

The 21st Century

The population had now reached almost 7,000, (6,962). The Township was again out growing its facilities. Fire Station Number 1 had served for over 50 years and the Township Office for 34. For several years, fire trucks had to be custom built to fit the small bays of the Fire Station. Police cars, when not in use, were left in the parking lot. Increased demand for Township services caused expansion of staff and use of the Township meeting room for office space. Township meetings were held at the school. Although the Township provided a full range of services, no additional millage had ever been assessed.

In 1997 the 5-Year Plan Committee was formed and recommended building a facility to house the Police and Fire Departments, the Township offices, a meeting room and the Napoleon Branch of the Jackson District Library. A proposal was made to borrow a principal amount of \$3,215,000 to include construction of the new facility, a new large water capacity tanker for the Fire Department and extension of Township water $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile to the new site, a parcel of land donated by Amoco. The plan was submitted to voters in November of 2000 and approved. The Napoleon Municipal Services Building was dedicated on December 16, 2001.