

# *Treasurer's Report*

## *Mission Statement*

*The Mission of the Treasurer's Office is the efficient collection of all revenues owed to Grosse Ile Township and other taxing units. We strive to distribute in a timely, efficient and accurate manner collected tax monies to the various taxing units and Township accounts. The Treasurer is also responsible for the collection of other Township receipts and the investment of idle Township funds. The Treasurer's Office continues to make customer service a priority by assisting residents and visitors to the Township Offices.*

All revenues received by the Township are deposited through the Treasurer's Office. The Township Treasurer is also responsible for timely distribution of taxes collected to Wayne County, Grosse Ile Township Schools and multiple township funds. Department of Public Works, Grosse Ile Municipal Airport, Police and Fire Department, Community Development Department and Recreation Department revenues are also collected and deposited by the Treasurer's Office. Pet licenses and dog park passes are sold on an annual basis.

The 2014 tax roll was reconciled, balanced and delivered timely to the Wayne County Treasurer's Office. Continued cooperation with the office of the Wayne County Treasurer has always been a high priority believing that effective communication benefits not only our office, but also our residents.

Due to the continued low interest rates the Treasurer's office concentrated more on lowering bank fees and less on increasing interest revenues. However, towards the end of the fiscal year interest rates did show signs of slight improvement. Investments are reviewed monthly basis to maximize revenues, minimize fees and maintain security of the of the Township funds.

Delinquent personal property tax collection is an ongoing process for the Treasurer's Office. Delinquent personal property tax amounts are penalized monthly and pursued until fully paid.

The Treasurer's Office offers credit card and E-Check payment options for residents and property owners for taxes and utility bills. This allows for easy payments from a computer or other electronic devices using the online payment link at [grosseile.com](http://grosseile.com). Other information is available on the treasurers' website. Millage rates and descriptions, current and historical tax and property data, deferment forms, monthly investment and budget/audit reports can be easily accessed via the website.

For the fiscal year, 2016-2017 the Treasurer's Office will continue to pursue of the following endeavors:

- Continue to provide Township Investment Reports to the Township Board and the public.
- Maintain an investment policy that cautiously invests dollars while still maintaining a conservative and secure investment platform.
- Continue an aggressive collection policy regarding personal property tax collection accounts.
- Continue to serve the public in the most efficient and courteous manner.

The Treasurer and/or his Deputy are always available at the residents' convenience to meet with them and discuss those issues as they relate to Township tax dollars and the Township's investments. Treasurer's Office staff can assist with inquiries during regular office hours. Our website is an additional resource of information to Grosse Ile residents, taxpayers, banking and real estate professionals.

Theodore Van Os, Township Treasurer