

HISTORY



Larkin Township was established in 1879. The Township was named for John Larkin (lumberman, hotel keeper, and entrepreneur) who was called “the Father of Midland City”.

According to the *Portrait and Biographical Album of Midland County, Michigan, 1884*, Larkin Township was settled in 1876, largely by immigration from Lincoln Township, which borders it on the west.

Other Township Facts

Township Cemetery was established in 1882.

First election was held on April 7, 1897.

First official ordinance was adopted in 1897.

First financial audit was conducted in 1920.

Original township hall was built in 1935.

The first woman to hold public office was Blanche Schultz who was appointed Supervisor in 1942.

Sale of liquor was not approved until 1949.

Township Fire Department was established in 1955.

Hubbard Village was officially vacated in 1969.

Built a new fire barn on Jefferson Road in 1973.

Purchased park property in 1975.

Larkin Township became a Charter Township in 1978.

Door to door garbage service was approved in 1986.

Purchased property for Township Office in 1993.

Approved new office to be built in 2001.

Began Water District #1 in 1997, Water District #2 in 1999 and Water District #3 in 2008.



Before the 1960s, Larkin had three one-room schools: the Waldo School (located on Waldo Road on the Earl Gerstacker farm), the Gray School (located on Eastman Road at Mier, named for Harley and Orson Gray) and the Hubbard School (located on Hubbard Road).

Presently, children living in Larkin Township attend school in the City of Midland.

Larkin Township has grown from a logging and farming community to the rural setting of several new subdivisions.

The U.S. Census of 1980 reported Larkin Township’s population as 3,320 and the U. S. Census of 2000 reported Larkin Township’s population as 4,514.