

Oakland Township Sentinel

Monthly Report – December 1, 2018

Facts about Charter Township of Oakland (with a Few Opinions)

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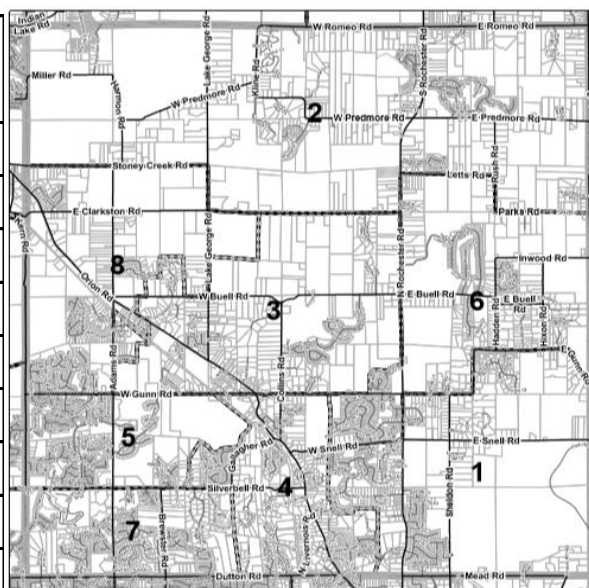
- **Kathy Thomas Appointed to ZB**

Election Results, Tuesday November 6

High Voter Turnout in Oakland Township – 72%

For example, by comparison, for the August 2016 Primary which elects our Oakland Township Board of Trustees we had only 28% turnout. The primary is the decisive election as the Republican slate of 7 candidates is always elected.

Precinct	Ballots Cast	Registered Voters	Voter Turnout
1	1,325	1,805	73.4%
2	1,408	2,010	70.1%
3	800	1,038	77.1%
4	1,113	1,501	74.2%
5	1,353	1,843	73.4%
6	1,426	2,031	70.2%
7	1,569	2,272	69.1%
8	1,070	1,453	73.6%
Total:	10,064	13,953	72.1%



Oakland Township Library Board

Marisa Kallie – 5587

Write in – 25

**Renewal of Land Preservation
Millage - Charter Township of
Oakland –Passes 68.5 /31.5**

Precinct	Yes	No	Total	%Yes
1	906	363	1269	71.4%
2	855	444	1299	65.8%
3	525	240	765	68.6%
4	756	301	1057	71.5%
5	943	336	1279	73.7%
6	935	420	1355	69.0%
7	927	555	1482	62.6%
8	674	335	1009	66.8%
Total:	6521	2994	9515	68.5%

**School Improvement Bond Proposition - Lake Orion Community
Schools – Passes**

Precinct	Yes	No	Total	% Yes
Orion Township, Precinct 9	746	380	1,126	66.3%
Orion Township, Precinct 15	642	346	988	65.0%
Orion Township, Precinct 10	695	442	1,137	61.1%
Orion Township, Precinct 14	551	361	912	60.4%
Orion Township, Precinct 7	704	467	1,171	60.1%
Orion Township, Precinct 5	887	597	1,484	59.8%
Orion Township, Precinct 13	726	504	1,230	59.0%
Orion Township, Precinct 6	763	543	1,306	58.4%
Orion Township, Precinct 8	696	497	1,193	58.3%
Oakland Township, Precinct 2	286	225	511	56.0%
Oxford Township, Precinct 6	106	87	193	54.9%
Orion Township, Precinct 12	682	566	1,248	54.6%
Independence Township, Precinct 1	384	322	706	54.4%
Orion Township, Precinct 1	696	592	1,288	54.0%
Oxford Township, Precinct 5	431	369	800	53.9%
Oakland Township, Precinct 8	310	285	595	52.1%
Oxford Township, Precinct 4	89	87	176	50.6%
Orion Township, Precinct 4	739	765	1,504	49.1%
Orion Township, Precinct 11	416	445	861	48.3%
Orion Township, Precinct 2	662	754	1,416	46.8%
Addison Township, Precinct 2	137	163	300	45.7%
Orion Township, Precinct 3	615	754	1,369	44.9%
Oxford Township, Precinct 3	172	231	403	42.7%
Auburn Hills, Precinct 4	2	4	6	33.3%
Total:	12,137	9,786	21,923	55.4%

Board of Trustees

The seven member Board of Trustees held these meetings in November:

- 11/5- Special Meeting – Closed Session – 3:02 – 4:30 PM. - To review written legal opinions regarding property purchase and labor negotiations; (Mangiapane absent)
- 11/5 – Special Meeting – Open Session – 4:30- 5:15 - PM Budget Quarterly Review (Mangiapane absent)
- 11/13 – Regularly scheduled open meeting – 7:00 –9:51 PM
- No meeting was scheduled for 11/27/18.
- The three Board Officers (Bailey, Reilly, Langlois) held Officer Office Hours from 3-5 each Monday in November (except 11/5) and entertained any questions or suggestions from the public

Board of Trustees township website page:

http://www.oaklandtownship.org/boards_and_commissions/board_of_trustees/index.php

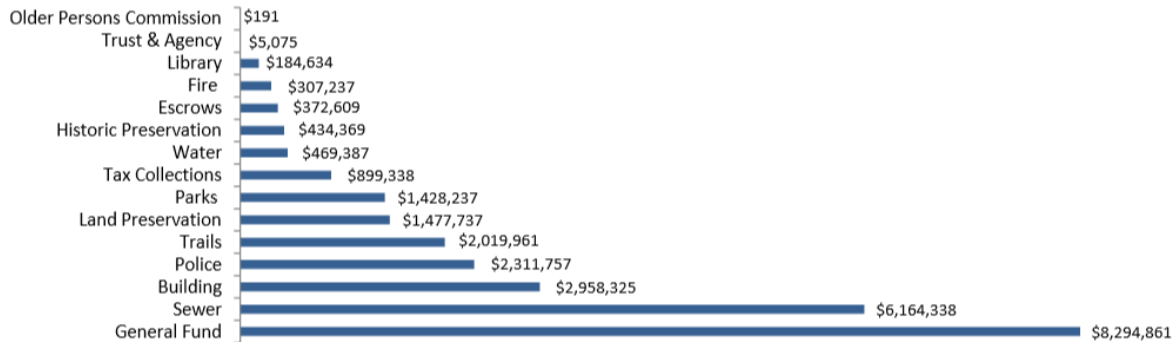
Board of Trustees Sentinel webpage:

<https://oaklandtownshipsentinel.com/reference-material-a-o/board-of-trustees/>

Budget / Expenses / Investments

Total \$27,328,054.88 Portfolio Investment Yield Improves to 1.90% for Quarter Ending 9/31/2018

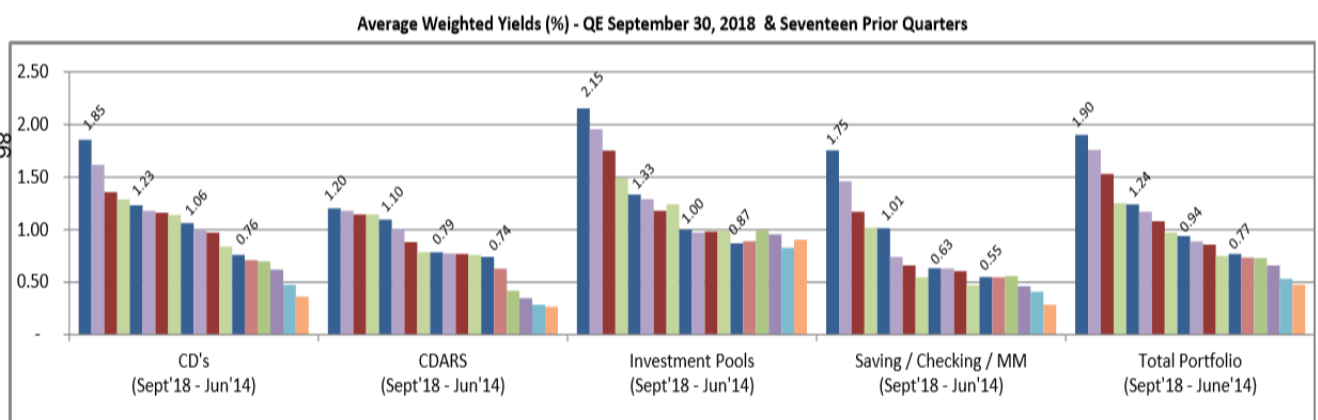
Oakland Township had fund balances totally \$27,328,054.88 at the end of the third quarter as follows:



Overall return from the total investment portfolio was 1.90%. That's about \$130,000 earned in three months. See the complete report prepared by Deputy Treasurer Walt Blessed in the Board packet pages 81-86 for the 11/13/18 Board Meeting at this link:

<https://www.ecode360.com/documents/OA3183/public/465375850.pdf>

These bar graphs below from the report shows the improvement in yield since 2014 for the four types of investment in the first four graphs and total portfolio on the far right bar graph. The most recent quarters in each of the five bar graphs are the bars on the left not the right.



Board of Trustees Held Quarterly (Six Months) Budget Review 11/5/2018
“Each Township Board Member is considered a trustee of township funds and individually responsible for the proper handling of these funds” (Authorities and Responsibilities of Michigan Township Officials, Boards and Commissions, Michigan Township Association, 2010, page 71)

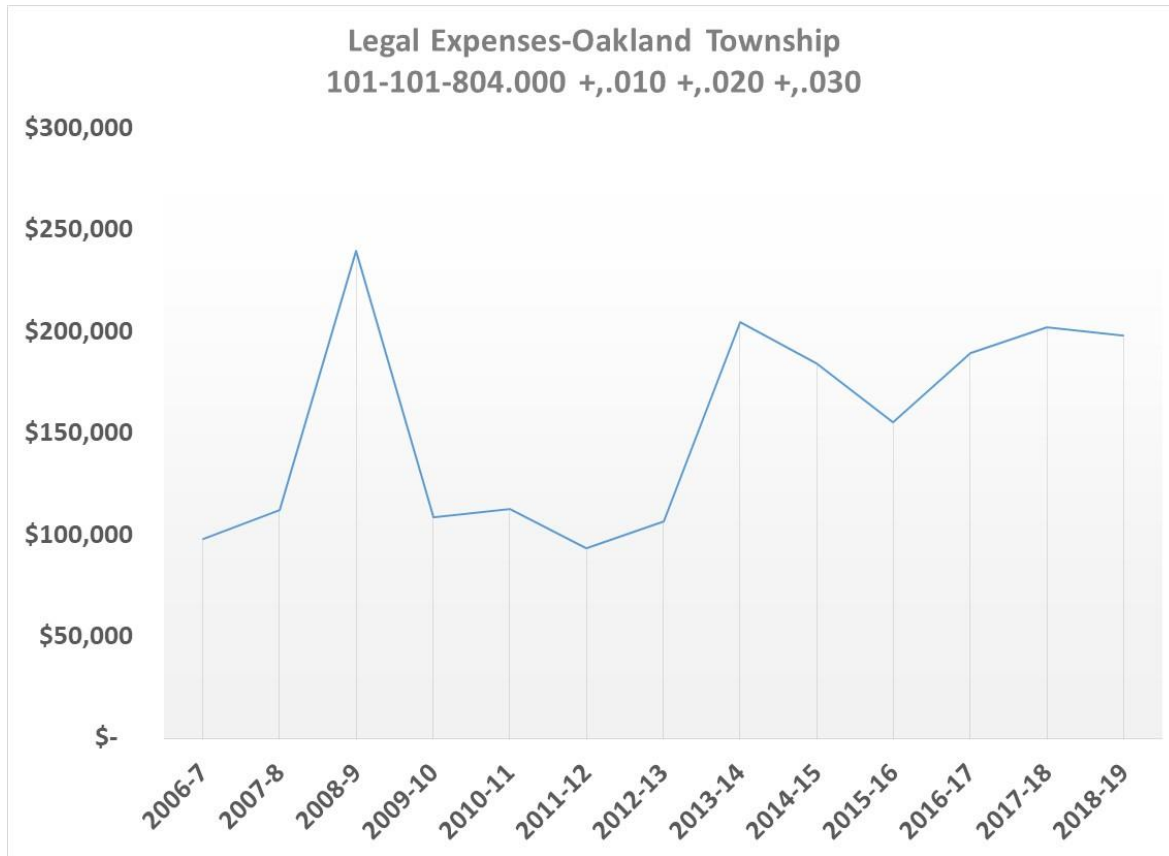
The Board held a second quarter budget review on 11/5/2018 for the Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

The complete very detailed financial report from Dale Stuart / Julie DeClerq can be seen on the Township website at this link:
<https://www.ecode360.com/documents/OA3183/public/463791202.pdf>. All the recommended motions on page 15 were made and approved. This moved \$46,100 from the General Fund to various other funds.

The Appropriations Act for 2018-2019 (budget plus rules for spending) can be seen on the Township website at this link:
<https://www.ecode360.com/documents/OA3183/public/431950208.pdf>

Annual Legal Fees Higher Since 2013

A resident asked me if I knew how to determine the total legal fees for the Blossom Ridge litigations. The answer is that one would have to FOIA all check stubs or invoices from our attorneys and find the details. Data available on the Township website was graphed below. This excludes Parks legal expenses.



The spike in 2008-09 fiscal year is likely from Harvest Corners litigation. The increase in 2013-14 fiscal corresponds to a change in legal firms and a large change-over in elected Board of Trustees membership. It is not possible to draw any conclusions from this data, beyond “expenses have risen”. A detailed study would require a FOIA of every legal fee check stub for details.

Budget Amendments made at 11/13/18 Board Meeting.

A few rather minor budget amendments were made. Details can be seen in the meeting packet on page 61. [Board Meeting Packet 11-13-18](#)

Snow Plowing Contract Renewed; 100 Tons Salt to be Stockpiled at Fire Station #2.

The Board extended the snowplowing contract for one additional year with Environment by Design and authorized purchase of 100 tons of salt at a cost of \$12,600 to be stored at Fire Station #2 for the 2018- 2019 winter. This large

purchase locked in the salt price for the season. Salt prices have been rising steeply lately. The Township uses about 150 tons each winter.

Building Department

Dave Thomas Joins Building Department.

Mr. Thomas has joined Oakland Township as a Building Department Clerk working part-time, 25 hours a week to handle the increased work load.

Clerk's Department

I had missed the fact that our elected Township Clerk, Karen Reilly, received CMMC (Certified Michigan Municipal Clerk) certification in early 2017.

The Association of Michigan Municipal Clerks who runs the certification program has this to say about CMMC certification on their website.

<https://www.michiganclerks.org/Home.aspx>

“The CMMC program provides expert education affording Clerks the opportunity to maintain relevance, increase efficiency, and effectively change with the needs of local municipalities and ever-changing legislation.....Through rigorous commitment, obtaining a CMMC demonstrates the civic importance and value of the Michigan Clerk’s profession and ultimately affords recognition that has been earned and deserved.”

Developments

Jensam LLC Looking for Potable Water Source for 156 Home Development at Clarkston & Lake George

According to federal court documents (dated 11/5/18) concerning the status of the voluntary negotiated settlement of Jensam's Lawsuit against Oakland Township *"the one remaining issue relates to whether a source to provide potable water....can be located...."* See the actual document here:

<https://oaklandtownshipsentinelcom.files.wordpress.com/2018/11/jensam-lawsuit-11-5-2018.pdf>

Jensam, LLC filed a complaint in Federal Court in March 2017 claiming many problems with the Township's rejection of their plans (ZBA-12/20/16) to develop their 4 parcels totaling 247 acres at the southwest corner of Clarkston and Lake George Roads, including violation of the U.S. Constitution. <https://oaklandtownshipsentinelcom.files.wordpress.com/2018/11/jensam-complaint.pdf>

Oakland Township denied the validity of Jensam's claims in court documents filed 4/14/2017. <https://oaklandtownshipsentinelcom.files.wordpress.com/2018/11/jensam-complaint-township-answer.pdf>

The Township also said the case should be thrown out for various reasons, including failure to go first to county court.

<https://oaklandtownshipsentinelcom.files.wordpress.com/2018/11/jensam-complaint-township-affirmative-defense.pdf>

The Board of Trustees decided to agree to try to settle by facilitated negotiations. This was a voluntary agreement, not a demand by the court. My understanding is that if an agreement cannot be reached, this would still go to trial on 3/11/19.

Finding a water source with sufficient volume and pressure for drinking and firefighting is no small matter, in my opinion.

Fire Department

Full-time 14-Year Veteran Firefighter/paramedic Lieutenant Dave Ludington Requests Reduction in Rank.

David Ludington



October 8, 2018

Mr. Paul Strelchuk, Fire Chief
Oakland Township Fire Department
4393 Collins Rd.
Oakland Township, MI 48306

RE: Reinstatement to former rank

Dear Paul:

Events of recent years have caused me to reassess my desire to be an officer with this department. When applying for the position I was asked why I wanted to be an officer, to which I replied "So that I can be a part of making this a better department." I no longer feel that Oakland Township's Board of Trustees or the administration share in this goal. Therefore I respectfully request that I be reinstated to my former rank of Firefighter/Paramedic with immediate effect. This is NOT a resignation of employment, but merely a request for reduction in rank.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Ludington", written over a horizontal line.

David Ludington

Insurance Services Offices, Inc. (ISO) Gives Fire Department / Oakland Township a 4/10 Split PPC™ Grade for Ability to Extinguish Fires

Oakland Township received a split Public Protection Classification (PPC™) Grade of 4/10. Low numbers on the 1-10 scale are good, high numbers are bad. The first number, 4 applies to homes within 5 road miles of an Oakland Township fire station. The 10, poorest possible rating, applies to the few homes more than 5 road miles from a fire station.

This ISO rates communities for “...*features related to reducing property losses from structural fires...*”, “...*Multiple alarms, simultaneous incidents and life safety are not considered in this evaluation.*” (Page 1 of 9/2018 report).

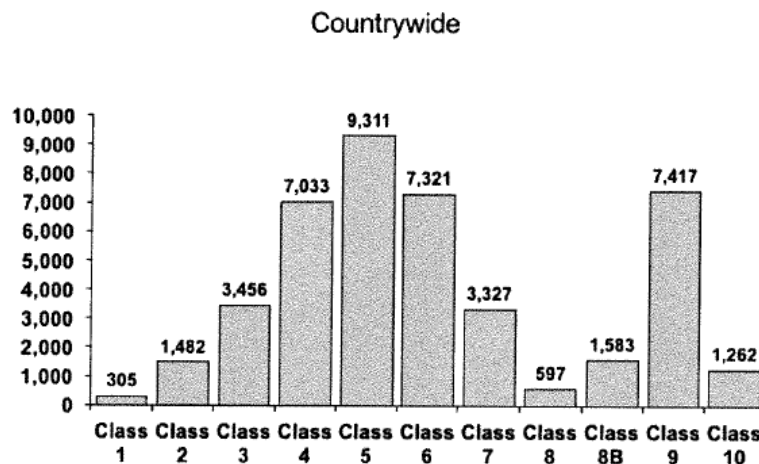
Do not confuse Insurance Services Offices, Inc. with International Standards Organization, also known as ISO, who supports ISO-9001 among other standards.

According to my internet research, some insurance companies use these ISO PPC grades in setting home fire insurance rates. Other companies use actual \$\$ loss data on each community or area to set fire insurance rates. It is likely your company will not reveal their “formula”. In some states, insurance regulations weigh in on how rates are to be calculated. I have not researched Michigan.

Excerpts from the report are below. The entire 25 page September 2018 report can be seen at this link: [PPC](#)

Distribution of PPC Grades

The 2017 published countrywide distribution of communities by the PPC grade is as follows:



ISO concluded its review of the fire suppression features being provided for Oakland TS. The resulting community classification is **Class 04/10**.

If the classification is a single class, the classification applies to properties with a Needed Fire Flow of 3,500 gpm or less in the community. If the classification is a split class (e.g., 6/XX):

- The first class (e.g., "6" in a 6/XX) applies to properties within 5 road miles of a recognized fire station and within 1,000 feet of a fire hydrant or alternate water supply.
- The second class (XX or XY) applies to properties beyond 1,000 feet of a fire hydrant but within 5 road miles of a recognized fire station.
- Alternative Water Supply: The first class (e.g., "6" in a 6/10) applies to properties within 5 road miles of a recognized fire station with no hydrant distance requirement.
- Class 10 applies to properties over 5 road miles of a recognized fire station.

Here is Oakland Township's detailed grading. We got 64.90 out of a possible 105.50 points.

FSRS Feature	Earned Credit	Credit Available
Emergency Communications		
414. Credit for Emergency Reporting	3.00	3
422. Credit for Telecommunicators	3.92	4
432. Credit for Dispatch Circuits	3.00	3
440. Credit for Emergency Communications	9.92	10
Fire Department		
513. Credit for Engine Companies	6.00	6
523. Credit for Reserve Pumpers	0.50	0.50
532. Credit for Pump Capacity	3.00	3
549. Credit for Ladder Service	0.88	4
553. Credit for Reserve Ladder and Service Trucks	0.00	0.50
561. Credit for Deployment Analysis	2.15	10
571. Credit for Company Personnel	8.39	15
581. Credit for Training	2.48	9
730. Credit for Operational Considerations	2.00	2
590. Credit for Fire Department	25.40	50
Water Supply		
616. Credit for Supply System	26.12	30
621. Credit for Hydrants	2.96	3
631. Credit for Inspection and Flow Testing	3.20	7
640. Credit for Water Supply	32.28	40
Divergence	-5.98	--
1050. Community Risk Reduction	3.28	5.50
Total Credit	64.90	105.50

PPC Grade

The PPC grade assigned to the community will depend on the community's score on a 100-point scale:

PPC	Points
1	90.00 or more
2	80.00 to 89.99
3	70.00 to 79.99
4	60.00 to 69.99
5	50.00 to 59.99
6	40.00 to 49.99
7	30.00 to 39.99
8	20.00 to 29.99
9	10.00 to 19.99
10	0.00 to 9.99

Chief Strelchuk's Monthly Review

There was no monthly review in November.

Historic District Commission

Summary of 11/14/2018 Meeting

What follows is my summary from listening to the 100 minute meeting video.

Approved modification (issued a certificate of appropriateness.) for modification to a historic district home to remove a second floor non-historic door and balcony and replace them with a window. The home is located at 1674 East Romeo Rd. and is owned by the Ferrara family.



Reviewed draft wording of Michigan Historical Commission markers for Paint Creek Mill, Hadden House and Methodist Church. The marker needs to summarize the lengthy history of the mill in a short space.

Discussed plans for a bicentennial remembrance of Oakland Township's first property purchase in section 33 in March 1819.

Reviewed their summary scores for 88 possible projects under consideration. This project list can be seen on pages 16-20 of the [HDC Meeting Packet 11-14-2018](#). See the color key to priorities on bottom of page 20 of this list.

Discussed Cranberry Lake Farm Historic District goals/priorities (page 21 of packet).

Discussed how to make Cranberry Lake Farm more well-known in the community while staying within budget. Extent of community knowledge could affect the

success of further millage renewal. HDC has a Facebook page and a large presence in quarterly township and parks bulletins.

Thanked Libby Dwyer and Addison Oaks Trail Riders for hitching post at Cranberry Lake Farm.



Hitching Posts at Cranberry Lake Farm Historic District

Reviewed and approved changes to the budget, including capital improvement plans, pages 30-32 in the [HDC Meeting Packet 11-14-2018](#).

Approved invoices totaling about \$1,100. Total remaining fund balance is approximately \$330,000

Reviewed details of cost of “Down on the Farm” to HDC of \$830.

Down on the Farm - October 6, 2018 - Actual Expenses	COST
Rochester Community School Enrichment Guide	\$215
Corn bread from Leonard's	\$50
Pumpkin Painting Supplies and Coloring Supplies	\$18
Pumpkins (200 purchased)	\$120
Delivery fee pumpkins	\$30
Musicians (Just Banjos, Harmonica)	\$200
Horses Farrier Demonstration	\$75
Operating supplies	\$74
Maintenance grounds for parking supplies	\$48
Hay, 10 bales at \$6/bale (reused)	\$0
Antique Tractor display	N/C
Plein Air Art Show	N/C
Cider and Donuts (donated)	N/C
Poultry birds, turkey, goats, rabbits	N/C
Horse Grooming Demonstration	N/C
Bee Program Information Table by Preston Zale	N/C
Quilting, Chair Caning, and Spinning demonstrations	N/C
Flumerfelt Flea Market	N/C
Piechniks' mums and fall Kale plants	N/C
Volunteer snacks and coffee (donated by Robert Matouka Farmer's Insurance)	N/C
Hay rides with tractor, trailer, and driver (Oakland County and Oakland TWP PRC)	N/C
Total:	\$830
Dinosaur Hill (staff, supplies, games, and displays)	\$350
Parks paid for Dinosaur Hill	(350)

Letters to the Editor

None this month.

Library Board

0.35 Mil Increase in Library Millage Suggested by Consultant

The current millage in Oakland Township is about 0.60.

At a September 5, 2018 joint meeting of Rochester Hills and Oakland Township Library Boards, Mr. John Chrastka, Executive Director of Every Library (EL) explained that EL provides this service (help on millage campaigns) on a pro bono basis and is supported by individuals and corporate sources.

Quote from the draft meeting minutes -

“He suggested that an increase in operating revenue of 0.35 mills over the next 10 years would enable the library to meet its needs as well as enhance current services.”

See complete draft minutes here:

<https://www.ecode360.com/documents/OA3183/public/456617921.pdf>

Marijuana

Will Be on December 11 Board Agenda

At the 11/13/18 Board of Trustee meeting, three residents expressed the opinion that we should not allow marijuana facilities in our community. Treasurer Langlois expressed support for this idea and said it would be consistent with Oakland Township’s decision to opt out of medical marijuana facilities. Trustee Mangiapane said it would be on the next Board agenda. Some information of the adverse effects on public safety and a proposed Board Resolution were distributed by Trustee Mangiapane before the meeting. These documents can be seen at this link. <https://oaklandtownshipsentinel.com/reference-material-a-o/marijuana/>

Millrace

Board Nixs Engineering Work, Asks Attorney to Research Township’s Legal Obligations to Millrace Neighborhood Residents

After Supervisor Bailey’s presentation of what Township engineering firm PEA proposes for restoring some water flow (10% of Paint Creek flow) to the millrace running by several residents’ homes and feeding Paint Creek Mill, the Board did not go along with \$27,000 additional engineering work proposed by Bailey.

Instead they informally (no motion was made or voted on) asked Attorney Dan Kelly to report to them on their legal obligations. Trustee Giannangeli commented that the Board may also have a moral obligation.

“Millrace Neighborhood” residents recently sent an email summarizing and reminding the Board of their safety/health concerns caused by cessation of water flow in the millrace. It can be seen here [Millrace Neighborhood Email 9-25-2018](#).

Residents who live along the millrace saw the Board inaction as an attempt to avoid responsibility and spoke of taking legal action. They emphasized that these problems have existed for 7-1/2 years, since removal of Paint Creek Dam by the 2011 Board of Trustees. Only one member of that Board, Mike Bailey (who voted against removal) has been on the Board for the duration of this problem.

Discussion with some trustees after the meeting and on later days leads me to believe they do not have a commonly agreed-to set of essential facts and/or interpretation of facts. There seems to be disagreement about:

- What MDEQ and MDNR have said in the past about their willingness to agree to a project that restores flow at 10%?
- Whether dredging the millrace will in fact restore 10% water flow or will the geometry / elevations / force of gravity prevent this?

Supervisor Mike Bailey in recent communications says the answers to these questions are very positive and are contained in the binder of information given to 2011 Board and notes of an MDEQ meeting on 2-16-16.

Mr. Bailey says, ***“The expectation was that 10% of the Paint Creek was going to diverted to the Mill Race via the 18” pipe. Without dredging the Mill Race, the 18” pipe was selected to divert 10% of the Paint Creek to the Mill Race 15% of the year (That is, only when the Paint Creek was at its highest elevation). However, by dredging the Mill Race, 10% flow in the Mill Race would occur throughout the year. This is why I feel confident the MDEQ should approve our application to dredge the Mill Race to obtain 10% Mill Race flow throughout the year. We are now only asking for what was approved by the MDEQ in 2011.”***

MDEQ Meeting Notes 2-26-2016 (Bailey, Stuart, ECT, MDEQ)

https://oaklandtownshipsentinelcom.files.wordpress.com/2018/11/2-29-16_mdeq-meeting-notes.pdf

The 94 minute discussion is video Chapter 10 of the 11/13/18 meeting.

Parks and Recreation

Editor's note: Parks and Recreation Commission still takes minutes in the "long form", summarizing comments made by all. As a result one can get a very good view of discussions and individual commissioner views (useful when voting) by reading the minutes in a few minutes versus watching, in this case 2-1/2 hours of meeting. Minutes are taken by contractor Ingrid Kliffel who did Board of Trustee minutes for years until they decided on a form that shows primarily motions and votes. I could not find time to attend or watch the video of 11/14/18 meeting so most of what I have here is cut and pasted from Ingrid Kliffel's excellent minutes.

Bear Creek Nature Park ([PARK INFO](#))

Bear Creek Nature Park: Safety Concern (Teen partying / drinking at pond)

From draft 11/14/18 PRC minutes.

"Commissioner Simon said he understands that the center pond at Bear Creek Nature Park is being used in the winter as a teen partying/drinking area. He was concerned about the possibility of a someone falling through the ice, and wondered if we should have any sort of safety equipment in the area in case this were to occur. The Commissioners noted that the pond is also used for ice skating. Chairman Choi said he would prefer to prevent people from using the pond and instead use the ice rink. Director Milos-Dale said this is difficult because people walk into the park from adjacent neighborhoods. Treasurer Blust said he has a life preserver on a rope at his pond. Director Milos-Dale will look into this."

PRC votes 4/2 Move Winter Carnival and Ice Skating Rink from Marshview to Bear Creek Park

(The following was copied from 11/14/18 draft minutes

“RELOCATION OF ICE SKATING RINK AND WINTER CARNIVAL FOR WINTER 2018-2019

Maintenance Foreman Caruso was present. He proposed that we move the ice rink from Marsh View Park to Bear Creek Nature Park. He explained that the surface of the basketball court at Marsh View Park is uneven, which makes it very challenging to create and maintain an ice rink. The more level surface at Bear Creek Nature Park would make it much quicker for the ice rink to freeze, and it would be easier for staff to maintain. Mr. Caruso referred to his memorandum of October 22nd, which describes other advantages to moving the ice rink to this flatter area.

Secretary Barkham asked if there will be an area for people to sit to put on their skates. Mr. Caruso responded that he can move picnic tables nearby.

Treasurer Blust asked if Mr. Caruso had considered moving the ice rink to Lost Lake Nature Park. Director Milos-Dale said this had been considered, but we barely have enough parking for sledding hill users as it is. Additionally, the schedules for each use would be different, and it would be hard to keep people out of areas that are closed.

The Commissioners discussed relocating Winter Carnival from Marsh View Park to Bear Creek Nature Park. Secretary Barkham observed that there is limited parking. Director Milos-Dale responded that cars could park at the Paint Creek Cider Mill and people could be shuttled to the park.

Commissioner Simon said we can try hosting the Winter Carnival at this park this year with the view that we can always return to Marsh View Park if it does not work out well.

Secretary Barkham stated that if we move the skating rink to Bear Creek Nature Park, then she feels that we should move Goodison Good Tyme to another park.

MOVED BY VAN AGEN, SECONDED BY SIMON, to relocate the ice rink and Winter Carnival to Bear Creek Nature Park for winter 2019.

AYES: Choi, VanAgen, Rooney, Simon NAYS: Blust, Barkham ABSENT: Bukowski MOTION CARRIED.”

Cam Mannino's latest post on Dr. Ben Vanderweide's Natural Areas Notebook.

This has Cam Mannino's beautiful photos as usual and also gives you a glimpse into Dr. Ben's work with volunteers to eliminate invasive species and return the park to its state when European settlers first came to Oakland Township.

<https://oaklandnaturalareas.com/2018/11/18/bear-creek-nature-park-autumn-couples-and-a-startling-and-absolutely-beautiful-restoration-begins/>

Also from 11/14/2018 PRC Minutes

"PUBLIC COMMENT

Cam Mannino: Natural Areas Stewardship at Bear Creek Nature Park

Resident Cam Mannino stated that she initially was not in favor of the forestry mowing that was to take place at the north end of Bear Creek Nature Park. However, she said she is both shocked and delighted by the results on the north side of the pond. She remarked that now one is able to see the roll of the land and enjoy vistas that had previously been obscured by the overgrowth. She thanked the PRC for doing this."

Construction Bids to be obtained for Trail Resurfacing.

At the 11/14/2018 Meeting the commissioners approved getting construction bids for plans for trail resurfacing and culverts to prevent wash-outs. Construction is planned for April 2019 completion. There is no detail in the meeting packet. Some detail is captured in discussion in the [PRC Draft Minutes 11-14-2018](#) on page 75.

AMENDMENT TO 2016 WOODY VEGETATION

MANAGEMENT CONTRACT (from draft minutes 11/14/18)

The Ruffed Grouse Society has been making excellent progress removing unwanted woody vegetation at Bear Creek Nature Park and at Charles Ilsley Park. The contractor has completed what they can for the dollar amount

allocated, but estimates that they will need an additional 16 hours of machine time to complete both parks. Natural Areas Stewardship Manager Dr. VanderWeide is recommending that the PRC approve increasing the current contract with the Ruffed Grouse Society by \$3,000 to complete the work without incurring the cost to mobilize to complete this work in the future.

Commissioner Simon recalled that resident Cam Manino had shared with the Commission earlier this evening how wonderful Bear Creek Nature Park is looking now that this work is being done.

The Commissioners discussed where the additional funding would come from in the budget. Director Milos-Dale said the Stewardship cost center offers a fair amount of flexibility. There are monies available in the “Stewardship Contractors” account. She noted that there are often items that are included in the budget that are not accomplished. She also stated that this account includes \$1,300 for an aerial deer survey, which she does not believe we will be doing this year. Treasurer Blust was concerned that we specify which work will not be done and then allocate those funds for the woody vegetation management work. Commissioner Rooney was inclined to follow Dr. VanderWeide’s recommendation to allocate these additional monies for the woody vegetation management work, but to allow Dr. VanderWeide to use his discretion as to which other stewardship projects will or will not be accomplished.

MOVED BY ROONEY, SECONDED BY SIMON, to increase the not-to-exceed amount in our current contract with the Ruffed Grouse Society by \$3,000 (from \$9,000 to \$12,000, “Amendment 4”), with the understanding that the additional money will come from the “Stewardship Contractors” account.

AYES: Choi, VanAgen, Rooney, Simon NAYS: Blust, Barkham ABSENT: Bukowski MOTION CARRIED.

Charles Isley Park ([PARK INFO](#))

AMENDMENT TO 2016 WOODY VEGETATION MANAGEMENT CONTRACT (from draft minutes 11/14/18)

The Ruffed Grouse Society has been making excellent progress removing unwanted woody vegetation at Bear Creek Nature Park and at Charles Ilsley Park.

(See Bear Creek Park above for details.)

Draper Twin Lake Park ([PARK INFO](#))

From PRC draft minutes for 11/14/18 meeting

Draper Twin Lake Park Amendment to Easement

“The Board of Trustees approved the easement, the documents were signed by all parties, and the easement has been recorded with the County.” (Mindy Milos-Dale)

Gallagher Creek Park ([PARK INFO](#))

From draft 11/14/18 PRC meeting minutes:

“Native Plant Order for 2019 Spring Planting

LJ Construction’s work at Gallagher Creek Park is done. However, our staff needs to install the native plantings in the spring. Natural Areas Stewardship Manager VanderWeide is proposing to use native plantings to cover approximately 9,000 square feet in the areas surrounding the playground and pavilion that visitors, specifically children and their parents, will see up close every time they visit the park.

Ms. Milos-Dale explained that the native plant nurseries are small, and we need to special order plants now so that the nursery can have the species and quantities that we need available when we need them in the spring.

MOVED BY SIMON, SECONDED BY ROONEY, to order native plants for the Gallagher Creek Park native landscaping project from Wildtype Native Plant Nursery for an amount not to exceed \$6,000, with the understanding that these funds are available in the 2019-2020 budget.

MOTION CARRIED.”

Land Preservation

See Bear Creek Park above.

Lost Lake Nature Park ([PARKINFO](#))

From PRC minutes 11/14/18

Recent Program: Great Pumpkin Bowl

Even though the weather was poor for the Great Pumpkin Bowl, held at Lost Lake Nature Park on October 12th, the event was well attended and participants had a good time. Chairman Choi commented on what a great job naturalist and caretaker Angela Fox did with this program.

Lighting at Lost Lake Nature Park Warming Shelter

Ms. Milos-Dale said the maintenance staff recently replaced and upgraded the lighting in the warming shelter. They installed flush mount LED lighting, which provides better light and is more efficient. They also replaced the floodlight on the outside of the building with an LED light.

Marshview Park ([PARK INFO](#))

Winter Carnival to be moved to Bear Creek Park this year. See Bear Creek Park above for details.

Paint Creek Trail (our linear park)

From PRC draft meeting minutes for 11/14/2018

REPLACEMENT OF PAINT CREEK TRAIL BRIDGE 33.7

“Director Milos-Dale stated that this project is on schedule to go out for bids at the end of this month. She will keep the Commissioners updated on the status of the grant application, but said she does not expect a final decision until the spring. Commissioner Blust questioned how we can move forward with the bid process if we do not know about funding. Ms. Milos Dale acknowledged this, and said we may need to revisit the budget in January.”

Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park ([PARK INFO](#))

From PRC draft minutes 11/14/18

Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park Expansion

“We continue to make progress with the property owner and their consultants on the wetland banking agreement and conservation easement. Director Milos-Dale said she hopes to bring final drafts of both of these documents to the Board of Trustees for review at their December 11th meeting.

Additionally, she stated that she recently spoke with the Chief of Planning for the Huron Clinton Metropark Authority about the potential trail connection between our new property and Stony Creek Metropark. It appears that the timing of planning for their new trails and ours will coincide nicely.”

Watershed Ridge Park ([PARK INFO](#))

Bonds Almost Paid Off!

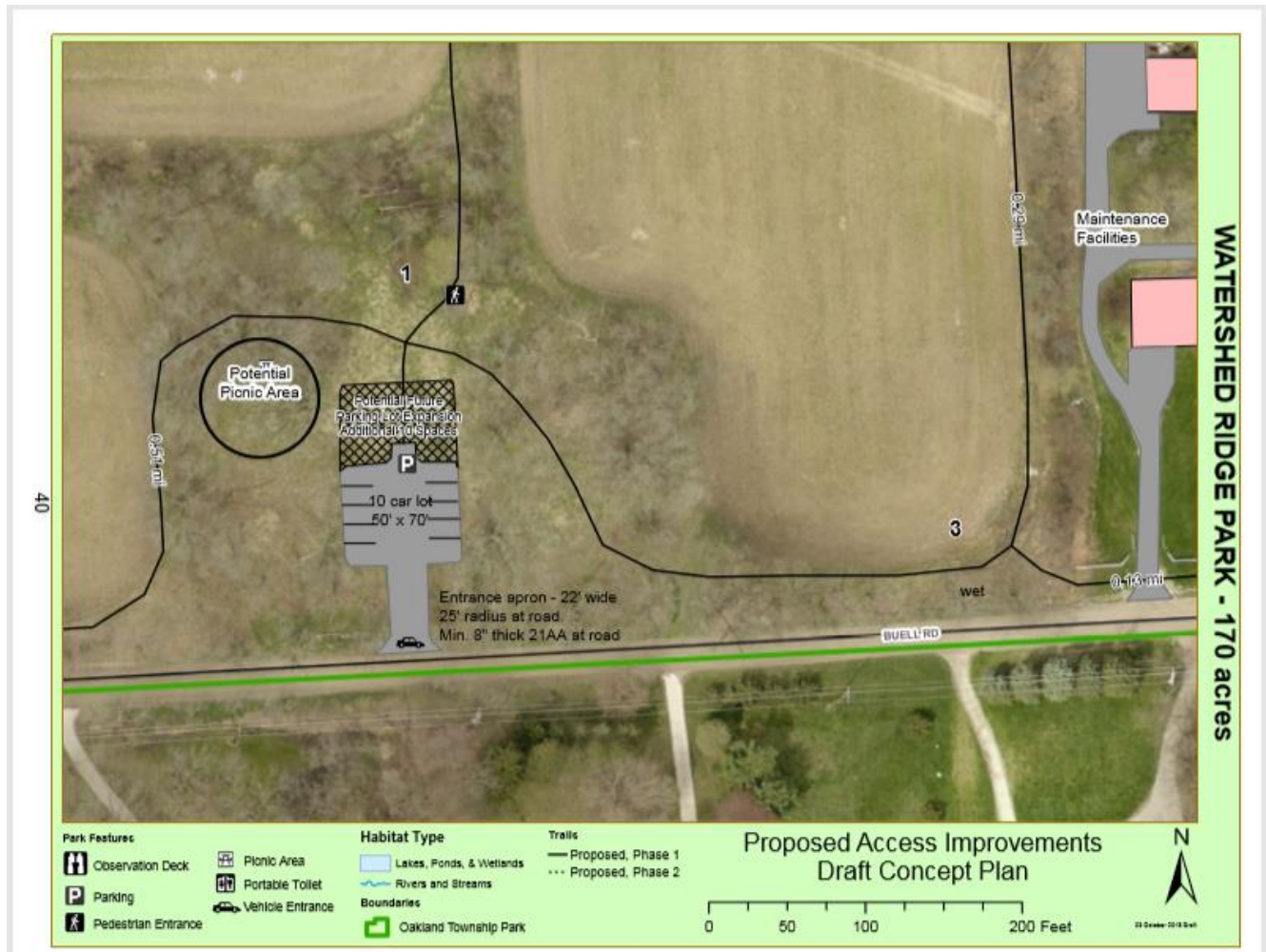
11/14/18 PRC meeting – *“Treasurer Blust noted that we are in our last year of paying for the purchase of Watershed Ridge Park.”*

Phase I Trail Layout Approved at 11/14/2018 PRC Meeting

“MOVED BY BARKHAM, SECONDED BY SIMON, to approve the Phase I trail layout, entry drive, parking lot/picnic area and maintenance barn locations.

MOTION CARRIED.”





Parks and Recreation Background info

- See the current (Fall 2018) newsletter for recreational activities you and/or kids can sign up for
http://www.oaklandtownship.org/boards_and_commissions/parks_and_recreation/docs/Oakland%20Township%20Parks%20and%20Recreation%202018%20Fall%20Newsletter.pdf
- See the Master Plans for details of purposes of each park and long term views of use and facilities. (These open slowly!)

- Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan February 2010.
- <https://www.ecode360.com/documents/OA3183/public/213956369.pdf>
- Parks and Recreation Land Preservation Master Plan 2015-2019
- <https://www.ecode360.com/documents/OA3183/public/344892757.pdf>

Pit Bull Dangers

Michigan House Bill 741, if Passed, Will Prevent Oakland Township from Using Breed Specific Legislation (BSL) to Bann Pit Bulls. How to Express Your Opinion to Legislators?

<  Protect Children From Pit Bulls And Other Dangerous Dogs

Thursday at 6:39 PM - ⚙

Romaine Lettuce killed 4 people. CDC issued warning, product removed for the protection of the public.

Pit Bulls have killed 27 people so far this year CDC turns a blind eye and the killings continue at a rate of one every 12 days just in the U.S.



BSL SAVES LIVES



No one will be negatively affected by a BSL for pit bull type dogs except dog fighters; breeders; people profiting from their exploitation; and irresponsible owners who don't care enough about public safety to follow reasonable rules established by BSL.

 **NationalPitBullVictimAwareness.org**  

Pit bulls were bred to kill. They were never meant to be household pets.

This email from local resident Ann Marie Rogers gives details:

<https://oaklandtownshipsentinel.com/files.wordpress.com/2018/11/email-from-ann-marie-rogers.pdf>

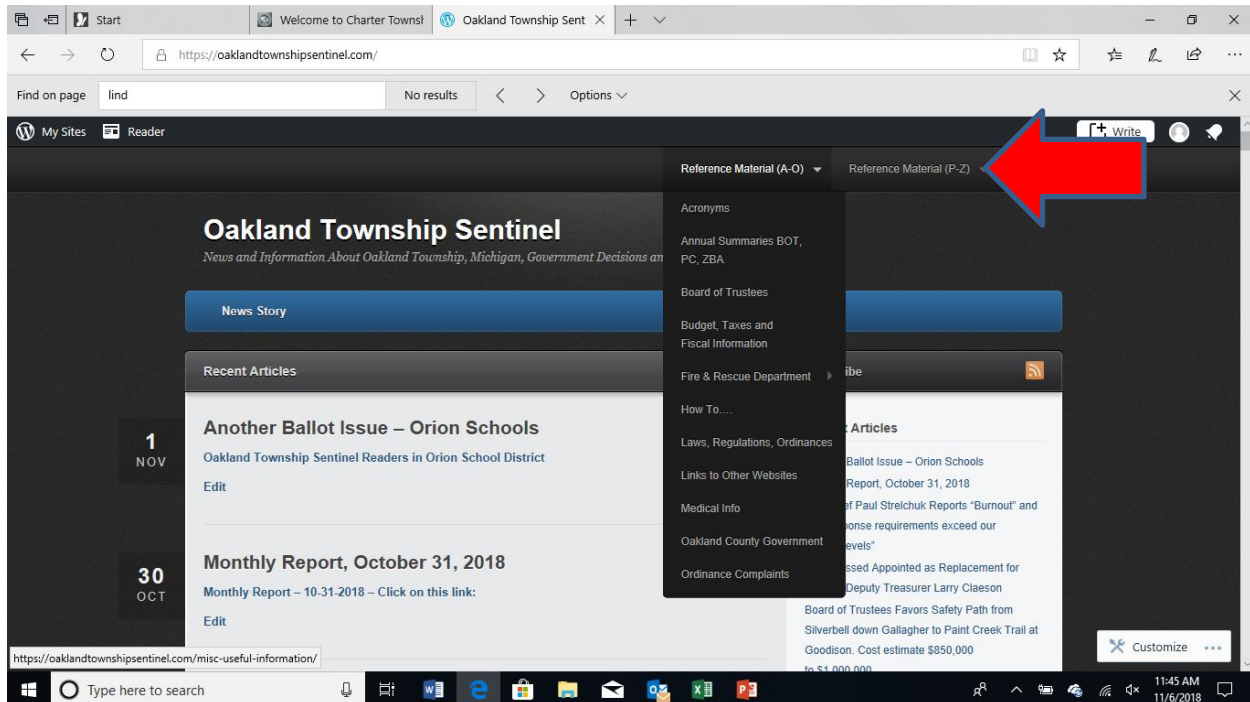
Planning Commission

The regular meeting scheduled for the first Tuesday 11/6/2018, 7 PM was cancelled.

Reference Material on Sentinel Website

New additions this month

Often in researching a story we come across background information of general usefulness. We add this to our on-line Reference Material. See the top of our website for two drop down menus (A to O and P to Z) to find this material.



New additions have been made this month:

- Acronyms
- Budget, Taxes and Fiscal Information
- Millrace
- Schools
- Safety Paths and Trails Committee
- Water – Drinking
- Water – Storm Drains
- Water – Wastewater – Sewers

Safety Paths and Trails Committee (SPTC)

Excerpts from 11/7/18 Meeting Draft Minutes

Projects in Progress:

Gallagher Creek Park Path – Dwyer reported the project is near completion. The only items remaining are removing the silk screen and a final clean up of the area.

Adams Road Boardwalk – Dwyer reported the planking on the boardwalk is all laid, the final step is to power wash and stain the boards which she anticipates will occur in the spring of 2019. She also stated the approaches of the boardwalk will be addressed when the concrete for the Adams Road/Silverbell Road intersection is underway.

Adams/Silverbell Path & Intersection Improvements – Dwyer reported completion of this project will occur in 2019. She said the Road Commission of Oakland County has not made a decision on the type of intersection signalization that they will require. Dwyer suggested having PEA give an update on the project during the next meeting.

Silverbell/Gallagher/PCT Path: Next Steps

This agenda item was covered during the closed session portion of the meeting.

Future Agenda Items

Dwyer stated the need to delegate an administrative officer for the SPTC. She asked the committee to think about what their needs would be from this person and report back with their findings at the next scheduled meeting.

Path Maintenance Status Report

Dwyer reported the phragmites control around the boardwalk could not be scheduled for this year, she will ensure the treatment is scheduled for next year. She would like to set up a maintenance schedule for SPTC trails with HiHill, Parks and Recreation currently uses this company with no complaints.

SPTC Township website page:

http://www.oaklandtownship.org/township_departments/safety_paths_and_trails.php

Schools

Lake Orion Community School Board Rejects Oakland Township \$7136 Contribution Toward Two Sheriff's Department School Liaison Officers.

At the Oakland Township Board of Trustees budget review meeting on 11/5 it was revealed that Lake Orion Community Schools / Orion Township rejected a \$7136.56 annual contribution from Oakland Township towards funding the existing School Liaison Officer serving the Lake Orion High School (Deputy Lopez) and a proposed additional officer to serve the three middle schools (Oakview, Scripps and Waldon). See the rejection letter here: [LOCS Funding Rejection Letter](#).

A memorandum in the Oakland Township 6/26/18 Board meeting packet, pages 198-199 shows how this proposed contribution was calculated using a cost sharing model based on student population. Of the 4085 students in Lake Orion High School and 3 middle schools, 155 or 3.8% are residents of Oakland Township. This is essentially the same as the cost sharing model (see below in Rochester School section.) that is used for Rochester Community Schools where Oakland Township, Rochester, Rochester Hills and even some Orion Township students all attend.

Lake Orion Community Schools and Orion Township proposed that Oakland Township instead pay 1/3 of the cost of the added middle school officer or about \$37,000 annually.

Officials from both Orion Township and Oakland Township have taken offense at the words and / or actions of the other group. We have reviewed the public record on this matter (agendas, minutes, emails and other documents via FOIA, etc.) and arranged them in time sequence in this 56 page document. <https://oaklandtownshipsentinelcom.files.wordpress.com/2018/11/locs-middle-school-liasion-officer1.pdf> We intend to summarize this and include some editorial comments next month in hopes of easing this tension.

For Rochester Community Schools (RCS) Oakland Township pays \$104,178 of \$608,260 for five Police School Liaison Officers and Equipment

There are 20 schools in this school system. The cost of these five liaison officers is split based on the number of students from each of the three communities in the school district. Oakland Township pays ~~24.4%~~ 18.3% **(24.4% x75%, of the non-overtime expenses of \$568,260. There was \$40,000 of overtime billed separately that I did not investigate. Corrected 12/9/2018**



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**POLICE SCHOOL LIAISON PROGRAM
 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR
 INVOICE**

Mr. Bryan Barnett, Mayor
 City of Rochester Hills

Mr. Blaine Wing, City Manager
 City of Rochester

Mike Bailey, Supervisor
 Oakland Township

Robert Shaner, Superintendent
 Rochester Community Schools

Cost for the 2018-2019 School Year

2018 per officer costs with vehicle (September through December 2018)
 2 RCPD Officers @ Deputy II rate x 4 months \$ 88,528
 3 OCSD Deputies @ Deputy II rate x 4 months \$ 132,792
\$ 221,320

2019 per officer costs with vehicle (January through June 2019)
 2 RCPD Officers @ Deputy II rate x 6 months \$ 136,776
 3 OCSD Deputies @ Deputy II rate x 6 months \$ 205,164
\$ 341,940

563,260

Per Agreement

Rochester Community Schools to pay 25.0% \$ 142,065
 (Overtime Costs \$40,000.00 billed separately) **\$ 40,000**
\$ 182,065

Balance of dollars apportioned per agreement:

City of Rochester Hills (\$426,195 x 66.3%) \$ 282,713
 Oakland Township (\$426,195 x 24.4%) \$ 104,178
 City of Rochester (\$426,195 x 9.2%) \$ 39,304
Total \$ 426,195

Grand Total \$ 608,260

2018-2019 Police School Liaison Program Invoice

While the 9/2010 [agreement](#) between these communities and the school district states that there will be an annual report (section 6e), Oakland Township tells us they have no such document. (See FOIA #1899 response below.) We plan to further research the goals, objectives and accomplishments of this program that is

presented as an educational and crime prevention program in the agreement at the above link.

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November 28, 2018

Mr. Robert Yager
Oakland Township Sentinel
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Rochester, MI 48306

Re: Documents Requested in Your Recent FOIA Request #1899 Do Not Exist

Dear Mr. Yager,

Recently, on the 21th day of November, 2018 you submitted a FOIA request for the following public record(s):

Copy of most recent annual report specified in section 6e of "Amended Agreement Police-School Liaison Officer" (see FOIA 1891 for copy).

As the FOIA Coordinator for the Township of Oakland, I have searched for the records and determined no such document exists.

Zoning Board of Appeals

Kathy Thomas Appointed to ZBA

Kathy Thomas was appointed to ZBA for term ending September 2019 to replace Mr. Schulze who resigned before the end of his term. Mrs. Thomas was a Township Trustee 2007-2012 and member of Paint Creek Trailways Commission 2008-2012.

The only other person who sought appointment to ZBA was Andy Zale. Mr. Zale was elected Parks and Recreation Commissioner 2013-2016. He was chairman of this body 2014-2016. He ran for Township Supervisor in the 2016 Republican primary election. He now also serves on Safety Path and Trails Committee and Paint Creek Trailways Commission as well as being Secretary of Six Rivers Land Conservancy.

Community Calendar of Events

December 2018 / January 2019

Monday December 3, 2018, Board of Trustees Officer Office Hours. 3-5 PM, Township Board Room. Meet with Supervisor Mike Bailey, Clerk Karen Reilly and Treasurer Jeanne Langlois to ask any questions or present any suggestions. Recognize that in some cases you may be asking them for an answer that can only be provided by a Board Decision. So the correct ask from you may be for them to put your question on a future Board Agenda. Not televised or recorded.

Wednesday December 5, 2018, Safety Paths and Trails Committee, 6 PM, Township Hall Board Room

Wednesday December 5, 2018, Oakland Township Historical Society, 7 PM, Paint Creek United Methodist Church, 4420 Collins Rd. See [Details](#) at this link.

Monday December 10, Board of Trustees Officer Office Hours. 3-5 PM, Township Board Room. Meet with Supervisor Mike Bailey, Clerk Karen Reilly, and Treasurer Jeanne Langlois to ask any questions or present any suggestions. Recognize that in some cases you may asking them for an answer that can only be provided by a Board Decision. So the correct ask from you may be for them to put your question on a future Board Agenda. Not televised or recorded.

Tuesday, December 11, 2018, Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, 7 PM, Township Hall Board Room. Last Board meeting of 2018.

Wednesday, December 12, 2018, Parks and Recreation Regular Meeting, 7 PM, Township Hall Board Room

Monday December 17, Board of Trustees Officer Office Hours. 3-5 PM, Township Hall Board Room.

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Tuesday December 18, 2018, Zoning Board of Appeals Regular Meeting, 7 PM, Township Board Room

Wednesday December 19, 2018, Historic District Commission, 7 PM, Township Board Room

Wednesday, January 2, 2019, 6 PM - Safety Paths and Trails Committee, Township Board Room

Monday January 7, 2019, 3-5 PM, Board of Trustees Officer Office Hours., Township Hall Board Room. Meet with Supervisor Mike Bailey, Clerk Karen Reilly and Treasurer Jeanne Langlois to ask any questions or present any suggestions. Recognize that in some cases you may asking them for an answer that can only be provided by a Board Decision. So the correct ask from you may be for them to put your question on an upcoming Board Agenda. Not televised or recorded.

Tuesday January 8, 2019, 7 PM, Board of Trustees Regular Meeting. Opportunity is given to the public to comment (3 minute limit) on all agenda items during their discussion, after a motion is made. In addition residents are allowed a 3 minutes comment during Public Comment at the beginning of the meeting and another 3 minutes at the end on non-agenda topics. With 5 agenda items an individual resident could comment for a total of 30 minutes on various subjects.

Wednesday, January 9, 2019, 7 PM, Parks and Recreation Regular Monthly Meeting at Township Board Room. Same public comment rules as for Board of Trustee meetings.

Monday January 14, 2019, 3-5 PM, Board of Trustees Officer Office Hours., Township Hall Board Room. Meet with Supervisor Mike Bailey, Clerk Karen Reilly and Treasurer Jeanne Langlois to ask any questions or present any suggestions. Recognize that in some cases you may asking them for an answer that can only be provided by a Board Decision. So the correct ask

from you may be for them to put your question on an upcoming Board Agenda. Not televised or recorded.

Tuesday January 15, 2019, 7 PM, Zoning Board of Appeals. Township Board Room. This body hears appeals for requests for variances from the zoning ordinance and requests for interpretation of the zoning ordinance. Some appeals are small like asking to put a deck closer to a property line than allowed. Some are large such as a requesting a higher density for an entire development. ZBA decisions are final for Oakland Township and can only be appealed in court.

Wednesday, January 16, 7 PM, Historic District Commission. Township Board Room. Oversees all Historic Districts including Cranberry Lake Farm.

Thursday, January 17, Library Board, 7 PM, Township Hall.

Tuesday January 22, 2019, 7 PM, Board of Trustees Regular Meeting. Opportunity is given to the public to comment (3 minute limit) on all agenda items during their discussion, after a motion is made. In addition residents are allowed a 3 minutes comment during Public Comment at the beginning of the meeting and another 3 minutes at the end on non-agenda topics. With 5 agenda items an individual resident could comment for a total of 30 minutes on various subjects.

Monday January 28, 2019, 3-5 PM, Board of Trustees Officer Office Hours., Township Hall Board Room. Meet with Supervisor Mike Bailey, Clerk Karen Reilly and Treasurer Jeanne Langlois to ask any questions or present any suggestions. Recognize that in some cases you may asking them for an answer that can only be provided by a Board Decision. So the correct ask from you may be for them to put your question on an upcoming Board Agenda. Not televised or recorded.