Township is going to a new online payment provider, BSA payments. Feel free to check out the new payment options on the danbytwp.org website by selecting department, then “taxes”. One of the new features is to pay your taxes by phone by calling 517-225-1890 with your parcel # and following the prompts for your payment preference of credit card or ACH bank withdrawal. Fees apply. Please see the website for those details.
- Starting with winter tax receipts, residents will need to indicate if they want a mailed receipt. There are several ways to do this, but the simplest will be to mark the ☐ (box), or circle a “yes” that will appear where the blue arrow is below on the bottom of your payment remittance when remitting your payment for each tax season. Our computer system is not sophisticated enough to retain this information, to make it an automatic option.

TOWNSHIP OF DANBY MICHELE HOPPE, TREASURER P.O. BOX 566 PORTLAND, MI 48875 (517) 819-2968 Parcel & tax information is also available at: www.ionia.org	2024 Summer Tax Bill TOWNSHIP OF DANBY 34-040-033-000-011-30	DUE DATE: 09/16/2024 Bill #: 00770 Mort Code: [REDACTED] Total Due: \$ [REDACTED] *Postmarks will not be accepted. Penalty & interest applies (see below for details).
PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO DANBY TOWNSHIP AND MAIL TO: P.O. BOX 566, PORTLAND MI 48875. POSTMARKS ARE NOT ACCEPTED. ON 9-17-24 A 1% INTEREST PER MONTH WILL BE ADDED TO ANY UNPAID BALANCE. TAX WILL ALSO BE SUBJECT TO ADD'L 3% PENALTY ON 2-15-25. TAXES WILL BE PAYABLE TO DANBY TWP. TREAS. UNTIL 2-28-25. ON 3-3-25 THEY WILL BE PAYABLE TO IONIA CO. TREAS. ADD'L FEES WILL BE ADDED. Please return top portion with your payment.		

- If you'd like a receipt when your taxes are paid by another means, feel free to text or call 517-819-2968 or email mhoppes1@danbytwp.org.
- Tax payments can be made by dropping in the "black" drop box at the hall; mailing to P.O. Box 566, Portland 48875; or Online: at danbytwp.org then follow the link under Departments/Taxes, or by phone to 517-225-1890 with the parcel number.

To avoid late charges, tax payments need to be in hand by the Treasurer by the due date!

Zoning Administrator

For safety reasons and future compliances, the Township Zoning Ordinance regulates various uses of land. This is performed with setback regulations, applications, permits, review process, parking, definitions, private roads, variances and other specific information and regulations.

All new construction requires a zoning permit except storage buildings under 200 square feet and those buildings must also meet accessory building setbacks. Agriculture buildings also require a zoning permit and there are minimum setbacks from lot lines and the street right of way. Zoning compliance applications or home business applications and other information are available on the website (www.danbytwp.org). Zoning applications for construction are also within the bulletin board on the outside wall of the Township Hall. Contact the Zoning Administrator for any questions or to request an application at 616-755-6282 or email: mhoppes.danbyzoning@gmail.com

Assessor

Assessor's Site Review for New Construction

Building Permits, Zoning Permits, and All New Construction

The Assessor's Office conducts property site visits throughout the year. Toward the end of the year, the focus shifts to properties that have been issued building permits, zoning permits, or have any form of new construction.

Most reviews of new construction are completed in the final weeks of the year, as property assessments are based on the condition of the property as of "Tax Day," December 31st. For example, if a new home is only 50% complete on December 31st, the assessment for the upcoming year will reflect that partial construction. The Assessor's Office will then return the following year to confirm whether the work has been completed and adjust the assessment accordingly for the next tax year.

Staff conducting these reviews will carry identification, wear brightly colored clothing or a safety vest, use an iPad for sketching and taking photographs, and carry a measuring wheel. The review vehicle will be clearly marked with "TOWNSHIP FIELD REVIEWS."