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Information about the Charter Township of Oakland, Michigan

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Board of Trustees

****Correction****

Voting to Remove Agenda Item was <u>not</u> a Violation of Board By-Laws

Last month I incorrectly said that deleting the Ferriolo / Buxar agenda item #2 from the Board agenda on 2/26/19 was a violation of Board by-laws. I should have gotten an official legal opinion (expensive!) before making that statement. I mislead myself by misinterpreting the power granted in state law. It was pointed out to me that while 2 Trustees can even go so far as to call a special meeting (see below) and compel attendance of the whole board, there is nothing that says the majority has to discuss an item and could in fact just move to delete part or all of the agenda or even to immediately adjourn in such a situation, as long as they are orderly.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP ACT (EXCERPT) Act 359 of 1947

42.7 Township board; meetings; conducting business at public meeting; notice of meeting; transacting business at special meeting; quorum; adjournment; rules and order of business; journal; voting; availability of certain writings to public; attendance and conduct at meetings; misconduct in office; sergeant-at-arms.

Sec. 7.

(8) The township board, by vote of not less than 2 members, may compel the attendance of board members and other officers of the township at a regular or special meeting and enforce orderly conduct in the meeting. A member of the board or any other officer of the township who refuses to attend a meeting or conduct himself or herself in an orderly manner is guilty of misconduct in office. The township marshal shall serve as the sergeant-at-arms of the township board in the enforcement of this section.

Here is a link to the Board of Trustees page on the Township website - http://www.oaklandtownship.org/boards_and_commissions/board_of_trustees/index.php

Editor's note: The Board of Trustees activities are funded from the General Fund (101). The total 2017-18 expenses were \$308,156. The big ticket items were \$189,412 for legal fees, \$38,000 in per diem fees for 4 trustees, and \$15,173 for the annual financial audit.

Budget/Revenue & Expenses

The 2019-20 (April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020) budget was approved March 26, 2019 by our Board of Trustees.

A copy with detail can be seen in the Board packet starting on page 108 at this link:

https://www.ecode360.com/documents/OA3183/public/483276446.pdf

This also shows projected budgets for the next three years.

Note that any year-end fund balance must last at least 8 months and preferably 12 months until more taxes are collected

Building Department

This mission statement from the Building Department webpage at this link: <a href="http://www.oaklandtownship.org/township_departments/building_department/building_de

"The mission of the Building Department is to protect the lives and safety of the residents of Oakland Township, preserve the Township's quality of life, and contribute to the Township's economic development. To this end, the Building

Department will strive for excellence in educating its employees to provide quality inspections and customer service."

Editor's note: The Building Department is totally funded by inspection fees and other user fees. No taxes are used to fund it. I even pays its fair share for the space it occupies in Township Hall.

Clerk's Department

From the township website

http://www.oaklandtownship.org/township_departments/clerks_department/index.php

comes this list of missions for the Clerk's Department

"The responsibilities of the clerk's department include the following:

- Administration of all governmental accounting
- Accounts payable
- Employee payroll and benefits
- Writing and reviewing township board minutes
- Serving as a custodian of all papers, documents, and records pertaining to the township
- Administering all oaths of office required by law
- Solicitor licensing
- Conducting federal, state and local elections and maintaining voter registration records
- Handling mail and postage for township offices"

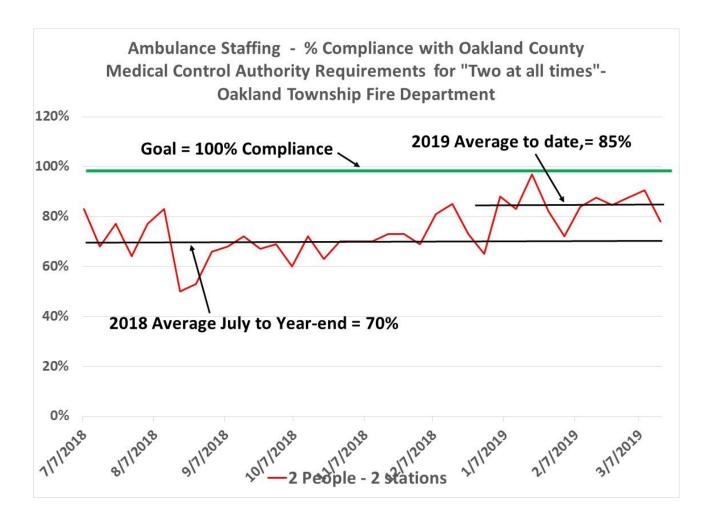
The Clerk's Department (Funds 215 and 262) spent \$198,418 in 2017-18, \$168,991 was for personnel pay and benefits, including elected Clerk, Karen Reilly's annual salary of \$8,988

Developments

Nothing new on Jensam on Clarkston Road. There was a meeting with judge on 3/28 to review status of mediation – no word on that yet.

Fire Department Ambulance Staffing Issue

2019 to-date Data Shows Improved Average Compliance of 85% with Oakland County Medical Control Authority Ambulance Staffing Requirements, up from 70% in Last half of 2019



Oakland Township Fire Department received this letter of non-compliance on March 1, 2018



1200 N. Telegraph Road. Bldg. 36E, Pontiac, Michigan 48341 Telephone: 248 975-9704 Fax: 248 975-9723 Website: www.ocmca.org

March 1, 2018

Paul Streichuk Fire Chief Oakland Township Fire Department 4393 Collins Road Rochester, MI 48306

Re: Advanced Life Support Unit Staffing

Dear Chief Strelchuk,

It has been brought to the OCMCA's attention that there are compliance issues related to Oakland Township Fire Department's (OTFD) staffing model for ALS transport vehicles. The PSRO committee reviewed this issue at its March meeting.

The PSRO Committee has determined that the OTFD must present a plan that outlines how protocol compliance will be achieved. Specifically, how OTFD plans to ensure that a minimum of one paramedic and one EMT are staffing each licensed transporting ALS unit at all times, per OCMCA Protocol 6-1, Agency and EMS Personnel Criteria for Participation. Please include a timeline in your plan. Your response is due by March 23, 2018. Please submit your plan to: qi@ocmca.org

Thank you for your cooperation. Please feel free to contact the OCMCA with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Tressa Gardner

Tressa Gardner, D.O.
PSRO Chair
Oakland County Medical Control Authority

Here is the section of OCMCA Protocol 6-1 that OTFD needed to comply with. At the time OTFD sent one ambulance with one paramedic to the scene from each of our two stations.

ALS Agencies Only

- 1. Provide a minimum of one paramedic and one EMT staffing an ALS unit at all times.
- Personnel shall be trained and licensed in accordance with appropriate statutes, rules, and criteria and maintain current ACLS, with recommendations to include a nationally recognized pediatric program.
- Contract for staffing services shall only be rendered with OCMCA approved Life Support Agencies.

Since then Protocol 6.1 was renumbered 8.1 and revised on 12/1/2018. The section above now reads as follows:

ALS Agencies Only

LICENSED NON-TRANSPORTING ALS UNITS

- Provide a minimum of one paramedic staffing each licensed Non-Transporting ALS unit at all times.
- Contract for staffing services shall only be rendered with OCMCA approved Life Support Agencies.

LICENSED TRANSPORTING ALS UNITS

- Provide a minimum of one paramedic and one EMT staffing each licensed Transporting ALS unit at all times.
- Contract for staffing services shall only be rendered with OCMCA approved Life Support Agencies.

In a Board approved motion below, on 3/13/18, OTFD was authorized to use any of these options:

- Schedule Paid-on-call employees
- Hire part-time employees
- Hire a contract ambulance service

From Board of Trustees Minutes 3-13-2018:

"9. Oakland County Medical Control Authority (OCMCA) Compliance Discussion

MOTION by Buxar, supported by Ferriolo, to direct that the additional \$200,000.00 allocated to the Fire Fund for the 2018 -2019 draft budget be used for the purpose of funding appropriately licensed (paid on call and/or hiring part-time) emergency response personnel in an amount sufficient to maintain the Township's Advanced Life Support certification through the Oakland County Medical Control Authority.

I further direct the Fire Chief to, as soon as practical, schedule all personnel in an amount sufficient to provide a staffing level of 2 on-duty personnel at all times at each Oakland Township fire station. This process is to be complete within the next 6 weeks. I further move to direct the Township Manager and Fire Chief to negotiate an acceptable contract, if necessary, with Star Ambulance or another qualified emergency ALS provider so as to assist the Fire Chief in maintaining ALS transport service for all township residents and scheduling flexibility; adhering to all requirements, protocols and compliance of the Oakland County Medical Control Authority and the State of Michigan. I further move to authorize the Fire Chief with the assistance of the Township Attorney to present a plan to the Oakland County Medical Control Authority reflecting the Township's allocation of resources and direction to maintain the Township's Advanced Life Support licensing consistent with the OCMCA's published protocols and its interpretation of same.

The Board heard public comment from: Pamela Hughes – 3374 Royal Berkshire Ln. Tony Sweet – 382 Buell Rd. Scott Rosati – 3545 Briarbrooke Ln. Dick Michalski – 3070 Wains Way Jerry Kolinski – 1181 Oak Hill Rd. Gretchen Cunningham – 3420 Royal Berkshire Ln. Bob Yager – 1146 Bear Creek Ct. John Markel – 245 Birch Hill Dr. Derek Young – 752 Wynstone Cir. N. Ralph Jessee – 517 Whims Ln. Ann Minbiole - 4019 Oak Tree Cir. Mary Anne Walters – 4200 Carbary Ct. Holly Prange – OT Firefighter Lincoln Hughes – 3374 Royal Berkshire Ln. Kelly Ondersma – 1193 Oak Hill Rd.

Vote on the motion: Ayes: Ferriolo, Buxar, Langlois, Reilly, Mangiapane, Giannangeli Nays: Bailey

Motion carried 6/1."

Board minutes stopped containing summaries of public comments since early 2013. Most of the comments above questioned the wisdom and viability of this part-time employee approach.

On December 11, 2018 the Fire Chief, Assistant Fire Chief and Township Manager recommended hiring 3 full-time combination Firefighter/ Paramedics as part-time was not working in their opinion. See below.

On March 13 2018, the BOT adopted a motion requiring the OTFD to hire part time employees and use POC employees to bring the OTFD into compliance with protocol #8.1. Since that time the department has hired 7 PT employees. Two of those individuals have quit. We currently have 5 PT employees. We believe that we need to have at least 7 active PT employees in total. We continue to recruit for those positions. The problem is that this employee type is not sustainable. If PT or POC employees are serious about a fire/EMS career, they will move to a full time position as soon as one is available. Area departments are actively recruiting and many will pay the full cost of necessary training.

In summary, Chief Strelchuk, Assistant Chief Lou Danek and Manager Dale Stuart recommend:

- 1. That the Township immediately hire 3 additional full time ALS/Firefighters;
- 2. That a site be selected for a new fire station, plans developed and construction begun

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The Board felt they had questions that needed answering before responding to this recommendation. Trustees John Giannangeli and Robin Buxar volunteered to gather this information. There has been no substantive response from them to date in 3-1/2 months. At the 3/26/19 Trustee Buxar commented to me after the Board meeting that she has not been involved in the answer-seeking activities.

Ambulance Response Time Issue

On December 14, 2018, OTFD received the letter below requesting a letter "
explaining how you plan to address the lack of compliance with the response
time standard" (OTFD had said in their annual certification letter that they were
unable to meet the 8 minute standard and had achieved 9 min, 5 sec in 2017. Note
that the standard will move to 6 minutes after the 2020 census when our population
officially exceeds 500 per square mile.)



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December 14, 2018

Paul Strelchuk Fire Chief Oakland Township Fire Department 4393 Collins Road Rochester, MI 48306

Re: Letter of Compliance

Dear Chief Strelchuk,

This letter is in reference to your 2019 Letter of Compliance. As you know, the PSRO Committee reviewed your exemption requests regarding ALS staffing and the response time standard. Your 2019 Letter of Compliance and attached explanation were accepted by the PSRO. However, the PSRO Committee has requested that you provide a letter that explains how you plan to address the lack of compliance with the response time standard.

Thank you for your detailed report. Please feel free to contact the OCMCA with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Tressa Gardner

Tressa Gardner, D.O. PSRO Chair Oakland County Medical Control Authority

Cc: Bonnie Kincaid, Ph.D. Executive Director Oakland County Medical Control Authority

According to this FOIA reply below, no response letter from PTFD to OCMCA existed as of February 20, 2019 as Deputy Clerk Neubeck wrote "I have....determined no such document exists."

Charter Township of Oakland

4393 Collins Road, Rochester, Michigan 48306-1670 Telephone: (248) 651-4440 Fax Number: (248) 651-1510 www.oaklandtownship.org

February 19, 2019

Mr. Robert Yager Oakland Township Sentinel 1146 Bear Creek Court Rochester, MI 48306

Re: Documents Requested in Your Recent FOIA Request #1912 Do Not Exist

Dear Mr. Yager,

Recently, on the 13th day of February, 2019 you submitted a FOIA request for the following public record(s):

Letter requested by OCMCA from OTFD Fire Chief Paul Strelchuk 12/14/18 (Attached below) letter to explain "...How you plan to address the lack of compliance with the response time standard."

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

In the event that you are not satisfied with this response, I want to advise you of your rights. You have the right to submit a written appeal to the Township of Oakland Board of Trustees that specifically states the word "appeal" and identifies the reason or reasons for reversal of this denial by myself.

In addition, you may also seek judicial review of this denial pursuant to MCL 15.240. If you seek judicial review and the Court determines that the public records are not exempt from disclosure, you have the right to receive attorney fees and damages in an amount not to exceed \$500.00.

Sincerely,

Cari Neubeck FOIA Coordinator

Historic District Commission

Here is a link to the 2/20/19 meeting minutes. https://www.ecode360.com/documents/OA3183/public/483274112.pdf

Here is a link to the Historic District webpage on the township website. It answers just about anything about historic preservation with many photos included http://www.oaklandtownship.org/boards_and_commissions/historic_district_commission/index.php

The following statement of the mission of Historic District Commission was taken from their 2016 Annual Report, page 3.

"The HDC consists of a dedicated group of Oakland Township citizens who have been appointed by the Oakland Township Board of Trustees to do the following:

- To administer the Historic District Ordinance 37A,
- to make decisions and offer guidance to historic homeowners with historic resources,
- to provide education and preservation planning for all township historic resources,
- to provide comments on any undertakings on Township historic structures,
- to educate the community on the benefits of historic preservation and the value of preserving the cultural landscape,
- to manage the Township owned Cranberry Lake Farm (CLF) Historic District listed in the National Register of Historic Places,
- to invest time and funds in the development of CLF to succeed as a Community Historical Center"

Editor's note: The Historic District Commission is funded by a 0.1114 mil (2018 rate) voter approved millage. This costs \$11.14 per \$100,000 of taxable value. In 2017-18, \$146,360 was collected in taxes and \$141,469 spent. The fund balance

(money in the bank or investments) at fiscal year-end was \$513,758. Many volunteer hours are donated to various projects.

Library

Letter to Editor – Possible Library Millage Increase

"I have to say the library asking for a millage increase is certainly a surprise. The use of public libraries in my view have greatly decreased since I was a kid in the 80's when there was no google search engines or internet that brings, 100 times the information than the library could ever store, to you home computer within seconds.

Their newsletter request the 50% millage increase for an increase of requested additional services and no late fees. Late fees are only in place to get people to bring the current resources back to the library so that others may use them. Get rid of the late fees then they will have even more need to raise the millage rate because no one will be in a hurry to bring anything back.

Your note about the Book Mobile is spot on. Though the Book Mobile might have been a good idea to expand interest in the Rochester Library outside of Rochester, it is rarely used while it sits at the Paint Creek Cider Mill. Maybe if Rochester Library wants to do more they need to cut some items like the Book Mobile that has not met the cost verse benefit to the residents.

Like the news industry did, our libraries need to evolve and reinvent themselves to be, a lower operating cost online service for the residents to enjoy, with less concern for growing the brick and mortar based programs or their usefulness will end like the printed newspaper.

For this reason if this current proposed 50% millage increase makes it onto a ballot in the future I know I will be voting no.

Thank you,

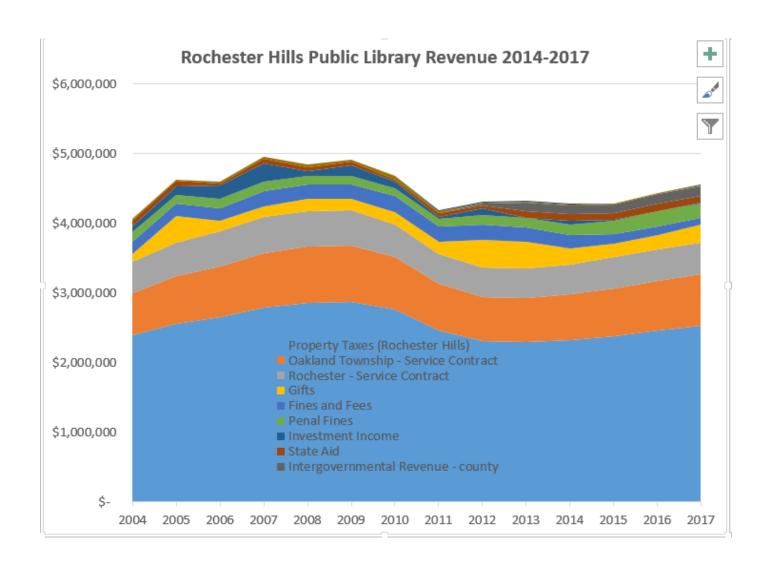
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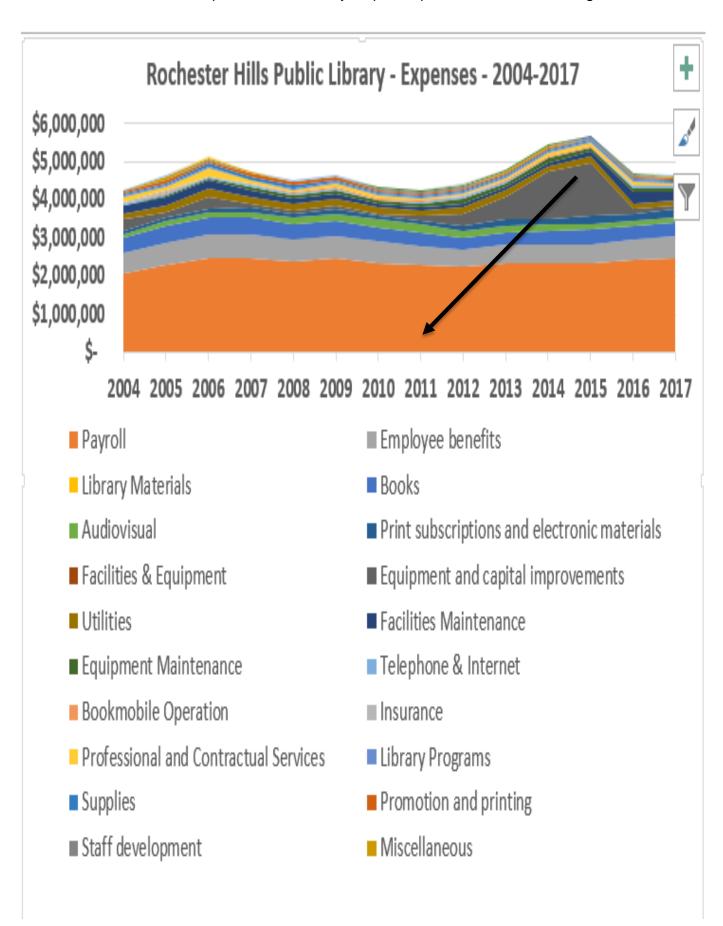
Some facts about Rochester Hills Public Library Finance

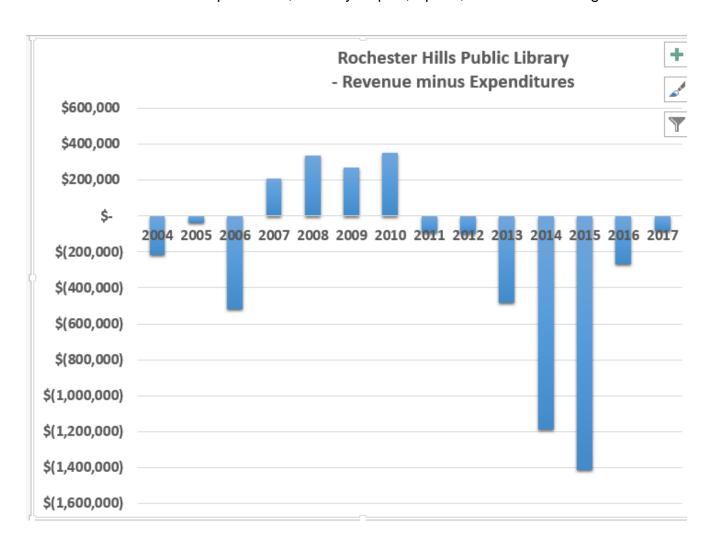
The source of the information below are the annual "Audited Basic Financial Statements" for years 2004-2017 available on line at this link: https://treassecure.state.mi.us/LAFDocSearch/

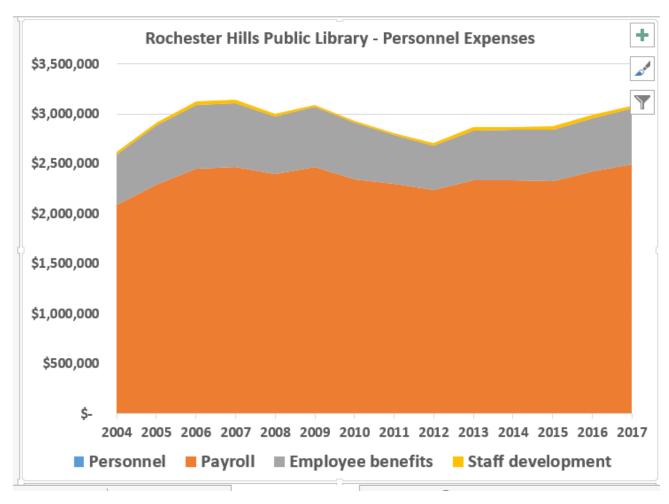
- 1. For years 2005 to 2017 the library expenses have exceeded revenues by a total of \$3,250,427
- 2. During this time (2005 to 2017) the fund balance (money in the bank and investments) has decreased about \$3,000,000 to about \$186,000.
- 3. The biggest expense item during that period was the building renovation/addition of 2013-2015 costing about \$3,000,000. This accounts for most of the drop in fund balance.
- 4. As far as I can determine the \$3,000,000 +renovation/addition added
 - a drive-up book-drop for customers,
 - staff-only space inside the library on lower floor
 - staff-only upstairs except when opened for used book sales.
 - parking lot repaving

The seven charts that follow were made from the detailed spreadsheet that follows the charts in four pages.

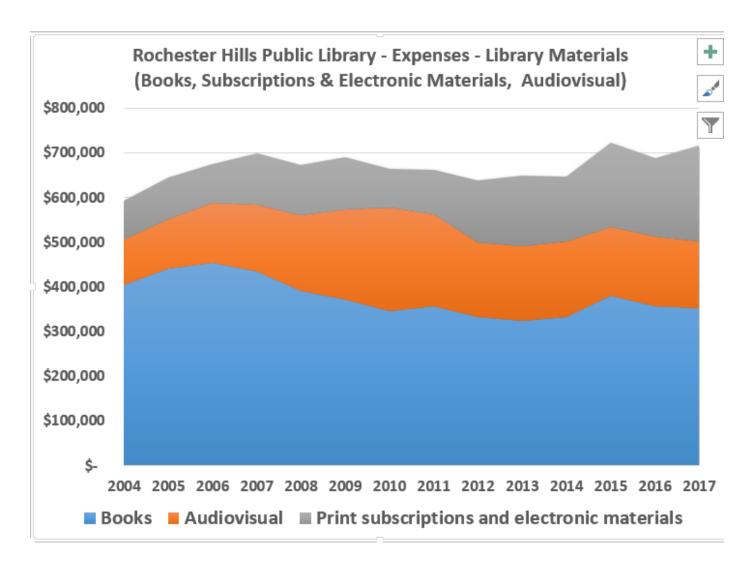


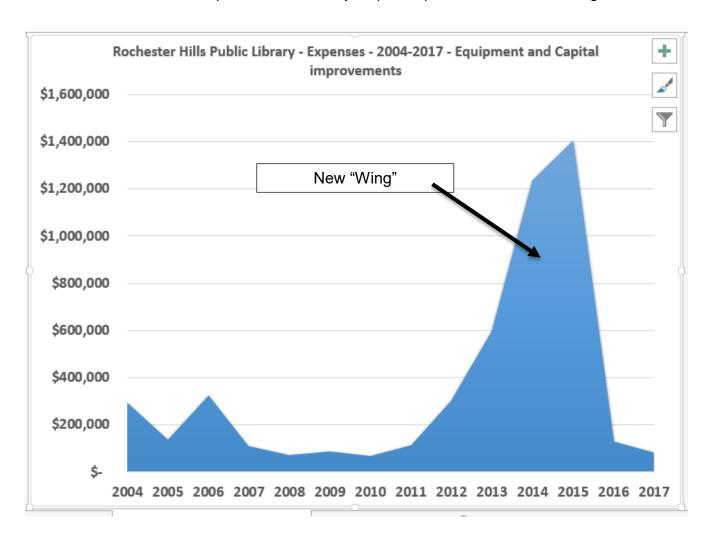


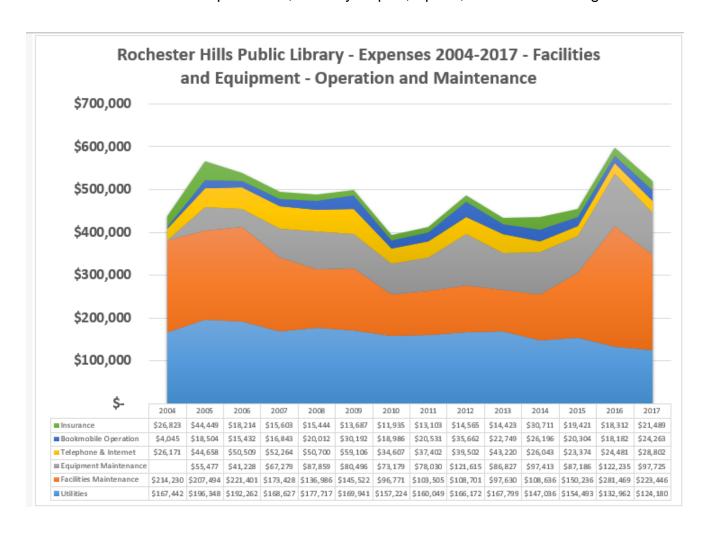




Note: In 2011 defined contribution pension contributions were permanently decreased from 10% to 6%.







Library										
Revenue		2004		2005		2006		2007		2008
Property Taxes (Rochester Hills)	\$	2,387,792	\$	2,559,819	\$	2,652,356	\$	2,792,407	\$	2,863,567
Oakland Township - Service Contract	\$	600,922	\$	684,473	\$	731,351	\$	780,529	\$	805,396
Rochester - Service Contract	\$	454,458	\$	475,112	\$	498,503	\$	515,876	\$	509,059
Gifts	\$	117,205	\$	384,796	\$	146,750	\$	157,507	\$	174,538
Fines and Fees		172,954	\$		\$	183,029	\$	207,308	\$	198,925
Penal Fines	1	132,382	\$		\$	144,477	\$	139,179	\$	132,503
Investment Income	-	88,134	\$		\$	184,057	\$	259,935	\$	63,846
State Aid	\$	80,598	\$	80,323	\$	30,067	\$	73,008	\$	60,300
Intergovernmental Revenue - county	4	24 550	-	0.004	_	27.500		20.005	ċ	22 122
Miscellaneous Grants	\$	21,550	\$	9,094	\$		\$	26,995 2,645	\$	32,122 300
Total Revenue	_		_		-		-			
Expenditures	\$	4,055,995	\$	4,620,657	\$	4,601,439	\$	4,955,389	\$	4,840,556 2008
		2004		2003	-	2000		2007		2008
Personnel										
	-	2,093,233	-	2,291,135	-	2,454,973	-	2,472,307	-	2,396,515
Employee benefits Library Materials	\$	502,460	\$	597,854	\$	632,160	\$	635,102	\$	579,514
Books	\$	405,247	\$	440,618	\$	453,529	\$	434,425	\$	392,096
Audiovisual	\$	101,251	\$	111,137	\$	135,959	\$	149,827	\$	167,484
Print subscriptions and electronic materials	\$	87,043	\$	94,270	\$	86,776	\$	115,458	\$	113,879
Facilities & Equipment										
Equipment and capital improvements	\$	294,821	\$	137,718	\$	326,794	\$	110,424	\$	71,234
Utilities		167,442	\$		\$		\$	168,627	\$	177,717
Facilities Maintenance	\$	214,230	\$	207,494	\$	221,401	\$	173,428	\$	136,986
Equipment Maintenance			\$	55,477	\$	41,228	\$	67,279	\$	87,859
Telephone & Internet	\$	26,171	\$	44,658	\$	50,509	\$	52,264	\$	50,700
Bookmobile Operation	\$	4,045	\$	18,504	\$	15,432	\$	16,843	\$	20,012
Insurance	\$	26,823	\$	44,449	\$	18,214	\$	15,603	\$	15,444
Professional and Contractual Services	\$	135,125	\$	115,466	\$	216,510	\$	86,737	\$	54,955
Library Programs	\$	44,663	\$	43,055	\$	40,139	\$	38,851	\$	40,218
Other Operating Expenditures										
Supplies	\$	58,778	\$	55,198	\$	67,497	\$	81,714	\$	95,064
Promotion and printing	\$	51,702	\$		\$		\$	61,163	\$	57,457
Staff development	\$	20,703	\$		\$		\$	34,131	\$	27,678
Miscellaneous	+ '-	22,602	\$	100,013	\$	48,851	\$	15,842	\$	10,863
Postage Gift and Grant Expense							\$	8,744	\$	749
Mileage	4	4,379	¢	6,540	\$	7,361	\$	8,671	\$	5,369
Property tax refunds	-	1,575	7	0,5 10	7	7,501	7	0,071	~	3,303
Oakland Talking Book Service										
Computer Software	\$	11,897	\$	20,766	\$	2,909	\$	955	\$	825
Total Expenditures	\$	4,272,615	\$	4,657,894	\$	5,121,245	\$	4,748,395	\$	4,502,618
Revenue minus expenditures	\$	(216,620)	\$	(37,237)	\$	(519,806)	\$	206,994	\$	337,938
Expenses as % of revenue		105%		101%		111%		96%		939
Fund balance - beginning of year	\$	3,260,553	\$	3,043,933	\$	3,167,449	\$	2,647,643	\$	2,854,636
Fund balance - end of year	\$	3,043,933	\$	3,006,696	\$	2,647,643	\$	2,854,636	\$	3,192,574

Library										
Revenue		2009		2010		2011		2012		2013
Property Taxes (Rochester Hills)	\$	2,873,216	\$	2,766,235	\$	2,462,551	\$	2,309,730	\$	2,297,640
Oakland Township - Service Contract	\$	800,874	\$	755,400	\$	666,798	\$	629,000	\$	630,372
Rochester - Service Contract	\$	514,313	\$	465,259	\$	431,343	\$	419,765	\$	423,747
Gifts	\$	164,032	\$	175,463	\$	170,416	\$	403,509	\$	385,804
Fines and Fees	\$	199,067	\$	223,873	\$	215,792	\$	217,342	\$	208,295
Penal Fines	\$	123,511	\$		\$	113,297	\$	135,266	\$	133,450
Investment Income	\$	152,995	\$		\$	35,030	\$	93,122	\$	(1,201
State Aid	\$	58,023	\$	36,437	\$	43,993	\$	45,002	\$	92,098
Intergovernmental Revenue - county	_		_	17.010	_	20.010	\$	30,000	\$	120,000
Miscellaneous	\$	20,190	\$		\$	28,348	\$	16,729 12,000	\$	23,040 8,800
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Total Revenue	\$	4,907,321	\$	4,679,063	\$	4,181,550	\$	4,311,465	\$	4,322,045
Expenditures		2009		2010		2011		2012		2013
Personnel					snet					
Payroll		2,471,168	-	2,342,851	-	2,300,384		2,235,785	-	2,341,457
Employee benefits	\$	599,203	\$	572,088	\$	488,880	\$	447,428	\$	494,721
Library Materials										
Books	\$	371,211	\$	346,296	\$	356,284	\$	333,487	\$	324,682
Audiovisual	\$	202,659	\$		\$	205,559	\$	165,913	\$	165,900
Print subscriptions and electronic materials	\$	116,488	\$	87,170	\$	101,080	\$	139,585	\$	157,948
Facilities & Equipment										
Equipment and capital improvements	\$	89,092	\$	66,790	\$	113,521	\$	301,632	\$	598,605
Utilities	\$	169,941	\$		\$	160,049	\$	166,172	\$	167,799
Facilities Maintenance	-	145,522	\$		\$	103,505	\$	108,701	\$	97,630
Equipment Maintenance		80,496	\$		\$	78,030	\$	121,615	\$	86,827
Telephone & Internet		59,106	\$		\$	37,402	\$	39,502	\$	43,220
Bookmobile Operation	-	30,192	\$		\$		\$	35,662	\$	22,749
Insurance		13,687	\$		\$	13,103	\$	14,565	\$	14,423
Professional and Contractual Services	\$	67,476	\$	70,035	\$	58,325	\$	63,181	\$	54,326
Library Programs	\$	37,840	\$	34,128	\$	50,274	\$	45,245	\$	43,002
Other Operating Expenditures										
Supplies	\$	88,057	\$	84,473	\$	52,819	\$	48,900	\$	36,329
Promotion and printing	\$	47,113	\$	43,143	\$	34,485	\$	30,520	\$	36,733
Staff development	\$	21,331	\$	20,133	\$	17,532	\$	22,494	\$	31,458
Miscellaneous	\$	13,890	\$	21,029	\$	6,375	\$	9,469	\$	19,294
Postage					\$	21,384		23,790	\$	23,768
Gift and Grant Expense	\$	5,993	-		\$		-	15,634	\$	16,717
Mileage	\$	6,441	\$	3,058	\$	4,936		4,501	\$	5,232
Property tax refunds					\$	33,254	-	20,124	\$	10,204
Oakland Talking Book Service						-	\$	16,286	\$	10,729
Computer Software										
Total Expenditures	\$	4,636,906	\$	4,327,584	\$	4,273,893	\$	4,410,191	\$	4,803,753
Revenue minus expenditures	\$	270,415	\$	351,479	\$	(92,343)	\$	(98,726)	\$	(481,708
Expenses as % of revenue		94%		92%		102%		102%		1119
Fund balance - beginning of year	\$	3,192,574	\$	3,462,989	\$	3,814,468	\$	3,722,125	\$	3,623,399
Fund balance - end of year	¢	3,462,989	4	3,814,468	4	3 722 125	\$	3 623 399	4	3 141 691

Library							
Revenue		2014	2015		2016		2017
Property Taxes (Rochester Hills)	\$	2,327,900	\$ 2,382,755	\$	2,458,321	\$	2,523,827
Oakland Township - Service Contract	\$	648,262	\$ 679,678	\$	719,666	\$	750,397
Rochester - Service Contract	\$	433,384	\$ 445,863	\$	450,955	\$	452,621
Gifts	\$	223,083	\$ 195,082	\$	204,662	\$	254,938
Fines and Fees	\$	200,668	\$ 133,759	\$	122,119	\$	98,361
Penal Fines	\$	150,989	\$ 203,042	\$	212,538	\$	203,499
Investment Income	\$	50,935	\$ 5,726	\$	5,531	\$	6,519
State Aid	\$	101,914	\$ 101,227	\$	107,621	\$	107,113
Intergovernmental Revenue - county	-	123,600	\$ 127,308	\$	131,127	\$	135,060
Miscellaneous	-	7,379	\$ 6,445	\$	14,498	\$	14,114
Grants	\$	11,848	\$ 1,500	\$	6,300	\$	7,000
Total Revenue	\$	4,279,962	\$ 4,282,385	\$	4,433,338	\$	4,553,449
Expenditures		2014	2015		2016		2017
Personnel							
Payroll	\$	2,339,554	\$ 2,325,302	\$	2,421,311	\$	2,495,926
Employee benefits	\$	502,524	\$ 519,130	\$	533,099	\$	554,585
Library Materials							
Books	\$	332,216	\$ 379,899	\$	356,063	\$	351,649
Audiovisual	\$	169,096	\$ 153,889	\$	157,483	\$	151,337
Print subscriptions and electronic materials	\$	146,616	\$ 188,842	\$	175,681	\$	214,097
Facilities & Equipment							
Equipment and capital improvements	\$	1,235,583	\$ 1,404,625	\$	131,228	\$	82,871
Utilities	\$	147,036	\$ 154,493	\$	132,962	\$	124,180
Facilities Maintenance	\$	108,636	\$ 150,236	\$	281,469	\$	223,446
Equipment Maintenance	\$	97,413	\$ 87,186	\$	122,235	\$	97,725
Telephone & Internet	\$	26,043	\$ 23,374	\$	24,481	\$	28,802
Bookmobile Operation	\$	26,196	\$ 20,304	\$	18,182	\$	24,263
Insurance	\$	30,711	\$ 19,421	\$	18,312	\$	21,489
Professional and Contractual Services	\$	59,803	\$ 63,444	\$	84,739	\$	55,970
Library Programs	\$	54,966	\$ 49,549	Ś	57,013	\$	49,891
Other Operating Expenditures	-		 	-			
Supplies	ċ	42,078	\$ 38,916	-	60.010	\$	41,002
Promotion and printing	-	38,033	\$ 31,919	\$	60,010	\$	35,932
Staff development	-	29,376	\$ 35,063	\$	34,818	\$	30,380
Miscellaneous		7,546	7,060				9,386
Postage		26,768	\$ 24,413		THE RESERVE OF THE PARTY OF THE		21,454
Gift and Grant Expense		34,159	\$ 11,547	\$	The second secon	\$	13,390
Mileage	-	5,488	\$ 5,741	\$	4,643	\$	5,920
Property tax refunds	1	2,010	\$ 353	\$	93	\$	370
Oakland Talking Book Service		6,553	\$ 3,485	\$		\$	2,552
Computer Software						J	
Total Expenditures	\$	5,468,404	\$ 5,698,191	\$	4,701,392	\$	4,636,617
Revenue minus expenditures	\$	(1,188,442)	\$ (1,415,806)	\$	(268,054)	\$	(83,168)
Expenses as % of revenue		128%	133%		106%		102%
Fund balance - beginning of year	\$	3,141,691	\$ 1,953,249	\$	537,443	\$	269,389
Fund balance - end of year	\$	1,953,249	\$ 537,443	\$	269,389	\$	186,221

Library									
Revenue	Ave	erage 2005- 2017	To:	tal 2005- 17					
Property Taxes (Rochester Hills)	\$	2,559,256	\$	35,829,580					
Oakland Township - Service Contract		714,015	\$	9,996,211					
Rochester - Service Contract	\$	464,292	\$	6,500,092					
Gifts	\$	233,891	\$	3,274,471					
Fines and Fees	\$	183,499	\$	2,568,981					
Penal Fines	\$	148,698	\$	2,081,770					
Investment Income	\$	82,388	\$	1,153,436					
State Aid	\$	72,087	\$	1,009,213					
Intergovernmental Revenue - county	\$	111,183	\$	778,278					
Miscellaneous		20,890	-	292,456					
Grants	\$	6,194	\$	80,524					
Total Revenue	\$	4,536,048	\$	63,504,667					
Expenditures	Ave	2005- 2017	20:	17					
Personnel									
Payroll	-	2,376,051	-	33,264,719					
Employee benefits	\$	550,484	\$	7,706,772					
Library Materials									
Books	\$	374,804	\$	5,247,259					
Audiovisual	\$	166,768	\$	2,334,752					
Print subscriptions and electronic materials	\$	133,684	\$	1,871,574					
Facilities & Equipment									
Equipment and capital improvements	\$	359,240	\$	5,029,357					
Utilities	\$	162,678	\$	2,277,488					
Facilities Maintenance	\$	158,094	\$	2,213,319					
Equipment Maintenance	\$	84,350	\$	1,180,899					
Telephone & Internet	\$	39,590	\$	554,258					
Bookmobile Operation	\$	22,143	\$	309,999					
Insurance	\$	19,335	\$	270,691					
Professional and Contractual Services	\$	80,844	\$	1,131,811					
Library Programs	\$	44,936	\$	629,107					
Other Operating Expenditures			Ė						
Supplies	ċ	60,927	\$	852,984					
Promotion and printing		44,375	-	621,254					
Staff development		27,984		391,771					
Miscellaneous		21,291		298,072					
Postage	-	23,484	+	187,869					
Gift and Grant Expense		13,777	-	165,324					
Mileage	-	5,685	-	79,586					
Property tax refunds	-	9,487	-	75,895					
Oakland Talking Book Service		7,813	-	54,692					
Computer Software	-	6,364	\$	31,819					
Total Expenditures	\$	4,768,237	\$	66,755,320					
Revenue minus expenditures	\$	(232,190)	\$	(3,250,654)					
Expenses as % of revenue		105%							
					Note: 2006 b	eginning of y	ear fund		
Fund balance - beginning of year					Note: 2006 beginning of year fur balance restated \$160,753 higher than end of 2005.				
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Here is a link to the Library Board page on the Township website -

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

Editor's note: Our use of the Rochester Hills Public Library in 2018 was made possible by an annual service contract payment of \$750,397. This funding comes from a voter approved property tax millage that collected \$59.23 per \$100,000 of taxable value. The Oakland Township Library Board, who takes no per diem fees for their work, spent a meager \$631 on the financial audit and \$492 on the recording secretary, dues and subscriptions and miscellaneous.

Millrace

Residents Request Help from Historic District Commission to Prevent Fill-in of Millrace

The following from 2/20/19 HDC Draft Minutes -

WELCOME PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Jan Olsen from 4190 Orion Road was concerned about the historic Paint Creek Millrace. She is one of five neighbors that live on the millrace and they would prefer to have flow returned. She is requesting help from the HDC.

Greg Olson, said the Township's recent OTBT meeting hired the firm of PEA Engineering to obtain a cost estimate to fill in areas of the millrace. He is against filling in the millrace as he would prefer keeping the possibility of a future restoration available.

The Commissioners listened to the resident's concerned about the water loss and the soil conditions. Vice-chair Ferrera read from draft meeting minutes that suggested an MDEQ meeting that the residents should attend. He also advised that Barb Barber obtain additional information on any efforts the HDC could

provide to help the situation. Barb Barber said she would check with Township administration.

Ordinances and Enforcement

See Zoning Board of Appeals

Parks, Recreation and Land Preservation

I have great value for the work that has been done in this township since our first park, Bear Creek Nature Park, was established in 1974. Some residents have literally devoted decades to these endeavors. As I am confident that our interests are well-served by our 7-member elected Parks and Recreation Commission and Parks Director, Mindy Milos-Dale and staff, I do not devote much time looking for improvement possibilities, like I do in the arena of Public Safety, which I feel must be my first priority. I will review minutes and alert you in the rare case where there is anything out of the ordinary. Ms. Milos-Dale and her staff do a superior job of publicizing via their extensive meeting minutes, newsletters, Facebook page, and township website. They have achieved a high level of transparency. There are no secrets. There is no point in me duplicating their efforts.

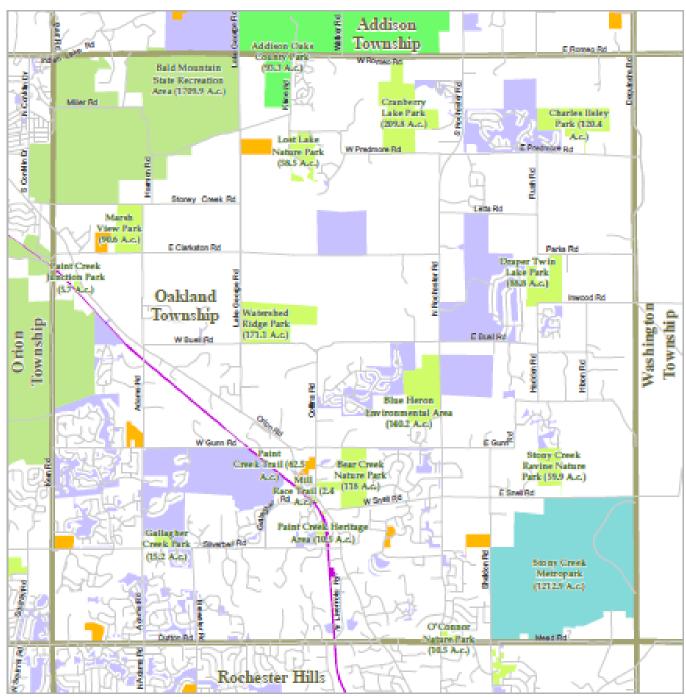
Minutes of 2/13/19 Parks Commission can be seen at this link below. These minutes contain detailed information about progress on many parks and other plans and programs. It only takes a few minutes to look them over to see if anything is of interest to you.

https://www.ecode360.com/documents/OA3183/public/482171955.pdf

For background information on Parks, Recreation and Land Preservation see their <u>extensive</u> informative webpages on the Township website. You can find maps and amenities available at all parks among other information.

You can also find the newsletters on the webpages if you misplaced your hard copy.

 $\underline{http://www.oaklandtownship.org/boards_and_commissions/parks_and_recrea}\underline{tion/index.php}$



The information provided herewith has been compiled from recorded deeds, plats, tax maps, surveys and other public records.
It is not a legally recorded map or survey and is not intended to be used as one. Users should consult the information sources mentioned above when questions arise.



Cam Mannino's latest postings on *Natural Areas Notebook*

https://oaklandnaturalareas.com/2019/03/22/photos-of-the-week-we-made-it-the-first-sure-signs-of-spring/

https://oaklandnaturalareas.com/2019/04/01/native-plants-turning-our-green-desert-lawns-into-beautiful-healthy-habitat/

Planning & Zoning Department

Copied from the Township website:

The Planning and Zoning Department provides support to the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals to assist in making land use and development decisions for the Township, in addition to creation of the Master Plan and review and amendments to the Zoning Ordinance.



Contact Donald Mende, Planning Coordinator at 248-651-4440 ext. 216 or by email dmende@oaklandtownship.org. Regular working hours Tuesday - Thursday 8:00AM - 4:30PM.

Editor's note: Mr. Mende's salary is split 80% Planning Commission, 20% Zoning Board of Appeals

Planning Commission

3/5/19 Meeting Minutes

As there was no new business before the commission and no public comment, the meeting consisted primarily of approval of the 2/5/19 minutes

https://www.ecode360.com/documents/OA3183/public/482703039.pdf

Here is a link to the Planning Commission page on the Township website - http://www.oaklandtownship.org/boards and commissions/planning commission/index.php

Roads



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: March 15, 2019



Contact: Craig Bryson, Public Information Officer, (248) 645-2000, ext. 2302 (e-mail: cbryson@rcoc.org)
Visit RCOC online at www.rcocweb.org

RCOC ADVISES DRIVER CAUTION ON GRAVEL ROADS IN OAKLAND COUNTY

Beverly Hills, MI — The Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) advises drivers to use caution on gravel roads during the upcoming weeks.

Weather over the past few weeks, ranging from snow, rain, frigid temperatures and the current warmer conditions, is causing very rough conditions on many of the nearly 760 miles of gravel roads in Oakland County. In many places, the ground remains frozen below the road surface meaning there is nowhere for water from the rain and melting snow to go. Until the ground completely thaws, the water simply cannot be absorbed, which is causing soft and wet/muddy conditions on many gravel road surfaces. Sunny days and consistently warmer temperatures will tremendously help dry the gravel roads so proper grading can be done.

Placing heavy equipment, such as road graders, on the roads can make the situation worse, so crews will continue to only spot grade and add material where possible. The rain has also contributed to washout-like conditions, especially in some hilly areas.

"We are doing everything we can to maintain the gravel roads," explained RCOC Managing Director Dennis Kolar. "However, despite our best efforts, recent freezing conditions combined with snow, rain and warmer weather have made most of the gravel roads a maintenance challenge." Culverts under driveways to businesses and homes should also be cleared of leaves and debris to assure
that storm water will properly flow through ditches and reduce the potential for road flooding. "It's important
for motorists to be on the lookout for water over the road regardless of whether they are driving on a paved or
gravel road," Kolar added.

RCOC crews continue to do everything possible with available resources, including the agency's 19 graders, to address the gravel roads throughout Oakland County. To report any gravel road issues, call 877-858-4804 or contact RCOC on-line at: https://www.rcocweb.org (click on the "Report an Issue" button at the top of the home page: https://www.rcocweb.org/FormCenter/Contact-Us-4/Contact-Us-Form-43)

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Road Commission Says 66% of it Roads Rated "Poor Condition" (Source 2018-19 Budget RCOC, page 37)

2018/19 OVERVIEW

FINANCIAL PICTURE FOR 2018/19

When it comes to funding its roads, Michigan has failed. For the last 50-plus years, Michigan has ranked among the bottom states in the nation in per capita state and local road funding. This has been evident in recent years as Michigan's road system has deteriorated. This situation is documented by the Michigan Transportation Asset Management Council's (MTAMC) review of the system. According to the most current data from the MTAMC, only 10 percent of roads under the jurisdiction of RCOC are rated as good condition, 24 percent are in fair condition and 66 percent are in poor condition. Bridges under the RCOC jurisdiction fair a bit better, with 41 percent rated "Good", 35 percent "Fair" and 24 percent "Poor"; however, 24 percent of bridges are classified as "structurally deficient." Inadequate investment in the road system today will mean not only accelerated deterioration of roads, but increased future maintenance costs. The primary causes for this are:

Road Commission 2018-2019 budget

This document, brought to my attention by Treasurer Jeanne Langlois is wealth of information on RCOC plans and "attitudes" as well as finance.

http://www.rcocweb.org/DocumentCenter/View/4390/2019-RCOC-Budget

Road Commission for Oakland County 2019 Meeting Schedule

WHEREAS, regular meetings of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Oakland County, Michigan are to be held on those Thursday's throughout the year as specified, or on those dates as otherwise specified.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that regular meetings of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Oakland County, Michigan for the year 2019 will be held on those Thursdays as specified at 9:00 A.M. in the meeting room of the Board, located at 31001 Lahser Road, Beverly Hills, Michigan, (248) 645-2000), except for the meeting of August 22, 2019 which will be held at 6:00 P.M. at the Oakland County Service Center, Court House Auditorium Committee Room A, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Pontiac, Michigan. The specific dates of the regular meetings of the Board are:

January Thursday 10 and 24
February Thursday 07 and 21
March Thursday 07 and 21
April Thursday 11 and 25
May Thursday 09 and 23
June Thursday 06 and 20
July Thursday 11 and 25

August Thursday 08

August Thursday 22 (time and location change)

September Thursday 05 and 26
October Thursday 10 and 24
November Thursday 07 and 21

December Thursday 12

The following is some factual information about roads.

All our roads in Oakland Township are under the jurisdiction of the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC). This commission and the law concerning roads is governed by State Law Public Act 51 of 1951. http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?mcl-act-51-of-1951

This act and revisions is 71 pages long and complex. I do not pretend to understand it well.

Some of the roads in adjacent Rochester and Rochester Hills are under the jurisdiction of those cities with agreement by the Road Commission. The portion

of the "Trucker's Map" below from the RCOC website shows most of the roads in the Greater Rochester Area and who has jurisdiction

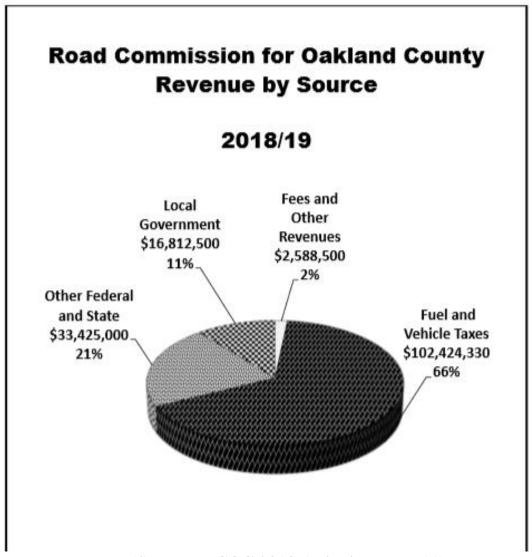


You can contact RCOC to report a problem on-line at this webpage. http://www.rcocweb.org/FormCenter/Contact-Us-4/Contact-Us-Form-43
This service gets mixed reviews from residents. Some say they get great response and others say they get no response. The page says to call RCOC to report emergency conditions rather than submit a form on-line.

Speed limits are generally set by State Police using a speed survey and using the 85th percentile as a limit, unless there are other factors. Speed limits on gravel roads are 55 MPH. A township can lower them to 45 MPH if they pay for the signs. This brochure summarizes speed limits.

https://www.rcocweb.org/DocumentCenter/View/1604/How-Speed-Limits-are-Set?bidId. Our Board of Trustees recently rejected by 6/1 vote posting Dutton at 45 MPH with the reasoning that drivers would interpret 45 as a minimum speed. Langlois was to lone vote in favor of posting at 45 MPH.

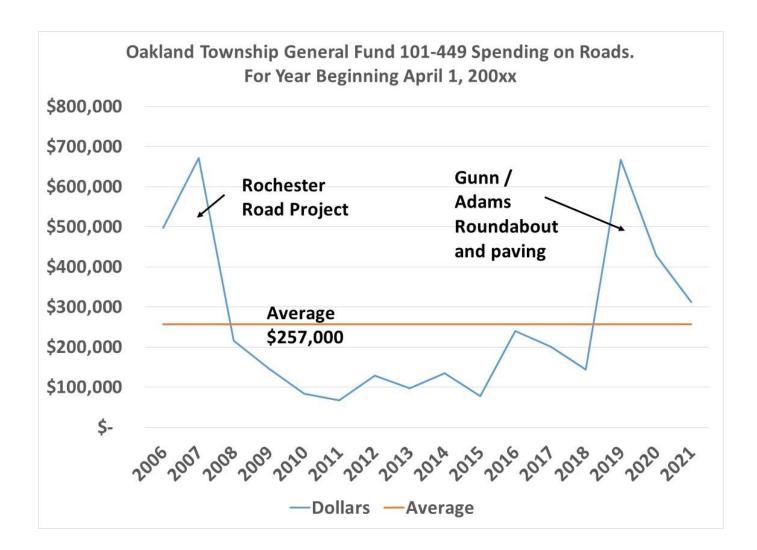
Road Commissions are funded by gasoline taxes and other sources. The source of funds for 2018-19 is shown in the chart below.



(Source: RCOC 2018-19 budget page 11)

It is possible to fund some road projects with township tax dollars; if the township get RCOC to do the project. It is at this point confusing what can be funded and not funded. Hopefully a meeting with RCOC in early April will clear this up. According to research by Treasurer Langlois 1240 Michigan Townships spend about \$200,000,000 on roads to get extra service from their county road commission. That is an average of \$161,000 per township.

Below is a 15 year graphical history of Oakland Township spending on roads taken from various budget reports. Years 2019 to 2021 are budget estimates. 2018 number is not final yet.



	Oaklar	nd Tow	/nship	Spend	ing or	n Roads	s; for	fiscal y	ear be	ginng 4	l/1/20	кх	Road Commission Spending- Tri-party						
Year	Traffic Lights	Tri-Party Matching	Matching Fund's SAD's	Calcium Chloride Maintena nce	Silverbell Rd. Project	Adams- Gunn Roundabo ut Project	Silverbell / Adams Tri-Party	Surface Improvem ent - Gravel Roads	Limestone	Rochester Rd.	Roads - Misc.	Total	Year	Gravel	Limestone	Silverbell Improvem ents			
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2002													2002	\$66,125					
2003													2003	\$56,128					
2004													2004			\$829,455			
2005													2005						
2006	\$1,130		\$17,754	\$49,386			\$4,231			\$400,100	\$24,996	\$497,597	2006						
2007	\$1,636			\$48,957			\$1,693		\$77,148		\$541,425	\$670,859	2007						
2008	\$1,500		\$131,760	\$52,723							\$29,500	\$215,483	2008		\$139,269				
2009	\$1,115		\$20,551	\$52,723					\$74,036		\$53	\$148,478	2009						
2010	\$2,266		\$24,098	\$52,723							\$4,957	\$84,044	2010		\$59,498				
2011	\$2,026	\$19,450		\$45,812								\$67,288	2011	\$58,349					
2012	\$2,525	\$61,815	\$25,000	\$40,143								\$129,483	2012	\$153,127					
2013	\$10,552		\$15,213	\$49,914			\$21,221					\$96,900	2013	\$63,661					
2014	\$1,967	\$20,557	\$25,000	\$49,914	\$36,655							\$134,093	2014		\$61,670				
2015	\$1,347	\$21,227		\$54,374								\$76,948	2015		\$62,157				
2016	\$854	\$41,697	\$75,000	\$55,556				\$67,109				\$240,216	2016		\$125,092				
2017	\$1,006	\$42,254		\$56,738				\$101,020				\$201,018	2017						
2018	\$772	\$42,124		\$63,831				\$37,371				\$144,098	2018						
2019	\$2,000	\$45,000	\$75,000	\$71,700		\$248,000		\$225,000				\$666,700	2019						
2020	\$2,000	\$45,000	\$75,000	\$80,300				\$225,000				\$427,300	2020						
2021	\$2,000	\$45,000	\$75,000	\$90,000				\$100,000				\$312,000	2021						
	\$ 34,696	\$384,124	\$559,376	\$914,794	\$ 36,655	\$248,000	\$ 27,145	\$755,500	\$ 151,184	\$ 400,100	\$ 600,931	\$4,112,505		\$397,390	\$ 447,686	\$ 829,455			

Safety Paths and Trails

Here is a link to the Safety Paths and Trails webpage on the Township website.

 $\frac{http://www.oaklandtownship.org/township_departments/safety_paths_and_tr}{ails.php}$

Schools

The traffic problem of blocking Dutton at Musson Elementary continues to be a problem for some residents who are working to enlist the help of Township officials.

Sheriff's Department

Sheriff's Department – Oakland Township Substation

The expenses for Sheriff's Department in 2017-18 were \$2,301,586. The majority was for the contract to provide a Lieutenant Station Commander, 12 Deputies, a Desk Sargent and a Detective.

Taxes _{See} Library

Township Manager

Attend "Meet and Greet" for Manager Candidates, April 8, 6 PM, Township Hall

See the announcement below from Assistant Township Manager, Jamie Moore.

"Public Invited to Meet Charter Township of Oakland's Manager Candidates

Oakland Township, MI – The role of the Oakland Township Manager is critical to implementing Township policies, overseeing the daily activities of the Township, and implementing the ordinances, policies and plans of the community. The Oakland Township Board of Trustees has finalized the remaining steps in the recruitment process and identified candidates who have been invited for second round interviews. These candidates are:

Adam Kline – Lansing Township, MI – Chief of Police

Anthony Moggio – City of Rochester, MI – Finance Director/Treasurer

On April 8, 2019, at the Charter Township of Oakland Municipal Building, 4393 Collins Road, Rochester, Michigan 48306, the Township will be hosting a Meet-the-Candidates event and will conduct the next round of interviews. The schedule will be as follows:

- From 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm candidates will be available for an informal meet-and-greet with the community members and employees. The event is open to the public and citizens are encouraged to attend. Comment / question cards will be available to the public, if they would like to provide feedback to the Board of Trustees or suggested questions for the Township to consider asking during the interviews.
- At 7:00 pm the Board of Trustees will open its public meeting and individual interviews of the candidates will start shortly thereafter."

Township Supervisor

View Township Supervisor Mike Bailey's Recent 1 Hour "State of the Township Address" at this link:

https://videoplayer.telvue.com/player/KGLy_dHhCluQTy7c6YoVBzzQ5eHj7Lr

The power point slides for this address can be seen here in pdf if you can't spare an hour to view the address.

https://oaklandtownshipsentinelcom.files.wordpress.com/2019/03/1922-documents-015-state-of-township-2018.pdf

Zoning Board of Appeals

The 3/19/19 meeting consisted of approval of the past month's meeting minutes, election of officers and favorable reports on training classes attended by Board members Kathy Thomas and John Boville. The training they attended was recommended by Township Planner Don Mende.

Link to minutes:

https://www.ecode360.com/documents/OA3183/public/482983820.pdf

Here is a link to the Zoning Board of Appeals page on the Township website. This shows members, by-laws, etc.

 $\underline{http://www.oaklandtownship.org/boards_and_commissions/zoning_board_of_appe}\\ \underline{als/index.php}$