## Assessor FIELD REVIEW NOTICE

The Assessor is required to appraise, for tax purposes, all real and personal property within the Township.

Michigan Statue requires that all property be evaluated annually based on current market conditions. This requires an inspection of each property in the Township. This includes measuring all buildings and other property improvements on the property, taking current digital photos of the property, verifying the buildings current physical condition and review the amenities present, and interviewing the property owners to determine bedrooms, baths, and type of basement, etc.

The State of Michigan has recommended that 20% of properties in a governmental unit be visited each year to review assessment record accuracy and to ensure that properties are being appraised and assessed at 50% of the market value. In efforts to continually improve our excellent standards, the Assessor's office strives to enhance the annual review process and better meet or exceed the State of Michigan's expectations.

The Assessing Office will implement the review of 20% a year of the Township, to provide that every single property is visited at least once every 5 years. If the Assessor, Laura Erhart, from the Township arrives wearing a yellow assessing vest or jacket carrying a clipboard and digital camera and knocks on your door requesting to review your property, please welcome her. She will not ask to enter your home, just to measure outside with a few interior questions. Accurate assessments benefit everyone in the community.

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Hall office hours – 3rd Tuesday 9am to 11am otherwise available by phone and email