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## Delta Township Swears-In New Board

On November 20, members of the newly elected Delta Township Board were sworn into office. Due to health and safety guidelines and with an abundance of caution, each board member was sworn in separately by Clerk Mary R. Clark. The board members will serve a term of four years through November 20, 2024.



Supervisor Kenneth R. Fletcher



Clerk Mary R. Clark



Treasurer Dennis R. Fedewa



Trustee Elizabeth "Beth" S. Bowen



Trustee Fonda J. Brewer



Trustee Andrea M. Cascarilla



Trustee Karen J. Mojica

## Pizzo Retires from Township Board

On November 16, 2020 the Delta Township Board recognized and celebrated the three terms of service by Howard A. Pizzo as Township Treasurer. Monday's meeting was Howard's last meeting after 12 years as Treasurer.

During his time at the Township, Treasurer Pizzo helped to create the Township's first ethics policy, a comprehensive strategic plan, the improvement and expansion of the parks and trailways system, a robust general fund keeping Delta financially secure and has been an ambassador for being an age friendly community. Howards influence and contributions will be felt by residents and businesses alike for years to come. Thank you, Howard for your years of service to the Delta Township community!



## New Utility Rates Go into Effect in 2021

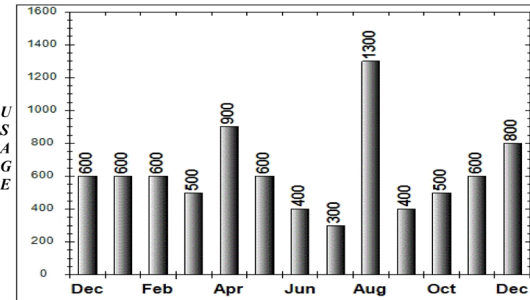
Delta Township is proud to provide reliable water and sewer services to its residents and business owners. Water and wastewater services are funded through the revenue collected from your water and sewer bill. No tax revenue is used to provide water and wastewater services so the Township must align water and sewer rates with the cost to deliver these services. Costs include (1) the cost to supply water and treat wastewater, (2) compliance with regulations governing the distribution of drinking water and treatment of wastewater, (3) the repair, replacement, and update of the Township's aging wastewater treatment plant, and (4) ongoing maintenance of critical infrastructure. Like any asset, regular maintenance is critical to maintain and operate water and sewer infrastructure.

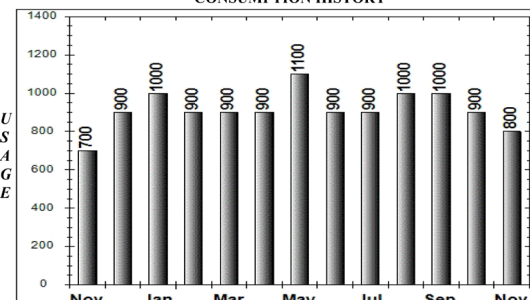
It is a best practice to periodically conduct a rate study to ensure that rates are fair, equitable, and tied to the demand customers place on the water and wastewater systems. In 2020, Delta Township contracted with the independent consulting firm Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors, LLC, to prepare the Delta Township Water and Sewer Fund - Rate Study. The results of this rate study for both the water and wastewater systems are outlined below.

### Sewers:

In the upcoming years, the Township is planning to invest nearly \$78 million in maintenance and upgrades to the wastewater treatment plant. The rate study determined that the Township requires additional revenue to support the future debt service payments on these major capital improvements to the Delta Township Wastewater Treatment Plant.

A ready-to-serve charge for wastewater has been implemented at \$2.50 per typical residential meter per month. Additionally, a 7.25% increase in the wastewater charge per cubic foot of water used has been implemented. A typical residential customer with a 5/8" meter, using 1,000 cubic feet of water, would see their bill increase from

NEW BILLING			
ACCOUNT NAME: PUBLIC, JOHN Q.		ACCOUNT NUMBER: 00012345	
SERVICE ADDRESS: 7710 W. SAGINAW HWY.		BILLING DATE: 12/23/2020	
BILLING PERIOD: 11/24/2020 TO 12/22/2020			
PREVIOUS READ	PRESENT READ	USAGE (Cubic Ft)	<b>LAST PAYMENT RECEIVED</b> 12/15/2020 \$47.61  <b>PREVIOUS BALANCE</b> \$59.34  <b>CURRENT CHARGES</b> READY-TO-SERVE WATER \$0.00 WATER \$0.00 READY-TO-SERVE SEWER \$0.00 SEWERS \$0.00
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CONSUMPTION HISTORY			
			
<b>DUE DATE</b> 01/15/2021			
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT DUE</b> \$59.34		<b>AFTER DUE DATE</b> \$65.27	

OLD BILLING			
ACCOUNT NAME: PUBLIC, JOHN Q.		ACCOUNT NUMBER: 00012345	
SERVICE ADDRESS: 7710 W. SAGINAW HWY.		BILLING DATE: 11/24/2020	
BILLING PERIOD: 10/25/2020 TO 11/24/2020			
PREVIOUS READ	PRESENT READ	USAGE (Cubic Ft)	<b>LAST PAYMENT INFORMATION</b> 12/08/2020 \$59.34  <b>PREVIOUS BALANCE</b> \$0.00  <b>CURRENT CHARGES</b> WATER \$0.00 SEWERS \$0.00 CUSTOMER CHG \$0.00  <b>CURRENT CHARGES:</b> 0.00
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CONSUMPTION HISTORY			
			
<b>DUE DATE</b> 12/15/2020			
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT DUE</b> \$0.00		<b>AFTER DUE DATE</b> \$0.00	

\$34.38 to \$39.40 per month in 2021 (Approximately \$4.99/month). Please note 1,000 cubic feet is an estimate.

### Water:

On the water side, the ready-to-serve charge (formerly called the "customer charge") for the typical homeowner has been lowered from \$12.40 to \$10.00. Additionally, a 1.25% increase in water rates has been implemented. The average monthly residential water bill based on 1,000 cubic feet is expected to decrease from \$36.70 to \$34.60 despite the 1.25% rate increase due to the reduction in the ready-to-serve (\$-2.40/month). Please note, 1,000 cubic feet is simply an estimate.

The net impact of the changes in the ready-to-serve charge and utility rates for water and sewer customers will vary based upon actual water consumption and meter size. Despite these increases, Delta Township water and wastewater rates remain competitive in the greater Lansing region.

For assistance in determining the impact of the rate increase on your bill, please call the Delta Township Accounting Department at 517-323-8510. Customers can review the accepted Rate Study on the Township's website at [www.deltami.gov](http://www.deltami.gov).

## LOCAL BUSINESS PROJECTS

### Now Open



Before



After

- **Righters Auto Repair** (Pictured above)
- Alliance Interiors remodel
- Starbucks
- D&K Trucking - New Build
- Nature's Kyoor
- United Health Care Services remodel
- McClaren Medical Group remodel
- Farm Bureau Insurance remodel
- One North Kitchen and Bar
- Dollar Tree
- Range 517
- The Oasis @ Delta (Elmwood Plaza)
- Quality Suites (renovation)
- MacAllister Rental (Michigan CAT)
- Buddy's Pizza
- Amazon Delivery Station
- Clock Mobility
- White House Optical
- Guru Nanak Sikh Centre

### Under Construction or Renovation

- Michigan Primary Care Association remodel
- Simplified Tax remodel
- Coldspell Coffee
- Orthopedic Rehab remodel
- Meijer Distribution Expansion
- Delta Crossings
- Auto Owners Expansion
- 4233 W. Saginaw Hwy. (Demolition and Remodel)
- BWL natural gas-fired power plant
- Auto-Owners (new office building)



## Delta Welcomes New Finance Director Courtney Nicholls

On November 10, Courtney Nicholls joined the Delta Township team as our new Finance Director. An Allen Park native, Courtney most recently was the Manager for the City of Dexter. She has a Masters of Public Administration degree from Wayne State University and is passionate about government finance. With her background and experience Courtney is an excellent addition to our community. Courtney replaces Jeff Anderson, who left in October. Please help us give her a warm welcome.

## Delta Welcomes Collin Mays as New Community and Economic Development Coordinator



On January 4, Collin Mays started as the New Community and Economic Development Coordinator. Collin Mays comes to Delta Township with both economic and workforce development experience. Collin has worked in state and local government. In addition, Collin has worked in the nonprofit sector. Mr. Mays holds a BA in Political Science from Western Michigan University and a master's of Public Administration from Oakland University. Through Collin's professional work he has been recognized by the Michigan Chronicle as a 40 under 40 class of 2015, and a Crain's Detroit Business 20 in their 20's class of 2019. Mays replaces Ed Reed, who retired last August.

## GM to Invest \$100 Million at Delta Plant



On October 20, General Motors announced that it will be investing \$100 million into its Lansing/Delta Township plant to produce the next generation of the GMC Acadia. The investment is part of a \$2 billion investment in GM plants across the country. The plant currently builds the Chevrolet Traverse and Buick Enclave.

## I-496 & Waverly Road Projects Wrap-Up

On November 11, the Michigan Department of Transportation reopened I-496 to traffic in both directions after a nearly year-long reconstruction project.

The project, which was the first in Governor Whitmer's Rebuilding Michigan Plan, began in early spring 2020 with an investment of approximately \$60 million to improve I-496 between I-96 and Lansing Road. The work included reconstructing the freeway and ramps, preventive maintenance on all the bridges in the project area and making operational improvements to the entrance and exit ramps at the I-96, Creyts Road, and Waverly Road interchanges.



In addition to the freeway reconstruction, Waverly Road, between St. Joe Highway and Lansing Road was completely reconstructed. Improvements included the addition of a non-motorized, shared-use pathway with a pedestrian crossing enhancement for crossings of Waverly Road, railroad

tracks, Lansing Road and Old Lansing Road. The pathway portion of the project was completely grant funded through a combination of federal and local grants and Ingham County Parks and Trails Millage.

Multi-agency collaboration aided in improving the Waverly Road freeway interchange to I-496, replacement of the railroad crossing, and the building of the pedestrian pathway, which enhances the walkability between Delta and Lansing Townships.

## Creyts Road Project Funding In Delta Restored

State Representative Angela Witwer wrote a letter to the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) that requested funding for a road improvement project in Eaton County be restored. MDOT announced Friday, December 11, it has officially agreed to the representative's request.

The reinstatement of this funding (\$191,673) will include widening Creyts Road to accommodate a center turn lane from approximately 360 feet south of Auto-Owner's south cam-

pus driveway to the Eastbound I-496 ramps. The grant includes \$74,540 in matching funds from Eaton County Road Commission and \$53,242 in matching funds from Auto-Owners.

Previously, the MDOT Office of Economic Development denied the county road grants due to the economic shortage caused by COVID-19.

The project is set to begin in the upcoming fiscal year.



## 2021 Road Projects Update

The Eaton County Road Commission (ECRC) local road millage program is entering its seventh year of projects in 2021. The millage was approved for 12 years to address local roads throughout the county. Delta Township had roughly 110 miles of local roads in poor or fair condition prior to the passage of the millage; of that total, approximately 8 miles was gravel.

For more information regarding the planned repairs for 2021 please visit [eatoncountyyroad.com](http://eatoncountyyroad.com).

In addition to the millage program other upcoming road projects include:

### Michigan Ave Road Rehabilitation

Project will run from Creyts Road to Dibble Road with the addition of 1.2 miles of bike lanes from Theo Ave. to Dibble Rd.

**Grant Funding:** 2020/2021 Surface Transportation – Urban Program (STU)

<b>Federal:</b>	\$368,326
<b>20% Local Match:</b>	\$92,082
<b>Total Cost:</b>	\$460,408

### Mt. Hope Hwy. Road Rehabilitation

Project will run from Nixon Rd. to 500 ft. east of I-96/69 overpass, for a total of 1.8 miles

**Grant Funding:** 2021 Surface Transportation – Urban Program (STU)

<b>Federal:</b>	\$889,600
<b>20% Local Match:</b>	\$222,400
<b>Total Cost:</b>	\$1,112,000

### Mt. Hope Highway Bike Lanes

Project will run from Nixon Rd. to 500 ft. east of I-96/69 overpass, for a total of 1.8 miles.

**Grant Funding:** 2021 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ)

<b>Federal:</b>	\$240,000
<b>Local Match:</b>	\$61,000
<b>Total Cost</b>	\$301,000

## Delta Receives GFOA Award

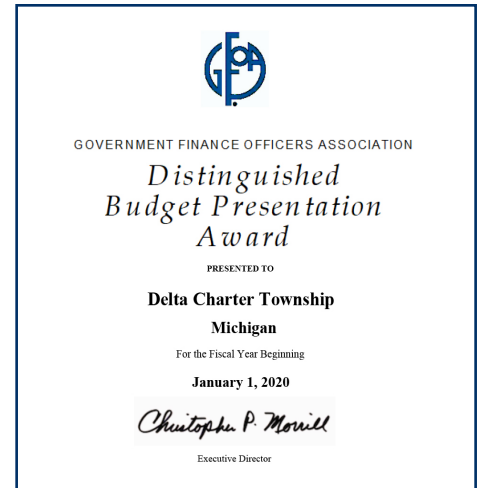
The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) presented Delta Township with its Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its Fiscal Year 2020 Budget.

The award represents a significant achievement by the Township and reflects the commitment of the governing body and staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting.

In order to receive the budget award, Delta Township had to satisfy nation-

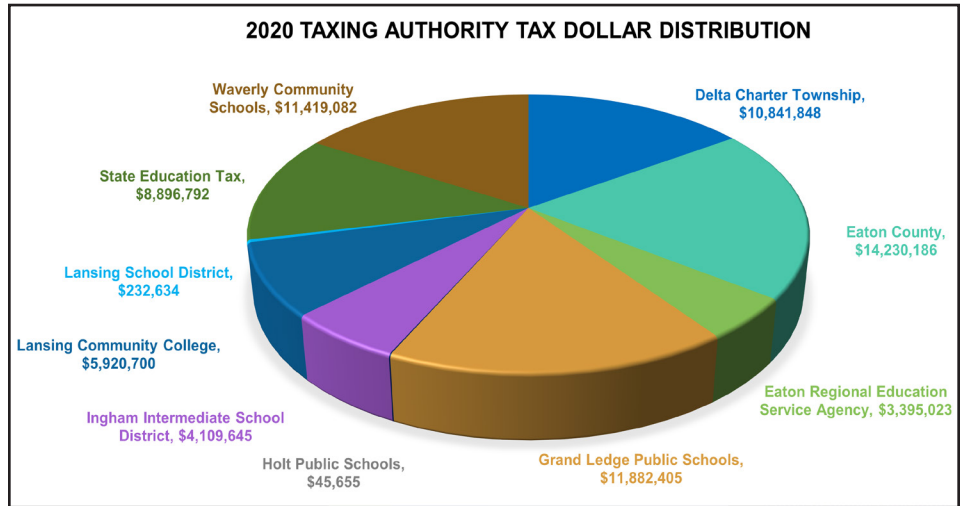
ally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. These guidelines are designed to assess how well an entity's budget serves as a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide, and a communications device.

The Township's Budget document must be rated "proficient" in all four categories, and in the fourteen mandatory criteria within those categories, to receive the award.



## Tax Collection in Delta

The pie-chart to the right represents the taxes that Delta Township collects on behalf of all Taxing Authorities. In the 2020 tax year, Delta Township is responsible for collecting approximately \$70,973,969 in property taxes. Delta Township only retains approximately \$10,841,848 or 15% of the funds collected for General Operating, Paramedic, and Library purposes. The pie-chart illustrates a breakdown of where all your tax dollars go.



## Convenient Online Options for Delta Residents & Businesses

The Delta Township Accounting/Treasurer's Office offers the ability for residents and business owners to access services and make payments remotely. The availability of online\* services became even more vital during the pandemic due to concerns about in person transactions.

Below is a listing of the available opportunities for contactless service requests and bill payment which can be accessed at <https://www.deltami.gov/departments/accounting/>.

### Water/Sewer Bills

Online services are available to:

- Make a payment on your bill using a credit card or e-check.
- Turn on or turn off service for those moving in or out of the Township.

- o When a resident informs the Township that they are moving out of a property the water is shut off until the new owner sets up an account.
- Automatically pay your bill each month through direct withdrawal from a checking or savings account.
- Sign up for paperless e-billing.
- View your water/sewer history.

### Property Taxes

Online services are available to:

- View your tax/property assessment information.
- Pay your bill using a credit card or e-check (fees apply).
- Pay your bill automatically through direct withdrawal from a checking or savings account.

- o This form must be completed for each tax year. The winter tax payment can be scheduled for withdrawal in December or February.

\*The Township has recently updated our website – so if you typically use an existing bookmark or online search to reach the site we strongly suggest you put in the website address directly ([www.deltami.gov](http://www.deltami.gov)) to avoid reaching a broken link.

If you have any questions about the options listed above, please contact the Accounting/Treasurer's office at 517-323-8510.

## Delta Remembers COVID-19 Victims & Their Families



On January 19, Delta Township along with communities across the country remembered the over 400,000 people in the United States, that have died from COVID-19. The administration building was lit with candles in all 90 windows to honor the victims of COVID-19 and their families.

## Evaluation for Township Facilities is Underway



In 2020, the Township completed its Phase 1 Baseline Facilities Assessment of all the Township Buildings. The study, completed by C2AE and Christman, identified approximately \$16 million in capital investments needed for Township facilities over the next 10 years. The Township will continue to analyze these findings and discuss future planning for investments into facilities and future building replacement. The study covered the Delta Township Sheriff Substation, Township administration building, Drolett Community Center, Enrichment Center, Firestations 1 and 3, and the Parks maintenance building.

## Delta Township Launches New Website

Check out the all-new Delta Township Website. The new website features increased usability, integrated citizen engagement, a robust social media integration, enhanced search capabilities, and a responsive sleek new design, adaptable for any screen size. Quickly navigate the new site with our new dropdown mega-menu or by utilizing our new How Do I? section at the top of the page. Visit [www.deltami.gov](http://www.deltami.gov) and take a look.



### Attention Delta Township Residents:

As of January 1, 2021, all dog license services must be purchased through Eaton County. The Township will no longer be able to assist with these services. For more information please visit [www.eatoncounty.org/403/Dog-Licensing-Information](http://www.eatoncounty.org/403/Dog-Licensing-Information)



## Delta Recognizes Recent Retirements & Departures



### Ed Reed

Ed Reed, Economic Development Coordinator for Delta Township retired in August of last year after seven years of

service. Ed was well known around the area for his work with regional agencies, aiding in bringing new development to Delta.



### Dave Williams

Dave Williams, Electrical Inspector for the Township retired on January 22 after 26 years of service. Dave is nationally

recognized for his expertise and will be missed by all at the Township.



### Jeff Anderson

Jeff Anderson served 15 years as the Finance Director of the Township where he maintained and oversaw the financial

health of the Township.



### Matt Calus

Matt Calus served 10 years as a member of the Delta Township Fire Department. During his tenure, Matt was

a Paramedic/Firefighter, Engineer, and EMS Training Captain.

## NEW Fulltime Hires

### Michael Pleyte

Department Assistant  
Clerk's Office

### Phil Renas

Paramedic/Fire Fighter  
Fire Department

### Amanda West

Paramedic/Fire Fighter  
Fire Department

### Anthony Marshall

Water/Wastwater Operator  
Utility Department



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## RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER

*The Delta Township Board has set a goal to improve ways to disseminate the Township's story. You are receiving this semi-annual update to communicate some of the positive happenings that have taken place over the past six months.*

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**Engineering**  
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**Library**  
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**Parks and Recreation**  
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**Planning**  
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**Utilities**  
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**Non-Emergency Numbers**

**Fire Department**  
517-321-6622

**Eaton County Sheriff's Office**  
517-372-8217

**For All Emergencies Dial 911**

**Eaton Co. Satellite Office**

The Eaton County Satellite Office located in the lower level of the Township Administration Building is closed until further notice.

Please watch our website, Facebook page, and monthly newsletter for reopening information.