

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT PUBLIC HEARINGS:

March 31st at 6 p.m. & June 9th at 7 p.m.

OREGON TOWNSHIP

2525 Marathon Rd.
Lapeer, MI 48446
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OFFICE HOURS

Mon & Wed 9am- 4pm
Tues & Thurs 9am – 1pm
Closed Fridays

OREGON TOWNSHIP NEWS

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Oregon Township Board: Supervisor: Rich Clemens; **Clerk,** Michelle Osip;
Treasurer, Cheryl Place; **Trustees,** Wayne Barber & Chris VanBelle
Assessor: Debra A. Krysinski, **Assessor hours:** Monday: 8:30 to 2:30 and
Tuesday 8:30 to 11:30 or by appointment.

Township Board Meeting: 2nd Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall

Zoning Board of Appeals: 3rd Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall

Planning Commission: 4th Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall

***Subject to cancellation if nothing is on the agenda. Please check our website or township window posting.**

TORNADO WARNING SIREN

Tornado siren tests are conducted April through October on the first Saturday of the month at 1:00 p.m. and last approximately three (3) minutes. For more information, visit lapeercountymi.gov under Emergency Management Tab.

TOWNSHIP CEMETERY

Please contact the Clerk’s Office for information on lot sales and burials at (810) 664-5971 ext.206

OREGON TOWNSHIP WEBSITE: www.oregontwpmi.gov Oregon Township encourages residents and their agents to visit our website for up-to-date information. The website provides township hours, public notices, meeting & tax information, burn permits, elections, downloadable forms, and the Zoning Ordinance. Links to GLTA, Library, Police, and Fire Departments are also provided. Stay connected by liking our Facebook page.

FREE CARBON MONOXIDE & SMOKE ALARMS:

The Lapeer Fire Department is proud to offer free carbon monoxide detector or smoke alarm installation for all Oregon Township residents. The fire department team will supply the device and ensure it is properly installed to help protect your home and family. To schedule an appointment, please call 810-664-0833 or email lapeerfd@ci.lapeer.mi.us.

IMPORTANT TOWSHIP INFORMATION:

- ***Tax & Assessing:** Tax and Assessing information is available on our website. Property owners can access this information for free.
- ***Credit Card Payments:** The township accepts credit/debit cards online or in-office for property taxes. There is a 3% convenience fee.
- ***Property Inspections:** Contact Central Dispatch at (810) 667-0292 for inspections or to speak with a deputy.
- ***Storm Assistance:** Call (810) 667-0292 for warming shelters, food, or water.
- ***Hall Rentals:** Township residents: \$250 + \$100 refundable deposit.
- ***Lions Club Donations:** Glasses and hearing aid box in township hall lobby for used items.
- ***Drop Boxes:** Drive-up box in front and wall box by entrance for after-hours drop-off.
- ***Recycling:** North Lapeer Recycling in Deerfield Township (810) 793-7557 for times/costs. Curbside recycling may be offered through your garbage company (Rick Rhein Disposal offers it at extra cost).
- ***Zoning & Building Permits:** Available at Construction Code Authority, 1075 Suncrest Dr., Lapeer, Phone: 810-667-0420.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT:

THE TOWNSHIP BOARD IS REVIEWING RENEWAL OF THE POLICE AND FIRE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS FOR SIX YEARS BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026. PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES INDICATE ASSESSMENTS OF APPROXIMATELY \$73 PER PARCEL FOR POLICE SERVICES (FUNDING TWO OFFICERS) AND \$64 PER PARCEL FOR FIRE SERVICES. CURRENT ASSESSMENTS DO NOT FULLY COVER SERVICE COSTS, REQUIRING THE TOWNSHIP TO USE OTHER REVENUE SOURCES. THIS REVIEW AIMS TO BETTER ALIGN ASSESSMENTS WITH ACTUAL COSTS. PUBLIC HEARINGS WILL BE HELD MARCH 31, 2026, AT 6:00 P.M. & JUNE 9, 2026 AT 7:00 P.M. IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO ATTEND, PLEASE MAIL YOUR VIEWPOINT TO THE TOWNSHIP OR EMAIL CLERK@OREGONTWPML.GOV, WHICH WILL BE READ INTO THE RECORD AT THE PUBLIC HEARING.

AUGUST 4, 2026- PRIMARY & NOVEMBER 3, 2026 -GENERAL ELECTIONS –2026:

All state and federal elections will offer **9 consecutive days of early voting**, beginning on the **second Saturday prior to Election Day**. If you would like to be an election inspector please call (810) 664-5971 ext.205 or stop in Clerk’s Office for application. Early voting helps reduce lines on Election Day.

BURN PERMIT& EMERGENCY INFORMATION:

- ***2026 Burn Permits:** 2025 permits expired Dec 31, 2025. New 2026 permits are available online or by phone at Lapeer City Fire Dept. & Marathon Area Fire Authority, free of charge. Burning without a permit may result in penalties: \$250 (1st), \$500 (2nd), \$1,000 (3rd+), more details at oregontwpmi.gov under “Public Safety” tab.
- ***Lapeer City Fire Dept:** lapeerburnpermit.com | 810-664-0833 (Mon-Fri, 8 AM- 4 PM)
- ***Marathon Area Fire Authority:** marathontwp.com |810-793-2002 (Mon, Wed, Thu, 9AM-4 PM)
- ***Smart 911.com:** Create a free Safety Profile at Smart911.com to give Police/Fire/EMS critical info during emergencies.
- ***ICE Program:** Add “ICE” contacts to your phone (“In Case of Emergency”) so responders can quickly reach family members.

PLAT BOOKS: The **2026 Lapeer County Land Atlas & Plat Book** is now available for **\$45** at the Lapeer County MSU Extension Office at 1800 Imlay City Rd., Lapeer. The book is also available at the Lapeer County Register of Deeds, Lapeer County Treasurer’s Office, and Lapeer Conservation District.

SPECIAL THANKS *To the Oregon Township staff: Jen Shaw-Gerwolds, Deputy Clerk; Sheila Zimmer, Deputy Treasurer; Corinne Stone, Administrative Assistant; Maryann Gerwolds, Custodian/Maintenance

**TOWNSHIP OF OREGON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**SPECIAL ASSESSMENT INTENT TO CREATE FOR
POLICE PROTECTION AND FIRE PROTECTION**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that **TWO** public hearings will be conducted by the Oregon Township Board at the Oregon Township Hall, 2525 Marathon Road, Lapeer, MI 48446 on Tuesday, the 31st day of March, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the public hearings will be to consider an estimate of the costs and expenses of **police protection and fire protection** and the question of creating a special assessment district and defraying the expenses on the property to be especially benefited pursuant to Public Act No. 33 of 1951, as amended. The Township Board shall hear arguments in favor of and objections to the cost estimates and the creation of the special assessment district at the public hearing. It is estimated that the cost of police protection for the first year of the levy will be \$206,517.00 and that \$206,517.00 will be defrayed by special assessment. It is estimated that the cost of fire protection for the first year of the levy will be \$181,056.00 and that \$181,056.00 will be defrayed by special assessment.

The maximum levy for police protection and fire protection is as follows:

Police: \$73.00 per year for each parcel of property

Fire: \$64.00 per year for each parcel of property

The special assessment districts consist of the entire township of Oregon Township, Lapeer County, Michigan.

**SPECIAL ASSESSMENT LEVIES FOR
POLICE PROTECTION AND FIRE PROTECTION**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that **TWO** public hearings will be conducted by the Oregon Township Board at the Oregon Township Hall, 2525 Marathon Road, Lapeer, MI 48446 on Tuesday, the 9th day of June, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the public hearings will be to consider objections to the estimated costs and expenses for **police protection and fire protection** for the 2026-2027 fiscal year and on the distribution of the levy. The maximum levy for police protection and fire protection is as follows:

Police: \$73.00 per year for each parcel of property

Fire: \$64.00 per year for each parcel of property

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Appearances and protest at the hearings is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessments to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. An owner or party of interest, or his or her agent may make appearance and protest, by appearing in person at the hearings to protest the special assessments or by filing his or her appearance or protest by letter in which case personal appearance shall not be required. You may file a written appeal of the special assessments with the Michigan Tax Tribunal within thirty (30) days after confirmation of the special assessment rolls if the special assessments were protested at these hearings held for the purpose of confirming the rolls.



Michelle Osip, Oregon Township Clerk

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA 41.72a (2) (3) and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The Oregon Township Board will provide necessary, reasonable, auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered, to individuals with disabilities at the public hearing upon 15 days notice to the Oregon Township Board.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Oregon Township Board by writing or calling the following: Michelle Osip, Clerk, 2525 Marathon Road, Lapeer, MI 48446. Phone # (810) 664-5971.