



Maine Township News Release

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Energy conversion project promises savings for Maine Township

Maine Township expects to save about \$6,000 a year thanks to new high efficiency lighting that is currently being installed at Maine Township Town Hall. The \$22,374 cost of the project will be mostly covered by two grants totaling \$18,816. The Township share will be recouped in less than a year due to lower energy bills.

“The project is just one of the many ways that Maine Township exercises fiscal responsibility and looks for ways to make the best use of taxpayer dollars,” said Supervisor Carol A. Teschky, who noted that Maine Township receives just two percent the money homeowners pay in real estate taxes. “We are one of the few governmental bodies in the region with zero debt too.”

The first grant in the amount of \$9,933 comes from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity under the Illinois Energy Now program. If the final application is submitted before Feb. 14, Maine will be eligible for an additional \$1,390. Illinois Energy Now is an energy efficiency program that provides millions of dollars in rebates to public facilities that make large-scale improvements to their electric or natural gas systems. Up to 75 percent of energy improvement costs may be reimbursed. Long term savings result from the reduced costs of future utility bills.

The second grant in the amount of \$7, 494 comes from the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation which was established in 1999 as an independent foundation with a \$225 million endowment provided by Commonwealth Edison. More than 3,900 grants have been awarded to date providing \$191 million to Illinois nonprofit organizations, schools, municipalities and other local and state government agencies.

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