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## Renovations to former police building nearly complete

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After months of work, Building Director Tim Wood says renovations to the space formerly occupied by the Shelby Township Police Department in the lower level of the municipal building are nearly complete.

"The police building project was a two-phase project," Wood said. "The first phase of course was to build what amounts to a 17,500-square-foot police building, which was finished last year. The second phase was to renovate the area that the police department used to occupy in the lower level of the township hall, and that project is coming to a close now."

According to Wood, the township's Finance Department will see expanded workspace by moving to a new space previously occupied by the Assessing Department, while the township's IT Department will move into the offices formerly used by the Finance Department.

"We've been working on it for some time



Shelby Township Building Director Tim Wood stands in the renovated exercise room located in the lower level of the township's municipal building. Additional renovations to the space, formerly occupied by the police department, are nearly complete.

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and we're pleased to say that we have begun to occupy that space," Wood said.

Along with new space for workers in the lower level, the renovations will also allow for increased storage space for the Clerk's Office.

"There is also a large meeting room that provides a secondary space for the township's Board of Trustees and other departments, a large training area and

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locker rooms, as well as additional storage space for the township," Wood said.

Supervisor Richard Stathakis praised Wood for his leadership on the project, noting that it is expected to come in under the projected \$4 million budget.

"Tim Wood has done extraordinary work with that building," he said. "What I mean by that is everything is under budget because of the work he and the entire Building Department have done. They've been undermanned for quite some time with limited resources, but they've made do with what they have, and coming in under budget for a stand-alone 17,500-square-foot building as well as an additional 17,000-square-foot space in the township hall has been an outstanding achievement."

Wood said his department was able to reduce costs by employing the township's resources in innovative ways and adjusting plans as conditions changed.

"Throughout the construction process we had a number of change orders, particularly in the renovation area where we encountered conditions that were not anticipated," he said. "But that's fairly typical in the construction process."

After dealing with a few last-minute issues, Wood said he hopes to have the renovated building completely occupied within the next few months.

"We're very pleased this project is coming to a close and that it remains under budget," he said.

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