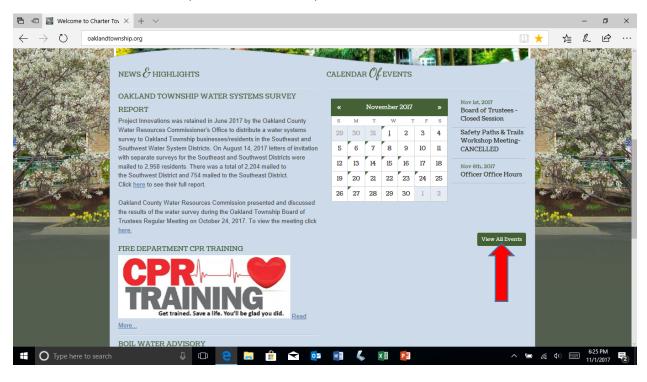
How to find out about meetings, agendas and meeting packets -

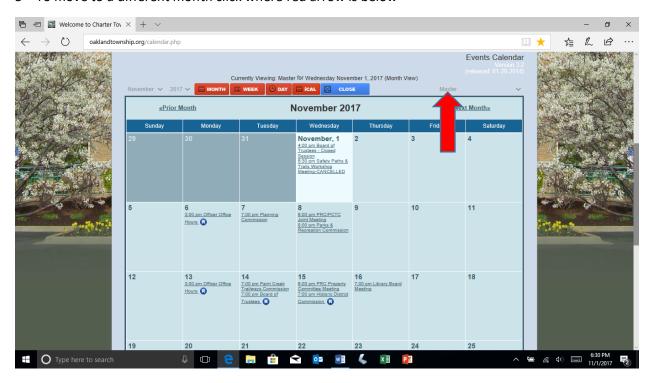
1 - Go to the township website

http://www.oaklandtownship.org/

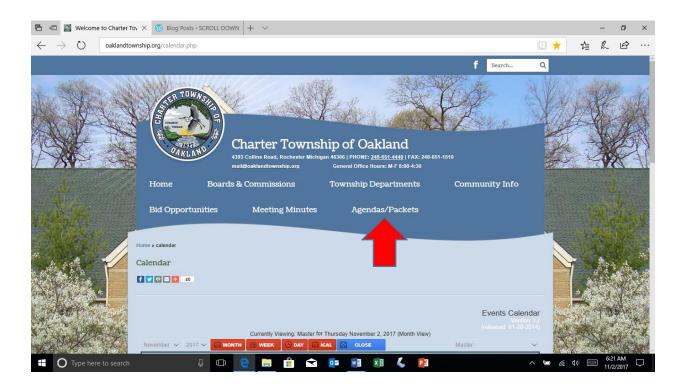
- 2 Scroll down slightly
- 3 Click on "View All Events" (see red arrow below)



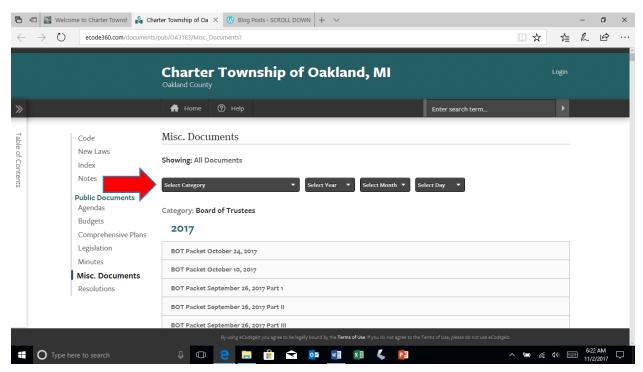
- 4 Scroll down slightly to see the calendar which lists all currently scheduled meetings. Check this EVERY DAY. It is possible that a new SPECIAL MEETING has been added in last 24 hours.
- 5 To move to a different month click where red arrow is below



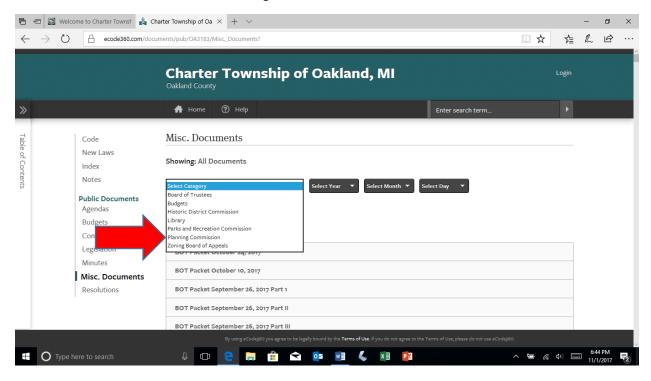
6 – When you see a meeting you are interested in you can find the agenda and meeting packet by scrolling up and clicking on "AGENDAS/PACKETS". Let's get the agenda and meeting packet for the Nov 7^{th} Planning Commission Meeting



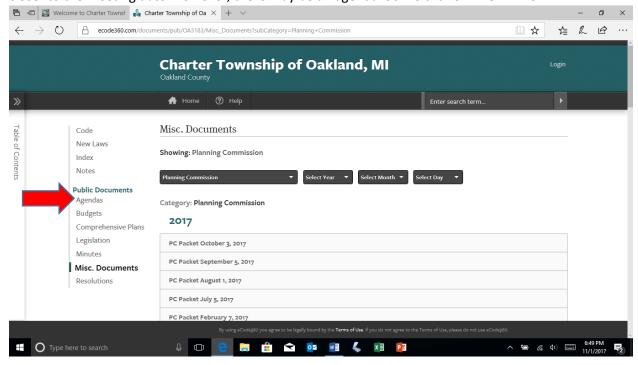
7 – Then click on "Select Category"



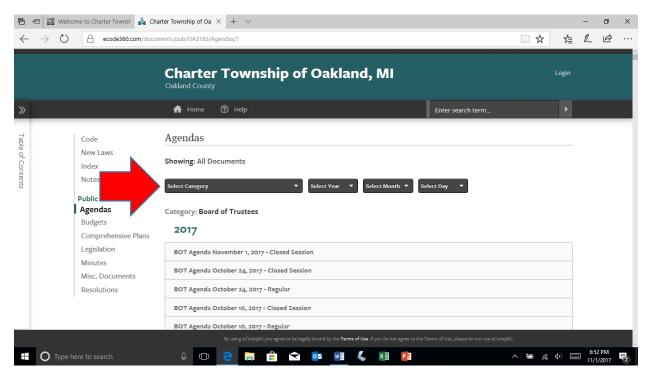
– Click on the meeting type you want. In this example we will click on "PLANNING COMMISSION" as we want info on the Nov. 7^{th} 2017meeting.



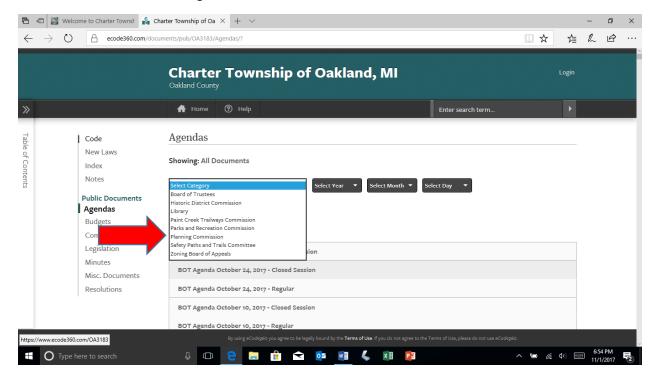
9 - We get a list of meetings and board packets for each. A board packet contains the agenda and all the factual information provided to the Planning Commission by Township Manger Dale Stuart and his staff to help the Planning Commission make their decisions. In this case we were interested in the Nov. 7, 2017 meeting. It is Nov 1 now and no meeting packet is yet available. Generally these are available closer to the meeting date. However, there may be an agenda. So we click on "AGENDAS"



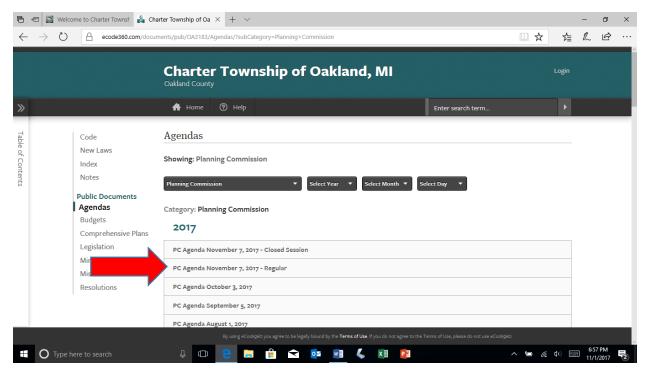
10 - Then we click on "SELECT CATEGORY"



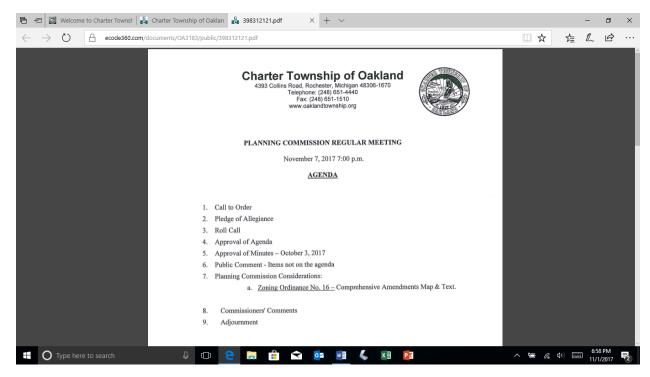
11 - Then we click on "Planning Commission"



12 - We see two agendas listed for Nov. 7, 2017. There is a closed session and a regular session. We click on "Regular Session."



13 - Now we have the agenda with one item – Zoning Ordinance #16. We can go back later to look for the meeting packet which will be on-line closer to the meeting date.



Editorial Comment – I recently told someone this was an easy process. I guess it is for me, having done it hundreds of times. In reality, it is not so easy at first. But if you really care to know what is coming up for discussion or vote, you must learn this process and you must check EVERY DAY to see if a meeting has been added that interests you.

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