

NILES TWP.

Board buys new computer program

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NILES — The Niles Township Board has bought a computer program that is aimed at making work easier for the township's building department.

Building official Jeff Dunlap told the board Tuesday that the program will allow the department to do commercial building and plan reviews quickly instead of having to manually find all the relevant sections of the building code, as required. "It allows us to take a manual process and computerize it," he said.

The program, named Optasoft, is from a Louisiana-based developer and cost \$2,500, which includes a \$500 maintenance fee for the first year.

Among other things, the program will help staff analyze what if any information is missing from building plans and then list those deficiencies in correspondence on the township's letterhead.

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