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Basic 1

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Basic 3

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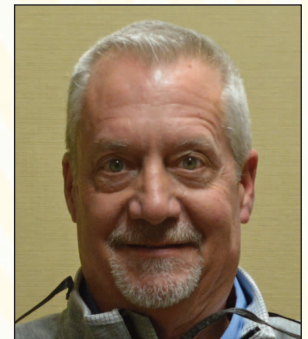**Jacquelynn Bultsma**
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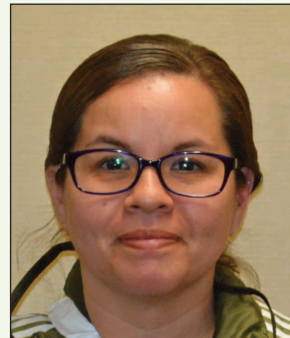City of Bangor
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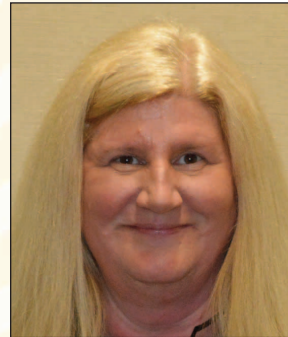**Aleigha Crowl**
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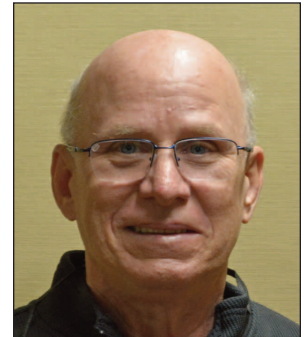City of Alma
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City of Southfield
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Basic 2

Megan Duncan
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Basic 2

Kathy Elliot
Chesterfield Charter Twp.
Basic 2

Kathy Forman
Village of Lake Odessa
Basic 2

Aha! Moments

"The importance of sharing my true feelings on issues with elected officials. It was eye opening to understand that my silence to them means there is no issue."
- 2022 Basic Attendee

Michelle Frechette
City of West Branch
Basic 3

Rachel Frost
City of Burton
Basic 1

Jen Fulkerson
City of Grandville
Basic 2

Grant Getschow
City of Ishpeming
Basic 1

Aha! Moments

"Others are struggling the same as I am while also loving what they do, just like me. There's so much support available - more then I knew."
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Janie Grahl
Village of Parma
Basic 2

Robin Haaksma
Byron Township
Basic 3

Jennifer Hansen
Village of Wolverine Lake
Basic 2

Taylor Hanson
City of Harbor Beach
Basic 1

Gina Harold
City of Berkley
Basic 1

Isabel Hass
City of Mt. Pleasant
Basic 2

Angel Hatfield
City of Richmond
Basic 3

Barbie Heibeck
Clinton Area Transit System
Basic 1

Julie Henry
Village of Perrinton
Basic 1

Lisa Hewitt
Gogebic County
Basic 3

Lisa Hicks-Clayton
City of Dearborn Heights
Basic 3

Alma Hinojosa
City of Garden City
Basic 1

Michelle Hoch
City of Grosse Pointe Farms
Basic 1

Ann Howard
City of Galesburg
Basic 2

Brandon Hudson
Village of Blissfield
Basic 2

Kathy Humphreys
St. Joseph County
Basic 2

"Understanding different staff types; we have a high flyer that we rely on too much. There is a lot to think about when it comes to our staff personalities and getting the best from them."
– 2022 Basic Attendee

Aha! Moments

Jane Hunt
City of Owosso
Basic 3

Amy Huntoon
City of Alma
Basic 3

Tracy Jackson
City of Marlette
Basic 1

Dana Jansen
City of Lapeer
Basic 1

Hana Jaquays
City of Walled Lake
Basic 1

Heather Jarvis
Cedar Creek Township
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Kaili Jin
Genesee County
Basic 1

Marcia King
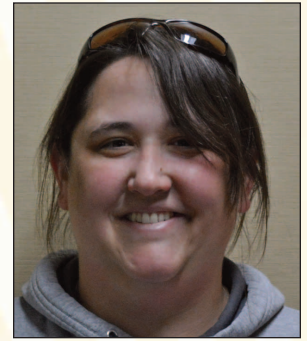Leoni Township
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City of Beaverton
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Betsy Koett
Oakfield Township
Basic 2

Linzy Kreiner
Jerome Township
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Jessica Kuch
Village of Webberville
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Lisa Lawrence
Fenton Charter Township
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Melina Leonard
Village of Lawton
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Christopher Lewis
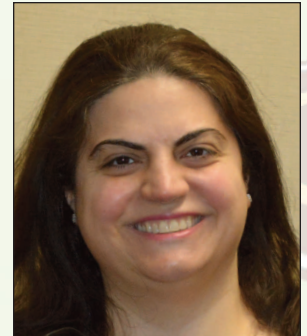Vevay Township
Basic 2

Sue Lowney
Dryden Township
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Stacie MacDonald
Northfield Township
Basic 1

Aimee MacEwen
City of Gibraltar
Basic 1

Peter MacGregor
Kent County
Basic 2

Rita Ray Malkoun
City of Utica
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Grace Martin
City of East Tawas
Basic 2

Eva McArdle
Baldwin Township
Basic 1

Barbara McCoy
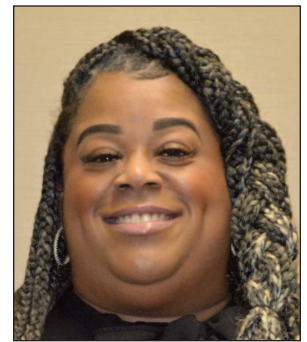City of Rockwood
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Emily Meinema
Texas Charter Township
Basic 1

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Kristy Miles
Dalton Township
Basic 2

Caroline Miller
Village of Romeo
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Jessica Miller
City of Lathrup Village
Basic 1

Marcy Moriwaki
City of Rochester
Basic 3

Deanne Muliett
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City of Marshall
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Kathleen Newbery
City of Lapeer
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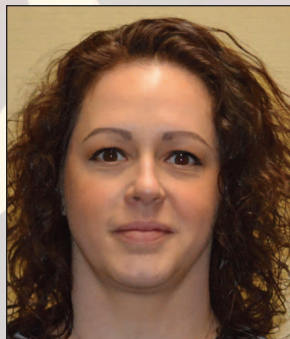Basic 3

Judy Nicholson
Cannon Township
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Jason O'Connell
Newaygo County
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Colon Township
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Tamera Palodichuk
City of Charlotte
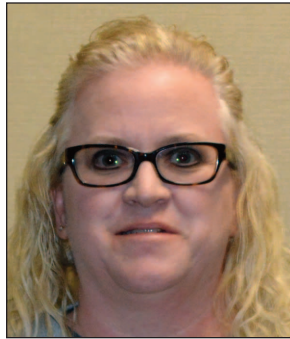Basic 1

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City of Howell
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City of Hudsonville
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Dorr Township
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Michele Perry
City of Caro
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Village of Vermontville
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City of Tecumseh
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Kristie Peterson
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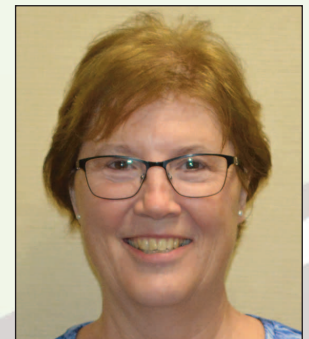
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Jenn Ryan
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John Scharf
Webster Township
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City of Munising
Basic 1

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City of Alpena
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Champagne Southworth
City of Standish
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David Spencer
Cannon Township
Basic 3

Vanessa Stojkovski
City of Royal Oak
Basic 1

Jennifer Stout
City of Corunna
Basic 2

Aha!
Moments

Jennifer Stuart
City of Walled Lake
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City of Hart
Basic 2

Lindsay Theile
Muskegon Charter Twp.
Basic 3

Darlene Thomas
Plainfield Charter Twp.
Basic 1

Valerie Thornburg
Kalkaska County
Basic 2

Sarah Thornton
Oceola Township
Basic 2

Melinda Tolan
City of Portland
Basic 3

Lawrence Tomenello
Charter Twp. of Harrison
Basic 3

Corey Trinklein
Birch Run Township
Basic 1

*Anthony Moggio, MMTA Education Chair and
Mike Pettigrew, MMTA Facilitator*

Angie Troyer
Charter Twp. of Harrison
Basic 3

Rich Tschirhart
City of Ferndale
Basic 3

Kim Urbanowski
Orion Township
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Joan van der Feyst
Port Huron Ch. Twp.
Basic 1

Renee VanNortwick
Village of Pentwater
Basic 1

Brenda Wargo
Grayling Charter Township
Basic 3

Colleen Wayland
SOCWA & SOCRRA
Basic 3

Melinda Weaver
Calhoun County
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Brian Wensauer
Calhoun County
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Tracy Wheeler-Clay
City of Harrison
Basic 3

Jennifer Whiting
City of Montrose
Basic 1

Iomar Whitt
Ann Arbor Charter Twp.
Basic 2

Carrie Wilcox
City of North Muskegon
Basic 3

Cheryl Witt
Raisin Charter Township
Basic 1

Dale Witt
Raisin Charter Township
Basic 1

Robert Wittenberg
Oakland County
Basic 3

Christopher Wright
City of Grand Rapids
Basic 1

Class of 2023

"I am doing better than I thought in knowing my job; I need to cut myself some slack."

"I have realized how certain passwords, even when longer, can still be easy to crack. I am now going to make a point to go through my passwords and change them and then use a password manager to keep track of them all."

"Positive Pay was the big Aha that my township needs to do."

"Ethics - if your gut says something, trust it."

"I have a new outlook on internal controls; ours need to be strengthened."

"I have a much better understanding of Headlee and the limits for townships and cities as well as special millages."

"It's good to know that you can't change a person, but you can tap into them in the way they will best serve your office."

"Inviting legislators to our 'monthly' meetings - such a good idea!"

"That you can use ARPA for payroll and then use the budgeted monies for other projects."

"Telling the story of the Treasurer's office is a terrific tool to provide your worth to the township/board and residents."

"I have developed an understanding of basis points...simple, but I hadn't had it clearly explained before."

"I want to provide the data in a pie chart on how the residents tax dollars are being allocated."

"A CIP is required and we don't have one."

Class of 2024

"Saying NO should not make you feel guilty."

"From a business perspective, I had a completely different idea of what was considered ethically right/wrong. I realized how unacceptable or unethical my way of thinking is for government. After the presentation, I'm rethinking many encounters, situations, and helpful favors that come up all the time."

"Anybody will steal, the biggest threat is internal."

"Having millages and the Headlee Amendment explained and how it affects millage renewals on the ballot."

"Realizing just how much I am responsible for."

"Creating a data table from BS&A to Excel."

"Everything is actually very helpful for me because I came here knowing nothing."

"The 5 types of people - realizing the strengths or weaknesses in each of these types and how to work with them. This is helpful in my professional and personal life."

"Communicating with your legislators - I had no idea they were even affiliated with local government. I truly thought they were in a world of their own and didn't have time for us. I realize now how important it is to create and maintain a connection with our legislators - if we want to better our local community, then we can turn to them for help.

"I liked the idea of using stream to create videos using screen sharing for procedures on how to process various things."

"People justify their wrong doings, and anyone is capable of being unethical."

"To be extra careful when using email. I didn't realize hackers can intercept emails as they did with Mike and his vendor. We need to be more aware and follow up with a phone call when account changes are requested."

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CLASS OF 2025

GOALS

OPPORTUNITY

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