



Leroy Township
Calhoun County, MI

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Summer 2023 Newsletter

Dear Leroy Township Resident,

Enclosed you will see a map of local road projects that Leroy Township has been involved in from 2021 through 2023. We contributed \$881,000 in 2021-22. And will pay \$356,000 this year as a local match to the Calhoun County Road Department. We had hoped to include work this year on 1 ½ Mile Road but the project was denied when the Road Department ran out of matching funds. They allocated \$2 million to match townships with local road projects. With 19 townships in Calhoun County, the matching funds were quickly used. Our intent is to submit 1 ½ Mile Road for work in 2024. The Road Department makes the final decision for such projects using a scoring matrix.

You will also see a map showing the installation of high-speed fiber optic cable throughout the township. The work is being done by MEC (Midwest Energy and Communications) and a link to them is listed on the map.

In order to become eligible for State of Michigan DNR grant money to improve and repair the Graham Lake Boat Ramp, the township needs to have a Master Plan for Parks and Recreation in place. Part of the process our Planning Commission must go through in putting together such a plan is to seek input from our residents. From now until the

end of July, you can go to:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8DBHWXK> and complete a short survey, or stop into the Township Office and complete a paper copy of the Parks and Recreation Survey. Your input will help us move forward in the right direction.

Our Clerk's office is taking applications for election inspectors for the upcoming 2024-25 election cycle. There is an extreme need for (1) workers who identify and will declare themselves as a Democrat - it is important that we have a balance between the two major parties on our election inspector board, (2) folks who are willing to be 'on-call' inspectors in case they are needed last minute on election day, and (3) individuals who are able to work during regular business hours. Election Inspectors are required to take a 2-hour certification training which will take place in early to mid-2024. All workers are compensated for their hours worked and training. If you are interested, please stop in and see Clerk Nicole Hardish. Applications can also be found on our website's election page.

Our Board is also seeking an additional person to join the Board of Review. This person needs a flexible schedule as the BOR meets for one afternoon in July and

December and then for three full days and an evening in March. The Board of Review has the authority to change the assessed or taxable value of a property along with property classification, and grant poverty or disabled veterans' exemption. Each member is required to attend an educational (usually on-line) program every two years. Again, these members are compensated for their time. If you have an interest, please reach out to Supervisor Laveta Hardish for more information.

The township website has had a new facelift 😊. We hope that it is easier for you to find the information you are looking for with the new design. The address is: www.leroytownship.org. I caution you to make sure you are looking at Leroy Township, Calhoun County, MI. Did you know there are three Leroy Townships in Michigan? One is in Ingham County, one in Osceola and then, of course, us in Calhoun County. And we also correct people every day - East is not included in our township name!

To save postage money, we try to include our newsletter along with the summer or winter tax bill. As such, I know that property taxes are on the mind of each person who takes time to read this letter. Property tax collection along with assessing and election administration are the main functions of a township office.

Last year, the Leroy Township Treasurer's office collected \$5.2 million in property taxes. Here's what the money went:

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| ➤ \$336,000 | Leroy Township |
| ➤ \$955,000 | Athens Area Schools |
| ➤ \$1,036,000 | Harper Creek Schools |
| ➤ \$213,000 | Climax Scotts Schools |
| ➤ \$824,000 | Calhoun Co Operating |
| ➤ \$849,000 | Calhoun ISD |
| ➤ \$112,000 | Calhoun Sr Services |
| ➤ \$37,000 | Calhoun Medical Care |
| ➤ \$30,000 | Calhoun Co Parks |
| ➤ \$493,000 | Kellogg Comm College |
| ➤ \$123,000 | Willard Library |
| ➤ \$15,000 | Calhoun Veterans |
| ➤ \$97,000 | Kalamazoo ISD |
| ➤ \$38,000 | Kalamazoo Valley CC |
| ➤ \$10,000 | Lawrence Mem Library |
| ➤ \$71,000 | Special Assessments |

I encourage you to read your tax bill. Look at the breakdown of where your money is ultimately going. Leroy Township keeps approximately 7% or 7 cents of every dollar collected in our office. The rest is distributed to schools, county agencies, and libraries.

As always, wishing you a safe and happy summer!

Laveta Hardish, Township Supervisor

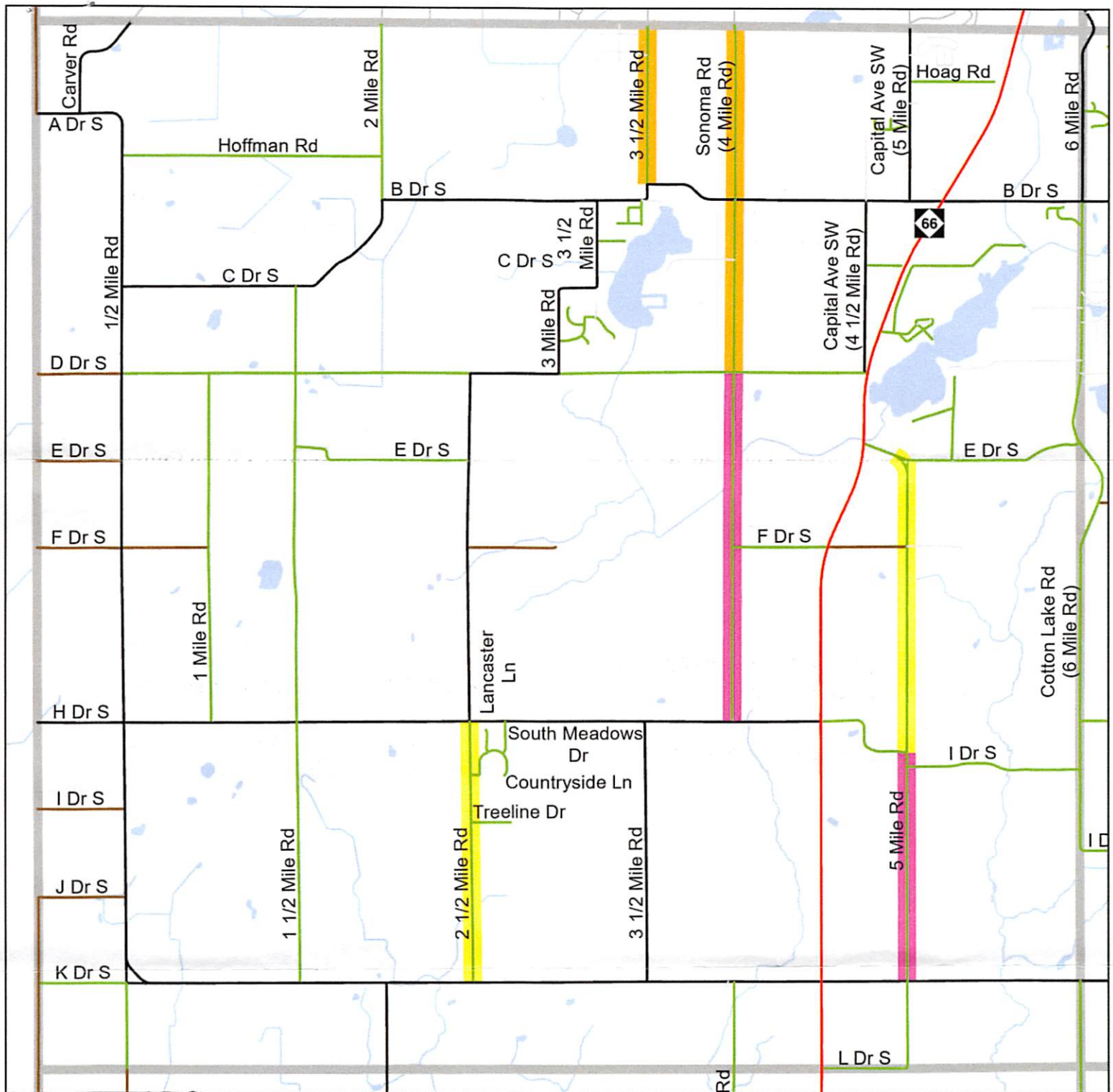
Board Members:

Treasurer Mark Christoff

Clerk Nicole Hardish

Trustee Jonathon Bolton

Trustee Michael Van Houten



2021 Projects

2 1/2 Mile Rd from H Drive S to K Drive S

Total Investment: \$586,832.29 Leroy Township Investment: \$293,416.15

5 Mile Rd from M-66 to I Drive S

Total Investment: \$165,717.27 Leroy Township Investment: \$71,375.09

2022 Projects

3 1/2 Mile Rd from B Drive S to Division Drive

Total Investment: \$625,260.81 Leroy Township Investment: \$312,630.41

4 Mile Rd from B Drive S to Battle Creek City Limits

Total Investment: \$351,434.56 Leroy Township Investment \$175,717.28

4 Mile Rd from D Drive S to B Drive S

Total Investment: \$70,920.24 Leroy Township Investment \$28,408.33

2023 Projects

5 Mile Rd from K Drive S to I Drive S

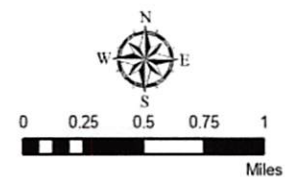
Total Investment: \$196,869.98 Leroy Township Investment: \$98,434.99

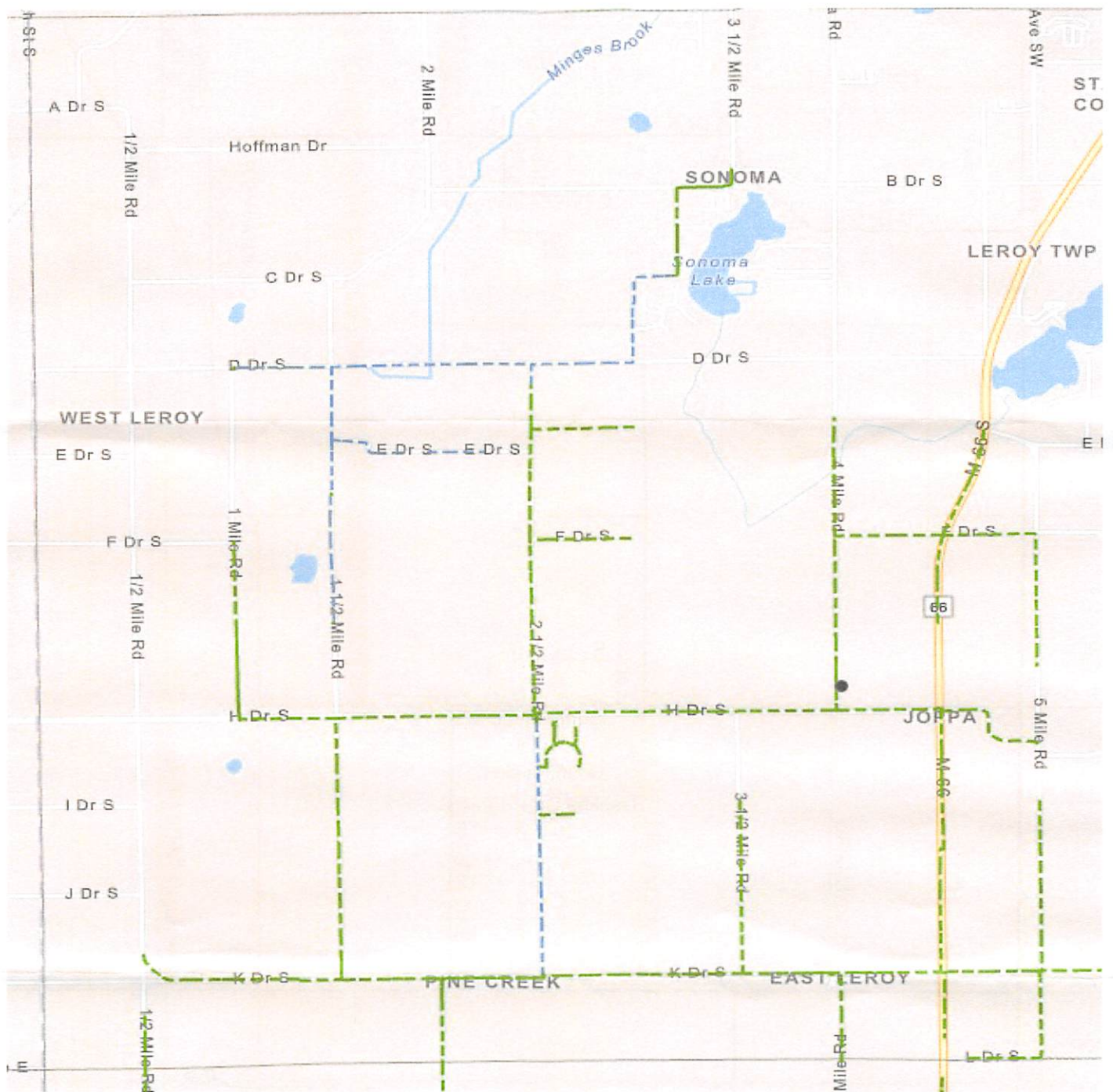
4 Mile Rd from D Drive S to H Drive S

Total Investment: \$515,872.57 Leroy Township Investment: \$257,936.29

Leroy Township Local Road Projects

State Highway
 County Primary
 County Local
 County Local Gravel
 City
 Private





<https://www.teammidwest.com/internet/sign-up-internet/> This map shows the installation of high speed fiber optic cable by MEC (Midwest Energy and Communications). The dotted blue dotted lines show completed work and green lines reflect lines to be installed in 2023. The township does not endorse nor have we contracted with MEC, but I know that many residents have been seeking reliable high speed internet for school, work, or entertainment. You may use the above link to see if your street address can be serviced by MEC.