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Union Charter Township receives ‘certificate of achievement’ for best practices

Delta Charter Township – Union Charter Township (Isabella Co.) recently earned statewide recognition for its commitment to excellence and best practices in the area of *Utilities*.

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.

“The board and staff are delighted and proud to be considered among the ‘best of the best’ in our state,” said Union Charter Township Supervisor John Barker. “We see the ‘Township of Excellence’ program as a check-off list of best practices. Setting a goal to achieve excellence in any area is always a challenge. The MTA requirements are purposely set high, but they are achievable by an organization that believes in and adopts best practices in local government.”

Along with Barker, Board members include Clerk Peter Gallinat, Treasurer Pam Stovak, and Trustees John Dinse, Tim Lannen, Phil Mikus and John Verwey. According to Barker, the township’s newly elected board has made it a goal to achieve the full “Township of Excellence” designation by the township’s 150th anniversary in 2011.

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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