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Spring Lake Township receives ‘certificate of achievement’ for best practices

Delta Charter Township—Spring Lake Township (Ottawa Co.) recently earned statewide recognition for its commitment to excellence and best practices in the areas of *Governance, Financial Stewardship, Assessment Administration, Tax Collection, Election Administration, Land Use Management and Economic Development, Transportation, Utilities, and Cemeteries.*

The certificate of achievement is part of the “Township of Excellence” program created in late 2008 by the Michigan Townships Association (MTA), which represents the state’s 1,240 townships. “Townships of Excellence” are defined as strong, vibrant communities governed by a township board that adheres to best practices to deliver quality programs and services to accomplish community-driven goals. A certificate of achievement in one or more areas is awarded to townships that complete a rigorous application process and successfully meet the high-level criteria in each area, as defined by the Association and its members.

“This has been an ongoing project,” said John Nash, Spring Lake Township supervisor. “I am convinced we were doing many things correctly, but through our efforts to maintain MTA Township of Excellence status, I know we are even better.”

Along with Nash, Board members include Clerk Carolyn Boersma, Treasurer Jim Koster, and Trustees Ron Lindquist, Lawrence Mierle, Judie Miljan and Bob Shay. According to Nash, the township has also completely reviewed all of their policies and developed both paper and electronic copies of the new policy manual.

The Michigan Townships Association promotes the interests of Michigan townships by fostering strong, vibrant communities; advocating legislation to meet 21st century challenges; developing knowledgeable, township officials and enthusiastic supporters of township government; and encouraging ethical practices of elected officials who uphold the traditions and unique characteristics of township government and the values of the people of Michigan.

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