

**MORTON TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER
FEBRUARY 2017**

OFFICIALS

Assessor – Vivian Hagaman Trustees: Eric Ackerman
Clerk – Nancy Stephens Jim DeGeeter
Hwy Commissioner – Greg Menold Donette Waller
Supervisor – Gene Smith Lynn Zimmerman

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DATES TO REMEMBER

****March 1-14, 2017****

Township Cemeteries
CLEANUP

**CONSOLIDATED GENERAL ELECTION
APRIL 4, 2017**

VOTE BY MAIL APPLICATIONS

Vote by mail applications are available at the township office. Applications need at least a week before the election to be processed. Online application for vote by mail ballot is also available online at Tazewell County Clerk/election section.

OFFSITE EARLY VOTING WILL BE AT MORTON TOWNSHIP ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS

Saturday, March 11 9 am-Noon
Sunday, March 12 1 pm – 4 pm

The following government bodies will have candidates on the ballot for the
April 4, 2017 Consolidated General Election.

MORTON TOWNSHIP

Township Officials to serve a full 4-year term

Four Trustees:	Assessor – Vivian Hagaman
Thomas Grigsby	Clerk – Nancy Stephens
Adam Mellen	Highway Commissioner – Greg Menold
Paul O’Neal	Supervisor – Eric Ackerman
Lynn Zimmerman	

MORTON LIBRARY DISTRICT

Library Board of Trustees to serve a full 6-year term

Vote for a total of three

Jacqueline Patton Carol Jankowski Dennis Ewald

Library Board Trustee to serve a full 2-year term

Vote for one

Kevin McMullen

MORTON PARK DISTRICT

Park District Commissioners to serve a full 4-year term

Vote for a total of three

James Ingold Fred Rimmert Shaun Bill

MORTON SCHOOL DISTRICT #709

Members of the Board of Education to serve a full 4-year term

Vote for a total of four

INCORPORATED AREA

Barbara McMullen Kevin Austin Thomas Neeley Bart Rinkenberger Michelle Short Aaron M. Seaman

UNINCORPORATED AREA

David Cross

VILLAGE OF MORTON

Village President to serve a full 4-year term

Vote for one

Jeff Kaufman

Village Clerk to serve a full 4-year term

Vote for one

Sam Ritthaler

Village Trustees to serve a full 4-year term

Vote for a total of three

Tom Daab Ken Newman Clinton Leman Nate Parrott

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Township Cemeteries Spring Clean-Up
March 1-14, 2017

Clean-up will take place at all three cemeteries the first two weeks of March. Please remove anything you might want to save as all items are discarded. **The fall clean-up will be the first two weeks of October 2017.**

BUCKEYE CEMETERY – located at S. Washington Road, one mile south of Route 150

HIRSTEIN CEMETERY – located at Hirstein Road, ½ mile north of Lakeland Road

ROBERTS CEMETERY – located at corner of W. Jefferson St. and West Shore Drive

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

APRIL 11, 2017

6:00 P.M.

The Annual Town meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. at the Township office. At the meeting electors will be verified as voters registered within the township by the Township Clerk. Electors will nominate and elect someone to preside as moderator of the meeting. After the moderator is elected and sworn in, the Town Clerk will read the annual financial statement. Various reports will be given and other miscellaneous business conducted. Everyone present at the meeting is an elector (voter) in each matter voted upon.

TOWNSHIP OF ILLINOIS SCHOLARSHIPS

Township Officials of Illinois will award seven (7) \$1,500 scholarships this year. The deadline for application and all required documentation is March 1, 2017. The application **MUST BE POSTMARKED** by the U.S. Post Office no later than March 1, 2017. Late applications will not be considered. A copy of eligibility criteria and application may be picked up at Morton Township office or downloaded at **toi.org** website. One criteria is that the student must be a graduating Illinois high school senior. Another criterion is that the student must plan to enroll at an Illinois school as a full-time undergraduate student pursuing a bachelor’s degree.

TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR’S DEPARTMENT

Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze Homestead Exemption

- *Must own and live in home for as of January 1 of the assessment year
- *Owner must be 65 or older and living in the home
- *Total household income can NOT exceed \$55,000 annually
- *Must **reapply** annually at the Township Office or Supervisor of Assessment’s Office since income can change from year to year.
- *After initial application, Tazewell County Assessment Office will send out forms annually usually between February 1st to March 1st. These forms must be completed and returned to Tazewell County Assessment Office by July 1. Call 266-6445 or 477-2275 to request a form for first time applicants.

Disabled Veterans’ Standard Homestead Exemption (DVSHE)

- * Primary residence occupied by a disabled veteran on January 1 of the assessment year

- * Disabled veteran award letter states 30% less than 50% \$2,500 reduction in property's EAV
- * Disabled veteran award letter states 50% less than 70% \$5,000 reduction in property's EAV
- * Disabled veteran award letter states 70% to 100% veteran pays **NO** property tax
- * Must **reapply** annually at the Township Office or Supervisor of Assessment's Office since disability can change from year to year. Proof of disability must be for the same year as the assessment year.
- * After initial application, Tazewell County Assessment Office will send out forms annually usually between February 17th to March 1st. These forms must be completed and returned to Tazewell County Assessment Office by July 1. Call 266-6445 or 477-2275 to request a form for first time applicants.