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Plans Under Way to Preserve Tyrone Township's Historic Town House

The Town House project took an important step forward at the January 18th Board meeting when officials unanimously voted in favor of a resolution to retain ownership, maintain, insure, and manage the move of the Historic building that currently resides on Center Rd in Tyrone Township.

The Tyrone Township Historical Society is thrilled to be working in collaboration with Township officials to preserve the State registered Historical Town House building that resides on Center Road. Built in 1887 and moved from its original location in 1975 for the purpose of preservation, the building needs to again relocate to remain on Township owned property.

A survey conducted in August of 2021 made it clear that the community supports the move and the preservation of this building. Residents also expressed preference that private funding pay for the project. The Historical Society is now tasked with raising the funds for the move.

Supervisor Mike Cunningham estimates that a conservative estimate is \$100,000 to move the building to the new township property on Runyan Lake Rd. He says the Township will assist, but the Historical Society will oversee the move and fundraising. Once the building is moved, the Township will collaborate to take care of it.

The Tyrone Township Historical Society is a 501c3 organization with a newly established calendar of community events, guest speakers and fundraisers for the 2022 calendar year.

"This series of events will achieve two primary goals, connect people across generations to our community and its history, and help us raise the funds we need to make this project successful. Our first event is coming up January 29th, 2-4pm when we welcome MI author Mike Sonnenberg as a guest speaker. We are also looking forward to next month when we roll out our first fundraiser, an online auction entitled "Love Our History".

We've been truly inspired at the number of local businesses and residents who have contributed such a variety of wonderful items up for bid. Some of the most exciting include a Hot Air Balloon ride for 2 from Balloon Quest and a \$200 gift certificate to Andiamo sponsored by The State Bank. We have items for all budgets ranging from restaurant gift certificates to themed baskets, and oil changes to deluxe accommodations at a Bed & Breakfast. Local businesses, such as Peabody Insurance and Flagstar Bank, have demonstrated support for the Historical Society's mission by generously contributing financial support as sponsors.

It's truly been a labor of love with residents, local officials, and businesses coming together to support a good cause, preserving our local history. We hope surrounding communities will join us and participate in the auction Feb. 12-26."
~ Sara Dollman-Jersey, Residents for Community Preservation

For more information about how to participate in the online auction or make a tax-deductible donation to support the cause, please visit <https://www.32auctions.com/saveourtownhouse2022>. You can also visit the Tyrone Township Historical Society's Facebook page to stay up to date on upcoming events.

About Tyrone Township's Historical Society: The Tyrone Township Historical Society is a nonprofit group located in Tyrone Township, MI. We were founded in 1975 as part of a Bicentennial project to move and preserve our historic Town House. Our mission is to preserve, advance, and disseminate knowledge of the history of Tyrone Township.

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