



# Williamstown Township Annual Report

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*This is the second annual report of the actions of the Township Board, Planning Commission and Committee Functions for the fiscal year. Please let us know if there is additional information you would like to be disseminated and we will do our best to accommodate.*

## Annual Report of Board Actions Taken from Minutes

April 2008- March 2009

### TOWNSHIP BOARD (ELECTED)

Supervisor - Mickey Martin Clerk - Ernie Gaffner Treasurer - Janet Eyster Trustee - Martin Wright  
Trustee - Frans Wilbrink Trustee - Rick Williams Trustee - Robert Hayes

### Board Resolutions

- #69 Williamston Senior Center Grant Resolution. Amended 5/20/08
- #70 Public Comment Rules for Board Meetings-4/01/08
- #72 Williamston Football Boosters be recognized as a nonprofit organization- 6/17/08
- #73 Investment and Depository Designation Resolution 8/18/08
- #74-Poverty Guidelines Resolution for property tax relief- 01/13/09
- #75 Adoption of the Ingham County Hazard Mitigation Plan- 01/13/09
- #77 Resolution authorizing a MNRTF grant application-03/24/09
- #78 Resolution approving Ordinance #45, The Cemetery Ordinance- 03/24/09

### Park, Cemetery and Historical Committees

Motion of 04/01/08: to approve the Columbarium Master Plan.

Motion of 7/15/08 to accept the bid for the Columbarium submitted by the Barkum Company.

Motion of 11/12/08: adopt the revised schedule of cemetery fees recommended by the Cemetery Committee as submitted by the Treasurer and kept on file in the office of the Clerk.

### Road Improvements

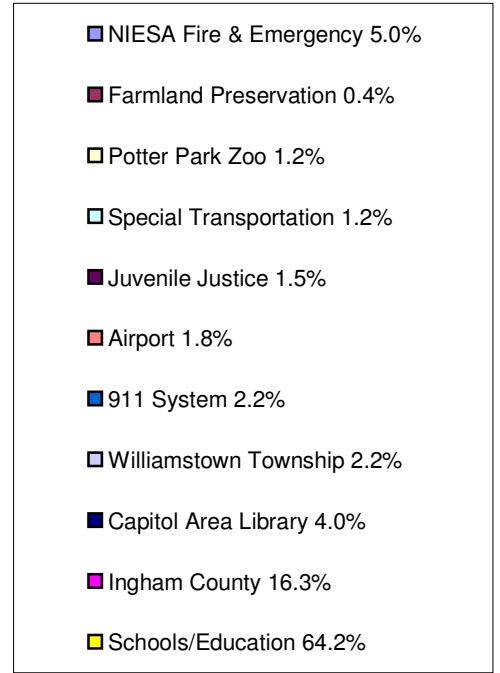
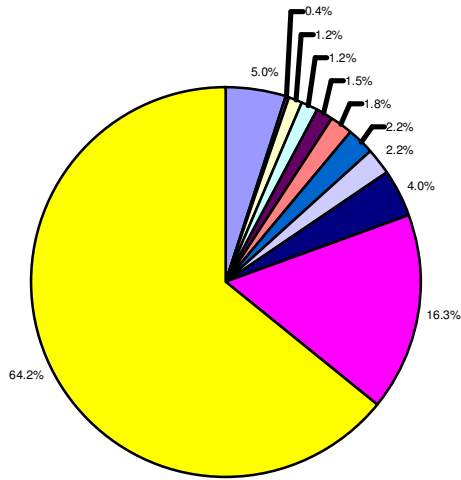
Motion of 5/13/08 to approve the 2008 road repair recommendations of the transportation committee as follows:

- Cherry Ridge Subdivision
- Hiddenview Lane
- Last year carry over on Damon Rd, Ebright Rd and Oakleaf Hills Subdivision  
Baan Gan Aka Subdivision

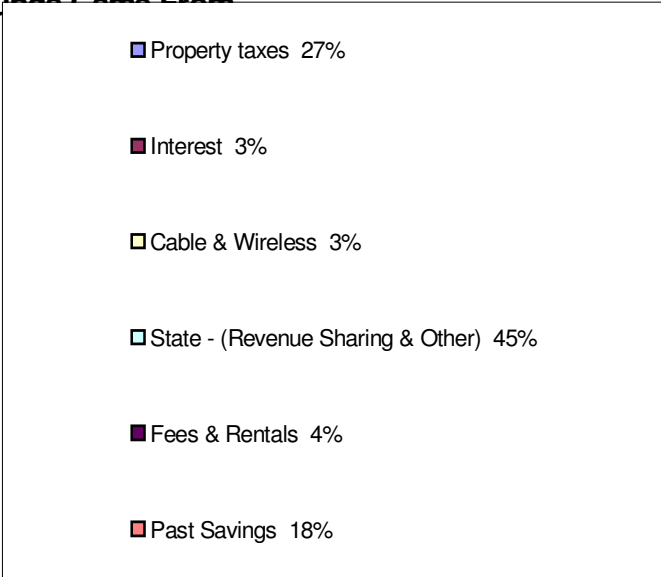
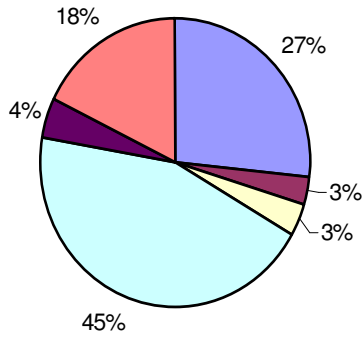
Motion of 08/12/08 to approve the estimate of \$25,352.00 for the repairs to Newman Road, and to ask Ingham County to split the costs of the repairs.

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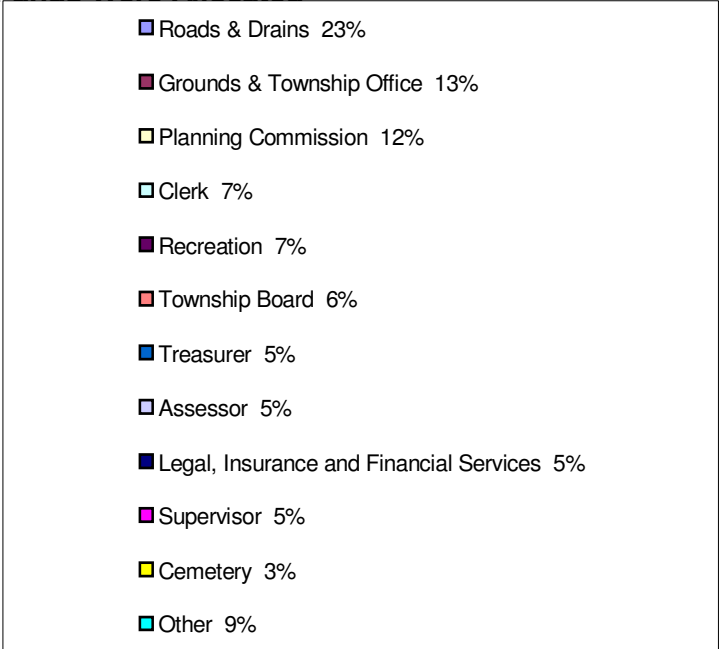
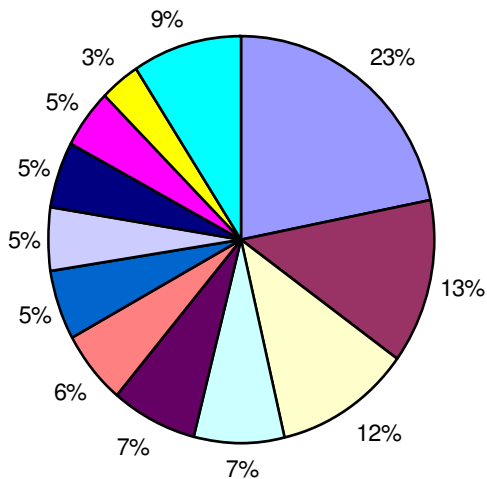
## Where Do My Property Taxes Go?



## Where 2008-09 Township Funds Came From



## How 2008-09 Township Funds Were Allocated



**BOARD ACTIONS CONTINUED**

**Miscellaneous**

**Caretaker Maintenance Assistant** 5/08 Mac Donnelly was hired as the new Caretaker Maintenance Assistant.  
**Grants:** Motion of 05/13/08- To pursue the grant opportunity through Partnership for Change.  
**Budget:** 2/03/09- Adopted the 2009-2010 Budget presented at public session.  
**Employee Benefits:** 6/03/08- Approved sick leave benefits for employees.  
**Appointment:** 11/12/08- Appoint Robert Lombardini to the Elected Officials Compensation Committee, with a 5-year term beginning in December 2008.  
**Tax Exemption Ordinance:** 6/17/08- Provides a service charge in lieu of taxes for the proposed Red Cedar Meadows pursuant to the provisions of the State Housing Development Authority Act. Public Act 346 of 1996, as amended.  
**Land Sale:** 2/03/09- Parcel number 33 03 03 26 201 026 consisting of 0.07 acres on Beeman Road, zoned R1 be sold by Williamstown Township, contacting the adjacent property owners and contiguous neighbors before advertising.

**Planning Commission Actions April 2008- March 2009**

**Commissioners:** Michael Fielek( chair), Rex LaMore( vice chair), Gerald Eidt( secretary) Wanda Bloomquist( assistant), Ronald Cook, Rutgar Hoag, Ger Schultink, Rod Imhoff, Martin Wright (board representative).

**Staff members** Planning Consultants: Christopher Doozen and Zeb Acuff of McKenna Associates, Inc;  
 Building Inspector Mark Miller

**SPECIAL LAND USE PERMITS AND SITE PLAN REVIEW**

**Burgdorf Winery-8/26/08** Recommend approval of the Special Use Permit and Site Plan with conditions. Board Approved: 11/12/08

**SITE PLAN REVIEW**

**Red Cedar Meadows Senior Housing -06/24/08** For MSHDA Senior Housing with conditions. Board Approval: 7/08/08

**Joey’s Pet Outfitters Pond— 9/30/08** Recommended approval with conditions. Board Approval: 10/07/08

**Capital City Rifle Club- 8/19/09** Recommended denial of the site plan. Applicant withdrew application 11/19/08

**ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS**

**Wind Energy Systems- 09/16/08** To allow the use of wind energy systems within the Township. Board Approved: 10/07/08

**Wetland Ordinance -11/18/08** Recommended Approval of Changes to the Wetland Ordinance. Board Approval: 2/03/09

**Wetland Buffer Amendments- 01/20/09** Recommended Wetland Buffer Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance. Board Approval: 2/3/09

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**Approved By-Law Changes- 6/17/08** Adding language regarding conflict of interest.

**Green Vision- 8/26/08** Support of the PC of the “Green Vision” concept of Trustee Williams and Commissioner Hoag and ask the Board to provide a set of guiding principles on sustainability.

**Trails Grant- Recommend McKenna** prepare a grant application for non-motorized trail. Board approved 6/03/08

**Re-appointment of PC members:** 09/09/08 Appoint Rod Imhoff, Ger Schultink and Gerald Eidt to three year terms.

**Election of PC Officers- 10/21/08** Mike Fielek as Chair, Rex LaMore as Vice Chair and Gerald Eidt as Secretary

**Master Plan Amendments- 11/18/08** Recommend approval of amending the Master Plan to include a plan for Trails and Greenways. Board Approval: 12/02/08

**Joint Planning Commission Meeting - City of Williamston 01/26/09** Discussion and review of master plans and activities in respective jurisdictions.

**ZONING BOARD of APPEALS**

There were two Variance request for 2008.  
 Red Cedar Meadows 2365 E. Grand River for a setback variance and façade material variance.  
 Variance Granted 7/09/08  
 Carroll Wamhoff Revocable Trust V/L Burkley Rd.  
 Variance to construct a building on a previously deemed un-buildable lot.  
 Variance Granted 10/01/2008

**2008 REAL ESTATE SALES DATA**

**Arm-Length Residential**  
 35 sales- average sales price of \$203,651

**Arm-Length Vacant Land**  
 4 sales- average sales price of \$8,374/acre

<b>TOWNSHIP BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED</b>				
	2008	2007	2006	2005
<b>Residential</b>	3	8	3	17
<b>Addition/Remodel</b>	14	21	26	24
<b>Accessory Building</b>	11	15	14	14
<b>Deck/Porch</b>	7	6	12	14
<b>Commercial/Institutional</b>	1	0	1	0
<b>Swimming Pool</b>	1	3	3	3
<b>Demolition</b>	3	3	0	3
<b>Re-Roof</b>	29	43	23	25
<b>Fill/Grade</b>	5	2		
<b>Sign</b>	0	3		
<b>Total</b>	74	104	82	98

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Williamston MI 48895

PRESORTED STANDARD  
U.S. POSTED PAID  
Williamston Mi  
PERMIT #82

**WILLIAMSTOWN TOWNSHIP REPRESENTATIVES**

**TOWNSHIP BOARD (ELECTED)**

Supervisor - Mickey Martin  
Clerk - Ernie Gaffner  
Treasurer - Janet Eyster  
Trustee - Martin Wright  
Trustee - Frans Wilbrink  
Trustee - Rick Williams  
Trustee - Robert Hayes

**STAFF**

Building Inspector - Mark Miller  
Supervisor Asst - Michelle Morse  
Advisor- Benjamin Moline  
Sexton/Maintenance- Mark Tabor  
Caretaker- Mac Donnelly  
Code Enforcement- Mark Miller  
Planning Assistant-Wanda Bloomquist  
Webmaster-Wendell Proudfoot

**APPOINTED POSITIONS**

Deputy Clerk - Shirley Mitchell  
Deputy Treasurer- Lori Hurst

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

Michael Fielek- Chair  
Rex LaMore- Vice Chair  
Gerald Eidt- Secy  
Wanda Bloomquist  
Ronald Cook  
Ger Schultink  
Rutgar Hoag  
Rod Imhoff  
Martin Wright, Twp. Board Rep.

**BOARD OF REVIEW**

Gerald Eidt  
Kurt Guter  
Edward Timm

**BOARD OF APPEALS**

Michael Fielek- Chair  
Dali Giese  
Dan Kraft  
Kurt Guter

Mickey Martin, Supervisor

**CONSTRUCTION BOARD OF APPEALS**

Aage Jensen  
Stephen Patoprsky  
Mark Stevens

**COMMUNICATION COMMISSION**

Marv Thomson, Chair  
Norma Johnston  
Ivonne Key  
Kurt Guter  
Nancy Williams  
Rick Williams, Twp. Board Rep

**CEMETERY COMMITTEE**

Greg Lammers- Chair  
Andy Andersen- Member at Large  
Scott VanAllsburg- Williamston City Rep  
Mickey Martin- Twp. Board Rep.

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Betty Challis  
Bill Bailey  
Jan Morris  
Wanda Bloomquist, Twp. Board Rep.

**TRANSPORTATION & COMMUNICATION COMM.**

John McLaughlin- Chair  
Richard Kill  
Terry Monahan  
Mickey Martin, Twp. Board Rep.

**HISTORICAL COMMITTEE**

Tom Johnson- Chair  
Rutgar Hoag  
Steve Eyke  
Gloria Van Dusen  
Ann Campbell  
Dan Goodnoe  
JoAnn Goodnoe  
Frans Wilbrink, Twp. Board Rep.

**COMPENSATION COMMISSION**

Wilbur McNinch- Chair  
Dave Robinson- Secy  
Bob Lambardini  
Andy Sheets  
Sally Martin Stewart

**NIESA REPRESENTATIVES**

Ronald Wiegandt, Alternate Twp. Rep.  
Frans Wilbrink, Twp. Board Rep.

**ANNUAL TAX DATES**

Summer Tax Bill mailed July 1st, 2009  
Due by September 14th, 2009  
Winter Tax Bill mailed December 1st, 2009  
Due by February 14th, 2010

**IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES**

8/11/2009—petition filing deadline to run for all elected offices  
8/11/2009—petition deadline to place proposals on the ballot  
10/5/2009—voter registration deadline for November General Election  
November 3,2009—State General Election

**REPRESENTING OUR TOWNSHIP**

United States Senator  
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United States Representative (Dist 8)  
Michigan State Senator (Dist 23)  
Michigan State Rep. (Dist 67)  
Michigan State Rep. (Dist 69)  
Ingham County Comm. (Dist 13)

Carl Levin(D)  
Debbie Stabenow (D)  
Mike Rogers (R)  
Gretchen Whitmer(D)  
Barb Byrum (D)  
Mark Meadows (D)  
Randy Schafer (R)

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