

Morley Community Center

- **The Community Center needs your HELP!!**
 - Seeking...
 - Grant Writers
 - Volunteers to serve on the Board of Directors.
 - Ambitious community focused individuals to bolster our team and help us fundraise.
 - Please HELP us build our program to serve the community for years to come! Without support from our community, we may face closing our doors
 - If you have interest in helping, please contact Bob Habel @ 231-250-0777.
 - Board meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm. Public welcome!!
 - <https://www.facebook.com/p/Morley-Community-Center-100064569167671/>



Brady Lake Board

- Weed control on the Lake went out for bid this year. Michigan Lakefront Solutions was selected to continue maintaining our Lake for the next 5 years. Next bid process will be held in 2030.

Dog Licenses

- Dog licenses are required by Mecosta County. If you own a dog or two, please update their rabies vaccination and get them licensed. Licenses are sold based on the duration of the rabies vaccination purchased (1 year vs. 3 year) and the date administered.
- Licenses can also be purchased at the Mecosta County Treasurer's office during normal business hours. The Aetna Township Treasurer will be selling licenses from December through February. Please note: some Veterinarians sell the licenses as well.

Upcoming Community Events *-(Not associated with the township)*

- Dec 06, 2025 - **Christmas Craft Bazaar** (10:00am-2:00pm), Morley Community Center
- Dec 13, 2025 - **Visit from Santa** (1:30-3:00pm), Morley Community Center
- Dec 18, 2025 - **Feeding America Food Pantry** (5:00pm), Morley Community Center
- April 15, 2026 - **MSCS Senior / Junior Rake Day** (Aetna Twp Cemetery).
- Mid-May (TBD), 2026 - **Annual Flag Placement in the Cemetery** (Morley American Legion Post 554 & Local Scouts).
 - Local troop leaders, please reach out to the township to be included in this event, the more the merrier. Contact our Clerk for more details.
- May 16, 2026 - **Aetna Township Clean-Up Day** (8am-Noon), Morley Village Garage
- May 23-25, 2026 - **Morley Community Yard Sales**
- May 25, 2026 - **Memorial Day Parade** (Service @ Aetna Township Cemetery)
 - Luncheon to follow at the Morley American Legion Post 554
 - Anyone looking to walk or ride in the 2026 parade, please reach out the Morley American Legion for details.

AETNA TOWNSHIP

NEWSLETTER



2025 Road Projects

- **Gravel Roads** received three rounds of Brine for dust control.
- **5 Mile Road** (Northland Drive to 200th Ave.) pulverized and re-paved.
- **190th Ave**, Preventative Maintenance Bridge Work (over Little Muskegon).
- **Jefferson Road** (215th to Newcosta) Skip Wedge Pave.
- For more information on planned road work, please visit the Mecosta County Road Commission website; www.mecostaroads.org

2025 Morley Fire Department News

- Morley Area Fire & Rescue is seeking new membership. If you have any interest, please stop by the station during a monthly meeting to learn more. Meetings are held on the first Sunday of the month at 8am.
- In July, ice rescue gear (dry suits, cleats, rope, etc.) was donated to our fire department. Thank you to the Nozzlemen Bikers Group for their fundraising efforts and support!!
- Marijuana Excise Tax (M.E.T.) funds were applied for by the Morley Fire Auxiliary for the purchase of a digital sign to be installed at the fire station. Thank you to the Fire Auxiliary and the County Commissioners for this blessing!
- The new sign will bring weather alerts, amber alerts, burn bans, fire auxiliary events and other community focused information.
- The Fire Auxiliary is looking for new membership. Meetings are held the third Wednesday of the month (7pm) at the fire station. Stop in and learn more.



Morley War Memorial

- Constructed in 2011 to honor local Veterans that served during war time.
- The local non-profit group (Synergist) that maintains the Memorial applied for the Mecosta County Marijuana Excise Tax (M.E.T.) funds and was awarded \$4,500 to help local War Veteran's get their names on the Memorial.
- This allows for roughly 16 names to be added to the Memorial, free of charge. Please reach out to Debra Kelley at 231-578-3038 (via text) for more details.
- **War Time Vets** - Please submit your DD214 to debrahillis54@gmail.com
- **Funding from the County is available now, through March 31, 2026**, so time is of the essence.



Tax Tips

- Unpaid 2025 Summer Taxes can still be paid at the township level. Interest rates apply, unless there was a deferment.
- **Summer Deferments are due no later than February 17th at 5pm to avoid interest penalties.**
- **Veteran's 100% Disabled or 100% Unemployable, please make sure to file for a Veteran's Exemption with our Assessor** (only valid for Principal Residence).
- **Principle Residence Exemptions** (PRE), if you live full time at a residence, you should see Homestead 100% on your tax bill. **This exemption helps lower your WINTER taxes** (only), so please reach out to our Assessor, if you think you should receive this exemption.
- **Property Tax Hardship exemptions are available to residents that meet criteria set by the State of MI.** Please review the criteria on our website. If you have questions, reach out to our assessor for clarification.

Property Tax Dates

December 01, 2025

Winter Statements Mailed
1st Day to Pay Winter Taxes

December 31, 2025

Collection Day 8am - 5pm

January 17, 2026

Saturday Collection 9am - 1pm

February 14, 2026

Saturday Collection 9am - 1pm

February 17, 2026

Last day to pay Winter Taxes without interest penalty. Open 8am-5pm

March 02, 2026

Last day to pay 2025 taxes at Township Level. Open 8am-5pm

Note(s):

- Unpaid 2025 taxes are sent to the County on March 1st.
 - NO post marks are accepted.
 - Credit Card Payments - 3% CC Fee
 - Cash - Please bring exact change.
 - Checks are cashed weekly.
- Always pay on your oldest tax bill first.
 - Make sure your forwarding address is updated, so your tax bills don't get sent back.

Board Meetings

- Public is welcome to attend.
- Meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7pm. With the exception of December through March, the start time changes to 11am.

Township Resources

Phone: 231-856-4480

Bruce Carey, Supervisor

Beverly McLaughlin,
Clerk

- Elections
- Register to Vote
- Cemetery

Amy Hillis-Ouellette, Treasurer

- Hall Rental(s)
- Property Taxes

Barbie Cornell

Larry Platt
Trustee(s)

Kenn Vredenburg, Cell: 231-250-7341
Assessor

- Tax Exemptions
- Property Values & Splits
- Hardships

Township Clean-Up Day

- **Township Clean-Up Day** is slated for **May 16, 2026** (8am-Noon). This is a free event for township residents ONLY.
 - **Location:** Village of Morley Garage (Corner of Webster & 4th Street)
 - **See township website for list of RESTRICTED items!**
 - Must self-unload.
 - **No dumping of waste before or after the scheduled time!** The Village of Morley graciously allows us to use their grounds for this event, so please be respectful of the property and the rules.



Cemetery Reminders

- All artificial flowers must be in an unbreakable container.
- NO bushes, shrubs, or trees may be planted unless express permission is granted by the township board.
- No solar lights or eternal flame candles are allowed.
- All artificial flowers will be removed on April 1st.
- No flowers are permitted until May 1st.
- Cemetery drives are plowed in the winter for funerals only, as plowing risks damage to gravesites.

Seeking Bids

- **2026 Lawncare Services for the township are open for bid.** Please reach out to our Clerk for more details. **Deadline to apply is March 02, 2026.**