

# Michigan Township **INSIGHTS**

Jan. 12, 2024

## Legislature returns to session

The second year of the 102nd legislative session has begun. After an early end to session in 2023, the Legislature returned Wednesday per



constitutional requirement—at noon on the second Wednesday in January. The House returned with a change in membership and a 54-54 tie between the two parties, given two members' resignation in November following their mayoral wins. Special elections have been set for Jan. 30 and April 16. Additionally, the Consensus Revenue Estimating Conference was held today (Jan. 12, *see related article below*), which sets projected revenue estimates for the upcoming budget as well as any adjustments needed for the current fiscal year and constitutional revenue sharing payments. The governor will also present her State of the State Address on Wednesday, Jan. 24, outlining her administration's achievements in the previous year and proposals for the upcoming year.

## State revenue estimates revised slightly upward

The state revenue for the current and next few fiscal years was revised with a minimal increase today at the Consensus Revenue Estimating Conference (CREC) today. The [revisions](#) provide an increase from the last CREC held in May 2023. For the current fiscal year, combined revenue for both the General Fund and School Aid Fund was up \$418 million from May estimates, and estimates for the upcoming fiscal year are projected to be \$147 million higher. CREC establishes an official economic forecast of major variables of the national and state economies, as well as a forecast of anticipated state revenues. Economists from the House Fiscal Agency, Senate Fiscal Agency and state Department of

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## Upcoming MTA Training & Events

Jan. 17—*Now You Know* webinar

[Renewable Energy Siting: What's Next?](#)

Jan. 23 in Lansing (*sold out!*)—[2024 Capital Conference](#)

Jan. 31 and throughout February—[Board of Review Training](#)

Treasury presented their economic and revenue forecasts for fiscal years 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26. CREC sets the revenue estimates for the governor and the Legislature as they begin their work on the upcoming FY 2024-25 state budget.



## Reminder: 2023 PPT reimbursement correction process

Townships can correct errors in the 2023 personal property tax (PPT) reimbursements distributed in October 2023 and February 2024. The Local Community Stabilization Authority (LCSA) Act allows municipalities to review the PPT reimbursement calculations and data used in the calculations to ensure accurate PPT reimbursement distributions. To determine if an error has occurred in the PPT reimbursement calculations or data used, the township must review the applicable reports on [Treasury's 2023 Personal Property Tax Reimbursements website](#). 2023 PPT reimbursement calculations and data used can be found at:

- [Other Municipalities - 2023 PPT Calculation by Millage - October 2023 and February 2024](#)
- [2013 and 2023 Personal Property Taxable Values Reported in Calendar Year 2023](#)
- [2013 and 2023 Personal Property Taxable Values of Renaissance Zones](#)
- [School District & ISD - 2023 PPT Calculation by Millage - October 2023 and February 2024](#)

If errors are identified, the township must complete the appropriate correction form and provide substantiating documentation. Reported corrections will be used in the calculation of the May 2024 PPT reimbursement distribution:

- [Form 5651](#), *Correction of 2023 Personal Property Taxable Values Used for the 2023 Personal Property Tax Reimbursement Calculations* (deadline to submit to county equalization: **Feb. 28, 2024**)

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*Note:* Per the LCSA Act, only 2023 personal property taxable values (values on May 10, 2023) may be corrected.

- [Form 5654](#), *Correction of School Millage Rates or Other Errors for the 2023 Personal Property Tax Reimbursement Calculations* (Deadline to submit to Treasury: **March 31, 2024**) *Note:* Only debt and hold-harmless millage rates for school districts may be corrected at this time. The LCSA Act does not allow any other millage rate errors to be corrected after Aug. 1, 2023.
- [Form 5658](#), *Modification of the 2013, 2014 and 2015 Personal Property Taxable Values Used for the 2023 Personal Property Tax Reimbursement Calculations* (Deadline to submit Treasury: **March 31, 2024**) *Note:* Per the LCSA Act, 2013, 2014 and 2015 PPT values may only be modified because of a personal property reclassification or municipal boundary change.

If you do not identify an error, no further action is required. Contact [TreasORTAPPT@michigan.gov](mailto:TreasORTAPPT@michigan.gov) or (517) 335-7484 with questions.

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## BOARD OF REVIEW TRAINING

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The banner features the Michigan Townships Association logo on the left, the title "BOARD OF REVIEW TRAINING" in large blue letters in the center, and a circular image on the right showing a miniature house on a stack of coins. Below the title is the text "COMING TO A LOCATION (OR COMPUTER) NEAR YOU!".

### Reminders from BOE

- The deadline to transmit Feb. 27 presidential primary ballots to military and overseas voters (MOVE) is **Saturday, Jan. 13.**



The Qualified Voter File (QVF) Helpdesk will be

available from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Jan. 13 to assist clerks with questions about utilizing the QVF to issue MOVE ballots. Email [MDOS-BOERegulatory@michigan.gov](mailto:MDOS-BOERegulatory@michigan.gov) as soon as possible if something occurs in your township that prohibits you from meeting this deadline.

- The [Presidential Primary Ballot Selection Form](#) is available in the state Bureau of Election (BOE) [eLearning Center](#). Although the form cannot be generated directly out of the QVF mass mailing module, the BOE has created a report to allow clerks to mass mail the application on their own or with a vendor. The report, in the QVF (under “Absentee Voter” on the “Reports” page) is updated to allow you to choose a label format from the “Report Style” options dropdown. An updated [“Quick Guide—Ballot Selection Form”](#) is also available in the [eLearning Center](#).

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## **MSP announces grant program to combat crime and violence**

The Michigan State Police (MSP) is accepting grant applications from partnerships between local governments and community-based organizations for the [Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program](#) to assist with the prevention and reduction of crime and violence, with a focus on gun violence. Specifically, funds are available for programs and initiatives that target the risk factors that are likely to lead to this type of violence. Applications are due by **Feb. 9**, with a maximum of \$400,000 for a project period of April 1, 2024-Dec. 31, 2025.

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## **EGLE funding opportunities, assistance**

**Community Energy Management**—The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) is hosting an hour-long webinar on **Jan. 26** starting at 11 a.m. to discuss the [Community Energy Management Program Request for Proposal and Application Overview](#), which will highlight additional funding, increased award sizes and expanded eligible project areas. Some \$5.85 million is available with project awards increased to a \$5,000 minimum and a \$100,000 maximum. Program solicitation closes **June 30, 2024**, or when all funding is expended, whichever comes first. Email [evansc26@michigan.gov](mailto:evansc26@michigan.gov) with questions.

**Brownfield tools, environment assessments and TIF financing—** Brownfield redevelopment tools are available to local units, as well as grants and loans with applications accepted on an ongoing basis. In addition, EGLE provides free environmental assessments prior to the purchase of a property known or suspected to be contaminated, as well as Brownfield Tax Increment Financing for environmental costs associated with the redevelopment of a contaminated property. To learn more, reach out to the [EGLE brownfield coordinator](#) in your area.

**Act 381 guidance—**With recent changes to Public Act 381 of 1996, EGLE and other state departments are working to update the [Act 381 Work Plan Guidance Document](#), which is expected to be completed in the next couple of months. The next quarterly installment of the [Michigan Brownfield Program Update Webinar Series](#) will be **Jan. 17** from 1 to 2:30 p.m. To view previous webinars, visit the [Brownfield TIF Webinars Series webpage](#).



The advertisement features a blue and white color scheme. On the left, there is a collage of various website designs, including one for 'WRIGHT TOWNSHIP' and another with a 'PORTFOLIO' section. To the right, the STG logo is prominently displayed above the text 'SHUMAKER TECHNOLOGY GROUP'. Below this, the main headline reads 'CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE PORTFOLIO!' in bold, black and blue letters. At the bottom of the ad, a blue button with a white icon and the text 'MICHIGAN'S EXPERTS IN WEB DEVELOPMENT' is shown.

## **Share input on future of MDOT's Complete Streets program**

Public input is being sought by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) as it works to align its [Complete Streets](#) policy with its mission to serve and connect people, communities and the economy through transportation. Local officials can submit comments online at [Complete Streets Survey](#) until **Feb. 9**.

## **MIOSHA holds free in-person trainings to prepare for workplace violence**

Officials can attend free trainings being held in Warren on **Jan. 31** from the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MIOSHA). The sessions will focus on best practices and develop

strategies to prepare, train and survive active shooter and workplace violence incidents.

- [Active Assailant/Shooter Survival: What is Your Plan?](#), held from **9 a.m. to noon.**, will focus on helping employees develop strategies to prepare for, train to survive and suggested “choices” to consider in active shooter and workplace violence incidents. Tactical employee self-protection and survival choices will be suggested through analysis of videos of actual active shooter incidents.
- [Verbal Diffusion/De-Escalation with the Difficult Individual](#), held from **1 to 4 p.m.**, will help employees identify potentially distressed individuals and learn verbal diffusion and conflict resolution techniques to de-escalate these encounters.

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## Have you registered for MTA’s Annual Conference & Expo?

Registration for [MTA’s 2024 Annual Conference and Expo](#) is now open—remember, you must be registered to get your personalized housing code to reserve your hotel room when lodging opens on Jan. 24! This can’t-miss event, returning to the Grand Traverse Resort April 22-25, connects township leaders with municipal experts, inspiring speakers and nearly 1,000 of your fellow officials. Educational offerings feature 50 timely township topics, and our expo brings more than 100 municipal vendors. It’s the hottest thing happening this spring! Find event details—including [hotel options](#), [pre-conference classes](#), [session descriptions](#), and more—in the [registration brochure](#), which also appears in the January issue of *Township Focus*.



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## Federal update for week of Jan. 8

Check out the National Association of Towns and Townships [Weekly Legislative Update](#) for an update of federal actions impacting townships.

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**MTA offices closed Jan. 15**

The MTA office will be closed on Monday, Jan. 15, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and will reopen on Tuesday, Jan. 16.