

TOWNSHIP ELECTIONS		
March 10, 2026		Minimum voting hours 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
BEGIN DATE	END DATE	DESCRIPTION
December 2, 2025	December 2, 2025	Last day to designate location for absentee voting for March Election (if change from Auditor-Treasurer)
December 10, 2025	December 10, 2025	Last day to change polling place location prior to March Election
December 10, 2025	December 10, 2025	Last day for Town with March Elections to authorize mail balloting by resolution (revocation of resolution has same deadline) for March Town elections
December 16, 2025	December 16, 2025	Last day to publish notice of town offices to be elected at March Election (REQUIRED)
December 19, 2025	December 19, 2025	Last day to post notice of filing period for March Election *REMINDER LANGUAGE 2013* <i>Must state that Town Clerk Office will be open 1:00-5:00pm the last day of filing.</i>
December 25, 2025	December 25, 2025	Christmas Day Holiday. No public business shall be transacted, except in cases of necessity.
December 25, 2025	December 25, 2025	Last day for townships with March elections to hold any type of Special Meeting.
December 30, 2025	December 30, 2025	Last day to provide written Notice of Election to Auditor
December 30, 2025	December 30, 2025	Last day to post notice of mail ballot procedures
December 30, 2025	January 13, 2026	Mach Township candidate filing period. Town Clerk Office will be open 1:00-5:00pm the last day of filing.
January 1, 2026	January 1, 2026	New Year's Day Holiday. No public business shall be transacted except in cases of necessity
January 9, 2026	January 9, 2026	OSS must send Example Ballots to township clerks
January 13, 2026	January 13, 2026	Town March Elections candidates filing period closes. Clerk's office must be open 1-5 p.m.
January 15, 2026	January 15, 2026	Candidates may withdraw until 5:00 P.M.
January 19, 2026	January 19, 2026	Martin Luther King Jr. Day Holiday -No public business shall be transacted except in cases of necessity
January 20, 2026	March 7, 2026	Public Accuracy Test of voting equipment - <u>Township must publish notice at least 3 days before test (9:00 AM-2nd Floor Meeting Room-Original Courthouse)</u>
January 23, 2026	January 23, 2026	Minimum of 5 ballots to the Auditor-Treasurer
February 3, 2026	March 9, 2026	Period of time for election judges to deliver AB ballots to Health Care Facilities
February 6, 2026	March 9, 2026	Period of time for Absentee Voting
February 13, 2026	February 13, 2026	Last day to appoint election judges
February 13, 2026	February 13, 2026	Last day to notify affected voters of a polling place change
February 16, 2026	February 16, 2026	Presidents' Day Holiday: No public business shall be transacted, except in cases of necessity.
<i>February 17, 2026</i>	<i>February 17, 2026</i>	<i>Last day to pre-register for March Township Elections (5:00 pm in Aud-Treas Office)</i>
February 24, 2026	February 24, 2026	Last day to <u>post</u> sample ballot in each polling place on election day
February 24, 2026	February 24, 2026	Last day to publish first of two notices of election - (<u>optional for non-metro townships</u>)
February 24, 2026	February 24, 2026	Last day to publish sample ballot - (<u>optional for non-metro townships</u>)
February 24, 2026	February 24, 2026	Last day to mail initial or subsequent ballots to registered voters in mail ballot precincts
February 27, 2026	February 27, 2026	Last day to <u>post</u> notice of township election, including bad weather alternate date - mandatory for non-metro townships that dispensed with published notice
February 28, 2026	February 28, 2026	Towns with March Elections: Campaign finance reports due (If more than \$750 raised or spent and an initial report has been filed)
February 28, 2026	February 28, 2026	Last day for an Election Judge to submit written notice of serving voluntarily without pay
March 3, 2026	March 3, 2026	Last day to <u>publish</u> second of two notices of election - (<u>optional for non-metro townships</u>)
March 3, 2026	March 10, 2026	Period of time for agent delivery of absentee ballots until 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.
March 6, 2026	March 9, 2026	Period of time to secure election materials from auditor
March 7, 2026	March 7, 2026	Auditor Treasurer's office open 10:00 am until noon for Absentee Voting
March 9, 2026	March 9, 2026	Auditor Treasurer's office open until 5:00 pm for Absentee Voting
March 10, 2026	March 10, 2026	TOWNSHIP ELECTION DAY
March 12, 2026	March 12, 2026	<i>Township sends official canvassed results to Auditor-Treasurer (2 days after voting ends)</i>
March 12, 2026	March 12, 2026	Last day for township board to canvass election results
March 12, 2026	March 12, 2026	Last day to return township polling place rosters and voter registration cards to Auditor-Treasurer (48 hrs after election)
March 24, 2026	March 24, 2026	Last day for candidates to file-Campaign Financial Report Certification of Filing
March 17, 2026	March 17, 2026	Bad weather alternate date for Township Election (3rd Tuesday in March)
March 18, 2026	March 20, 2026	First day to issue certificates of elections-after the time for contesting has passed (Clerk issues certificate of election to winning candidates if: 1) Candidate has submitted a Campaign Financial Report Certification of Filing form. M.S. 211A.05, subd. 1; 2) The losing candidate has not requested a recount.
Important Dates-Bolded		
Contact with Auditor-Treasurer Required		*Please refer to your Election Calendar for additional dates and information