

TREASURER'S INFORMATION

Township Treasurer, Arlene Tonkin, is available by phone (269-948-2464) (voice mail is now 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.

Collection days and hours will be listed on the bills. Payments may be mailed, made in person or put in the township hall "drop box;" receipts are sent for all payments. At the present time, honoring postmarks is optional for treasurers. My option is to accept them. Checks should be made payable to "Hope Township."

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 by credit card company-provided checks are accepted as well as those through payment processing centers. 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.governmentpayment.com. You MUST provide GPS your property tax (parcel) number, amount to be paid and the "Pay Location Code" which is **6007**. A 5% fee for service is added if paid by phone; a 3.5% fee is added if paid online.

SUMMER TAX DEFERMENTS: Taxpayers may defer their summer taxes until February 15 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.

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, Gary Pettit. Forms to file "Homeowner's Principal Residence Exemption Affidavit" and "Request to Rescind Homeowner's Principal Residence Exemption" are available on this website.