

Township Office Hours

Summer hours: June 1st - Sept. 30th, Mon – Thurs 10am – 3pm

Winter hours: Oct. 1st - May 31st, Mon – Thurs 10am – 1pm

Township Officials

Supervisor – Heather Smith super@michigammetownship.com

Deputy Supervisor – Johnnie Hillis super@michigammetownship.com

Clerk – Tami Hillis clerk@michigammetownship.com

Deputy Clerk – Donald Leake depclerk@michigammetownship.com

Treasurer – Laura Mattson treas@michigammetownship.com

Deputy Treasurer – Laura Thompson deptreas@michigammetownship.com

Trustee – Kathleen Frisk trustee1@michigammetownship.com

Trustee – Donald DeRoche trustee2@michigammetownship.com

Township Employees

Assessor – Justin Murawski assessormichigamme@gmail.com

Zoning Administrator – Mike Simula zoning@michigammetownship.com

Ordinance Enforcement Officer – Joleen Dutcher

Election Coordinator – Susan Alexander

Administrative Assistants – Shari Mahoski & Sara Etelamaki admin@michigammetownship.com

Receptionist – Laura Thompson recep@michigammetownship.com

DPW Supervisor – John Howe dpw@michigammetownship.com

DPW Crew – Nathan Brown

DPW Janitor – Michelle Suring

Dumpster Days

You may be asked to provide proof of property ownership (recent tax statement or utility bill). Dumpsters will be in the parking lot across from the fire hall on Barnum Street. Tires will be accepted. See the Michigamme Township 2024 Schedule of Events for the dates and times. **The following items will not be accepted:** building materials, gas tanks, hazardous materials, shingles, and septic tanks. Appliances containing freon will be accepted with a \$40 payment per item. Come to the Township Office or find a DPW representative to pay the fee. Please do not dispose of brush or yard waste at dumpster site. Yard waste and brush can be taken to the compost site located near the Michigamme campground. The gate is unlocked.

Garbage and Recycle Pick-Up

The 2024 schedules are available on the Township website and in the Township Office. **Every Wednesday** household trash is picked up/recycled every other Wednesday; however, if there is a holiday prior to Wednesday, the trash/recycle day will be pushed to Thursday. Please use the recycle bins for recycling items. Please keep bagged trash under 35 pounds and have your recycling bin and trash out by 6am.

Glass Recycle Trailer

The glass recycle trailer is located on the corner of Lake Street and Barnum Street across from the fire hall. Empty and rinse all glass containers and remove all lids, caps, or corks prior to putting them in the recycle trailer. Lids, caps, and corks can be put in the container located next to the recycle trailer. Thank you for taking the time and making the effort to recycle – We appreciate your cooperation!

Community Building Fitness Room and Gym

10am – 5pm, Mon. – Fri., The fitness room and gym are available for public use. Please call ahead to arrange for alternate-use times.

Lakeview Cemetery

Cemetery opens May 6th. We ask that you remove all decorations prior to the cemetery closing in October.

Michigamme Museum

The museum will be open between May 24th and September 2nd. Hours will be posted on the website and on local bulletin boards. The museum will sponsor the Annual Antique Car Show. The event will be held on Main Street. Volunteers are welcome. The museum board created a 501c3 non-profit, "Friends of the Michigamme Community." Donations should be directed to this non-profit. For more information regarding the museum and the non-profit, see the township website or contact museum board members, Bill Seppanen 906-201-4727, or Nancy Ferro 906-869-1557. Notices for meetings and fundraising events throughout the year will be posted on the website and on bulletin boards. Empty bottles and cans may be dropped off at the recycling bins located outside the Township Hall.

Michigamme Community Library

Summer hours: Beginning June 1st, 10am – 7pm, Sun. – Sat.

Winter hours: Beginning October 1st, 10am – 7pm, Tues., Thurs., and Sat.

Please remember to turn off lights before leaving the building. There are lots of new books at the library! The library would like to thank Larry Wuokko of Republic Michigamme Schools for donating 120 children's books to the library.

Before You Burn

We ask that before you burn, you notify the Township Office and the Fire Department. Also, check the DNR website for area burning bans and permit information. The site also has information regarding your responsibilities, restrictions, and guidelines. <https://www2.dnr.state.mi.us/burnpermits/> or call **866-922-BURN** (866-922-2876).

2024 Elections

Absentee ballots for the August primary election will be available starting June 25th. Early voting in person for the August election is July 24th – August 4th, 10am – 6pm, at the Tilden Township Office.

Voting will be held August 6th at the Michigamme Community Building between 7am – 8pm.

Absentee ballots for the November presidential & township elections are available starting September 25th. Early voting in person for the November election is October 26th – November 3rd from 10am – 6pm at Tilden Township Office. Voting will be held November 5th at the Michigamme Community Building between 7am – 8pm.

All five Township elected board positions will be open. Candidates without party affiliation packets can be picked up at the Township Office. The filing deadline is July 18th by 4pm to have your name on the November 5th ballot.

Property Taxes

The 2024 summer tax bill will be mailed on July 1 and is due by September 14, without interest. The 2024 winter tax bill will be mailed on December 1 and is due by February 14, 2025, without interest. The last day to pay 2024 summer and winter taxes at the Township Office is February 28, 2025. Fees and interest will be added. After February 28, 2025, late taxes must be paid at the Marquette County Treasurer's Office. Taxes can be paid online with credit card – an additional service fee will be charged.

Roads, Streets and Sidewalks

Beginning in June, the Marquette County Road Commission will begin dust control efforts in three Township locations. All trees, shrubs, or vegetation that interfere with the view of oncoming traffic need to be trimmed so drivers have an unobstructed view of signs and oncoming traffic. Please call the Township Office to report non-functioning streetlights and provide the pole number and location of the light. The Township will contact WE Energies to complete the reporting process. Please observe and obey the speed limits while driving in town. Please clean up after your pets and put their waste in the receptacles provided for your convenience.

Township Assessor

The Township assessor would like to remind residents that fieldwork throughout the township is ongoing. The assessor may need to enter your property to gather information and verify dimensions, but he will never enter any structure. If you recently purchased your property or built a structure, please expect a site visit or inspection. If you need to speak to the assessor – call 906-396-5429.

Township Sewer Information

During high water times of the year, please do not pump excess water into the sewer – this high volume will overload the wastewater system, which could result in license violations and additional pumping costs to taxpayers. Please discharge excess water onto the street so it can run into the storm drains. Check water softeners for operation efficiency and to reduce excess chloride in the wastewater. Do not flush towels, feminine hygiene products, toy cars, binkies, or dog toys – these objects may get caught in the screens and damage the grinders. You may pay your sewer bill online with a credit card – there is a fee for this service.

Michigamme-Spurr EMS and Fire Department

In the event of an emergency, **please call 911**, which is the quickest way to get emergency assistance. Both the fire department and the first responder teams are accepting new members. If you are interested in joining the fire department, contact Chief Joe Perry at 906-362-9716. If you are interested in joining the first responder team, contact Paul Peterson at 906-323-6298 or Charlie Gardner at 906-323-6211. **New Truck update:** We are hoping to see the new fire truck in November or December. Department members will be meeting with Pierce Manufacturing in June for a pre-build meeting. **Boat update:** The boat is here! The boat was delivered but we are still raising funds for the motor and other safety equipment. We hope to have the boat in the water this summer. Any donations are greatly appreciated and can be mailed to or dropped off at the Township Hall. **Community events:** National Night Out will be held August 6, starting at 5pm at the Michigamme Fire Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend. We are looking at holding a safety class/community CPR class sometime in July or August. **An important reminder:** Make sure your driveways are cleared wide and high enough for our trucks to drive through. Also, take the time to clean any dead brush or debris from around your buildings to help protect them from wildfires. As always, watch the weather and check the MI-DNR burn permit map before burning! **FREE:** Fire Department volunteers have smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors for household installations from a state-funded program. Please call the Township Office or come in and sign up for one.

Michigamme Campground, Beach, and Boat Launch

Rustic campground lots are available on a first-come, first-served basis. No reservations. Rates are \$15 per lot per night. A \$30 fee will be added if the lot is not cleaned up prior to departure. Registration forms are available at the Township Office or on the website. Please use the drop box outside the Township Office after regular business hours. Porta-potties are available through September 30th. Trash cans are located throughout the campsites and park for your convenience. Please help keep the area clean and dispose of your trash properly. Please do not feed the geese. Keep your pets on-leash and clean up after your pets and put their waste in the receptacles provided for your convenience. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated! The boat launch may be under construction this summer.

Michigamme Township Park

Security cameras are in use in Township Park. The Township Park facilities are available for rent – contact the Township Office for more information. The rolling docks are available for public use. Please do not feed the geese. Please avoid parking on the grass whenever possible. Keep your pets on-leash and clean up after your pets and put their waste in the receptacles provided for your convenience. Trash cans are located throughout the park for your convenience. Please help keep the park clean and dispose of your waste properly. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

Downtown Development Authority - DDA

The directional signage will be completed in the spring, along with three additional highway billboard projects that are scheduled for the summer. Continuing with the DDA public information goals, a new project for a digital activities board at the entrance to town is in the works. A bike adoption program was created and only two bikes remain. Decorative giant snowflakes have been ordered and will be mounted on the street poles in the fall/winter. Annually, the DDA sponsors a Spring Artisan's Market and a Holiday Market. The DDA and the Friends of the Michigamme Community will co-host the Annual Museum Car Show (June 22nd) and Children's Santa Christmas Party (December 14th). A grant from Eagle Mine will aid with the new picnic tables in the park, campground, and beach. The DDA's continuing goals are to connect the Iron Ore Heritage Trail and encourage local zoning that promotes a downtown envisioned through both the Town and Master Plans. Please continue to support local businesses and keep abreast of current and upcoming events at Facebook @Michigamme DDA or the Township's website.

Michigamme-Spurr 4th of July Council

The Michigamme-Spurr 4th of July Council was previously known as the Michigamme-Spurr 4th of July Committee but is now a 501c3 nonprofit. This organization has been responsible for the amazing fireworks display each year at the Township Park. They are also responsible for organizing the 4th of July parade and providing food and beverages during the 3rd and 4th of July activities at the Township Park. This dedicated group of volunteers holds fundraisers and accepts donations throughout the year so they can continue to provide the fireworks and activities we all enjoy. Volunteers are always welcome, and donations are greatly appreciated.

Michigamme Children’s Halloween Party Committee

The annual Halloween Party will be held in the Community Building gymnasium on October 26th, from 12 – 4pm. This event is free, and open to the public. Refreshments will be provided. This event is put on by volunteers, who are always welcome; and supported through donations, which are greatly appreciated!

Michigamme Area Seniors

Michigamme Area Seniors meal is available Tuesdays at the Michigamme Community Building. Meals are dine-in, beginning at 12pm, or take-out. If you would like a meal, contact Nancy at 906-869-1557 or Bill at 906-201-4727, to be added to the list. The Ishpeming Senior Center Outreach caseworker routinely stops by on Tuesdays or is available to assist with applications for financial assistance, Medicare/Medicaid. For more information call 906-485-5527.

The Community Action Alger-Marquette organization (Meals on Wheel’s Program) delivers hot meals to seniors who are homebound and unable to prepare nutritious meals for themselves. The suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal. In addition to providing healthy and well-balanced meals, the meal deliverers also provide an important service by checking on homebound seniors when they deliver the meal. For more information, reservations, or verification that you or someone you care about qualifies, please call 906-228-6522 ext. 302.

Lake Michigamme Property Owners

Lake Michigamme Property Owners is an organization devoted to keeping its members advised of significant events and circumstances that affect the quality of life on Lake Michigamme. The association also funds and implements projects not only to benefit property owners, but everyone using Lake Michigamme. The LMPO has just over 200 members, which is about half of Lake Michigamme property owners. We thank those who paid their 2023 – 2024 dues, (which are now \$25), and we invite all lake property owners to join. Again, dues are only \$25/year. Anyone wanting to reach out to the LMPO board may do so by emailing LMPOwners137@gmail.com or by mail at LMPO, PO Box 137, Michigamme, MI 49861. One may also check the website at www.lmpowners.org or find the LMPO on Facebook. Our “Adopt-A-Highway” dates are set for highway clean up this year. Our dates will be May 18, July 20, and September 21 and we meet at 9am at the Our Redeemer Lutheran Church parking lot, rain, or shine. Our stretch of highway runs from a little east of the Peshekee River to the end of the passing lane on US41 to the West. All volunteers are welcome! It only takes our crew an hour or so to complete our section of highway. Join the group ... the more the merrier! The LMPO will not be sponsoring a boat parade this year, due to fireworks set up. The LMPO annual membership meeting will take place July 27 at the Community Building with doors opening at 9am for registration and the meeting begins at 10am. More information on that will come this summer. See you on the lake!

Hazardous Waste Disposal

Hazardous waste can be taken to the West Ishpeming Transfer Station. For more information call 906-486-8191. The Household Hazardous Waste Collection Dates are June 5, August 7, and October 2 between 3pm to 7 pm.

West End Transfer Station Spring/Summer Hours of Operation 2024

Mondays: 8am – 4pm	Thursdays: 8am – 7pm	Fridays: 8am – 2pm
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West End Transfer Station Tickets are \$10 per 100 pounds. Tickets are available for purchase in the Township Office.

Tire tickets: 18" & smaller - \$5 each; w/rim \$7 each	Tire tickets: 19" to 22.5" - \$10 each; w/rim \$12 each
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Authorization forms for disposal of construction materials (shingles, etc.) are available at the Township Office. The Township has a list of acceptable materials that can be disposed of. Materials must be taken to the Marquette County Landfill located at 600 County Road NP, Marquette (accessible via County Road 480 near Lindberg’s Gravel Pit). Michigamme Township will bill you directly for the materials you dispose of at the Marquette County Landfill. Sands Township transfer station will accept electronics every third Saturday from 10am – 2pm. For more information go to www.mcswwa.com.

Michigamme Township 2024 Schedule of Events

PH: 906-323-6608 www.michigammetownship.com admin@michigammetownship.com

- May 6 **Campground Opens for the Season:** \$15 per night, maximum 15 nights. Portable toilets available. Sites are rustic - no amenities available. Registration forms are available in the Township Office and on the website. Please put registration forms and payments in the drop box when the office is closed.
Cemetery Opens
- May 18 **LMPO Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup:** 9am meet at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church parking lot
- May 24 **Michigamme Museum Opens:** No admission fee to visit. Donations are welcome. Memorials, merchandise, and 2024 calendars are available for purchase. Museum phone # 906-323-9016. Hours of operation will be posted on the website and on bulletin boards.
- May 27 **Memorial Day Observance at Lakeview Cemetery:** 10am (In the event of inclement weather, the observance will be held in the Community Building) (however, if the Community Building is under construction, the observance and refreshments will be at Spurr Township Hall). Signs will be posted.
- May 27 **Memorial Day:** Office closed
- May 30-June 1 **Dumpster Days:** Proof of property ownership may be requested (recent tax statement or utility bill). Dumpsters will be in the parking lot across from the Fire Hall on Barnum Street. Tires will also be taken.
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| Thurs, May 30 th : 8am-5pm | Fri, May 31 st : 8am-6pm | Sat, June 1 st : 8am-4pm |
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- June 1 **Summer Hours:** Township Office is open Mondays through Thursdays from 10am-3pm
Library Summer Hours: Open daily from 10am-7pm
- June 5 **Hazardous Waste Disposal:** 3pm-7pm, Hazardous waste may be taken to the West Ishpeming Transfer Station
- June 22 **Spring Artisan’s Market:** 10am-4pm
Museum Antique Car Show: 12pm-4pm, Registration begins at 11am
- June 25 **Absentee Ballots:** For August primary election; available for pickup at the Township Office
- July 1 **2024 Summer Taxes:** Mailed
- July 3 **Fireworks on the Bay at Dusk at the Township Park:** 6pm Concession stand opens, 8pm-Midnight Live Music/Swamp Berry Moonshine @ the Pavilion
- July 4 **Independence Day Parade:** 11am, top of Mesnard Street and Main Street, this year’s theme is Let Freedom Ring. Fun, games, and food will be available at the Township Park following the parade.
Independence Day: Office closed
- July 18, 4 p.m. **Candidate Filing Deadline for Nov. 5 Ballot:** (All five Township elected board positions will be open). Deadline for turning in candidate without party affiliation packet.
- July 20 **LMPO Adopt a Highway Clean-up:** 9am, Meet at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
- July 24-Aug 4 **Early Election Voting:** 10am-6pm, Tilden Township Office
- July 27 **LMPO Annual Meeting and Picnic:** Community Building: 9am registration, 10am meeting begins, lunch to follow

- Aug 6 **Election Voting:** 7am-8pm, Michigamme Township Community Building
National Night Out: 5pm at the Fire Hall
- Aug 7 **Hazardous Waste Disposal:** Hazardous waste may be taken to the West Ishpeming Transfer Station between 3-7pm
- Aug 29-31 **Dumpster Days:** Proof of property ownership may be requested (recent tax statement or utility bill). Dumpsters will be in the parking lot across from the Fire Hall on Barnum Street. Tires will also be taken.
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| Thurs, Aug 29 th : 8am-5pm | Fri, Aug 30 th : 8am-6pm | Sat, Aug 31 st : 8am-4pm |
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- Sept 2 **Museum:** Closes for the season
Labor Day: Office closed
- Sept 14 **2024 Summer Taxes Due:** Treasurer's office hours 8am-5pm
- Sept 21 **LMPO Adopt a Highway Clean-Up:** 9am, Meet at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
- Sept 25 **Absentee Ballots:** Are available
- Oct 1 **Winter Hours:** Township Office, Mon-Thurs, 10am-1pm
Library Winter Hours: Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, 10am-7pm
- Oct 2 **Hazardous Waste Disposal:** Hazardous waste may be taken to the West Ishpeming Transfer Station, 3-7pm
- Oct 26 **Halloween Party:** 12-4pm, Michigamme Community Building
- Oct 26-Nov 3 **Early Election Voting:** 10am-6pm, Tilden Township Office
- Oct 31 TBD **Trunk or Treat:** 4-7pm, Main Street, event will include food and games
Trick or Treat: 4-7pm, Around the town, the library will be closed for Halloween
- Nov 5 **Election Voting:** 7am-8pm, Michigamme Township Community Building
- Nov 9 **Holiday Artisan's Market:** 10am-4pm, Michigamme Community Building Gymnasium
- Nov 11 **Veteran's Day**
- Nov 28 **Thanksgiving Day:** Office closed
- Dec 1 **2024 Winter Taxes:** Mailed. Due by February 28, 2025
- Dec 14 **Childrens Santa Christmas Party:** 2-4pm
- Dec 24 **Christmas Eve Day:** Office closed
- Dec 25 **Christmas Day:** Office closed
- Dec 31 **New Year's Eve Day:** Office closed
Ring in the New Year: Midnight, Museum Engine House Bell Tower
- Jan 1 **New Year's Day:** Office closed