

Oakland Township Sentinel

Bi-monthly Report – April 25, 2020

Mostly Facts, Some Opinion, about the Charter Township of Oakland, Michigan

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Sentinel Changing to Bi-monthly Issues

We will now post an issue on our website every two weeks just in advance of each Township Board of Trustees Meeting and call attention to it via an email message and by a posting on Next-door.

If something requires more timely notification such as upcoming very significant meeting agenda items, we will send a "News Bulletin" by email. For example these are usually considered very significant based on the public attendance at meetings for such agenda items if the public is aware.

- Proposals to build or demolish anything
- Ordinance change proposals
- Major changes in funding or manpower

Election – August 4th Primary – Unofficial Candidate Lists

Source - pages 24 and 25 at this link. Two candidates who were on the list of Trustee candidates on 4/22 have dropped out – Jim Benetiz and Mark Gerhard.

<https://www.oakgov.com/clerkrod/elections/Documents/08042020%20Candidate%20List.pdf>

Board of Trustees Candidate List - August 4, 2020 Primary				
Supervisor				
Dem	Ralph Jessee, Jr.	517 Whims Ln., Rochester, MI 48306	(810) 664-0662	ralphjessee4supervisorsoakland@gmail.com
Rep	Dominic Abbate	3690 Bridport Ln., Oakland, MI 48363	(248) 854-1427	dominicabbate@aol.com
Clerk				
Rep	Robin Buxar	1540 W. Gunn Rd., Rochester, MI 48306	(248) 652-4369	buxar01@yahoo.com
Rep	AnnMarie Rogers	4125 Collins, Rochester, MI 48306	(248) 904-6686	nplhr@comcast.net
Treasurer				
Rep	John Giannangeli	5846 Murfield Dr., Oakland, MI 48306	(248) 935-1642	giannangelij@gmail.com
Trustee				
Rep	Jack E. Elder	384 Olivewood Ct., Oakland, MI 48306	(248) 563-3179	jeelder@comcast.net
Rep	Terry R. Gonser	4200 Heron St., Rochester, MI 48306	(248) 895-2226	cargnusse@aol.com
Rep	Dave Mabry	3423 Hidaway, Oakland, MI 48306	(248) 895-3483	dmabry@mich.com
Rep	Lana Mangiapane	2310 Dutton, Rochester, MI 48306	(313) 815-4690	lanacre@hotmail.com
Rep	Robert A. Patrician	5540 Whitehall Blvd., Oakland, MI 48306	(248) 370-0472	rapatrician@gmail.com
Rep	Andy Zale	3338 Proctor Ln., Oakland, MI 48363	(248) 243-5818	andy@andyzale.com

Parks Commission August 2020 Primary Candidates				
Dem	Lisa Fitzpatrick Sokol	1914 Lochinvar Blvd., Oakland, MI 48363	(248) 421-7531	lsokol414@gmail.com
Rep	Emily Barkham	717 Letts Rd., Oakland, MI 48363	(586) 281-6986	emilykblack@hotmail.com
Rep	Brian Blust	3450 Sussex Dr., Oakland, MI 48306	(248) 377-4237	brianblust@hotmail.com
Rep	Craig S. Blust	2222 W. Buell Rd., Oakland, MI 48363	(248) 693-9387	craig@mtl-troy.com
Rep	Jim Quesenberry	1972 Pine Valley Ct., Oakland, MI 48363	(248) 312-9376	
Rep	Cathy A. Rooney	1080 Oak Hill Rd., Rochester, MI 48306	(248) 240-0260	rooneyjc@hotmail.com
Rep	Daniel L. Simon	800 E. Snell Rd., Rochester, MI 48306	(248) 765-0487	nomisnad@aol.com
Rep	Maryann Whitman	2271 N. Rochester Rd., Oakland, MI 48363	(248) 652-4004	maryannwhitman@comcast.net

A review of our current Board and plans as well as past elected Boards and our appointed Township Managers:

Current 2016-2020 Board of Trustees, History and Plans						
Name	Office Held	Years	Running for in 2020	First came to current office by		
Frank Ferriolo	Trustee	2015-2020	Not running	Appointed by Board to replace Maureen Thalmann (resigned)		
Robin Buxar	Trustee	2013-2020	Clerk	Appointed to replace Judy Keyes (resigned)		
Jeanne Langlois	Treasurer	2012-2020	Not running	Elected 2012		
Mike Bailey	Supervisor	2016-2020	Not running	Elected 2016		
Karen Reilly	Clerk	2012-2020	Not running	Elected 2012		
Lana Mangiapane	Trustee	2016-2020	Trustee	Elected 2016		
John Giannangeli	Trustee	2014-2020	Treasurer	Appointed to replace Sharon McKay (moved out of township)		

History of Previous Board Membership							
Office	Elected	Elected	Elected	Elected	Elected	Interim Appointments by Board Vote - 2012- 2016	Elected
	1996	2000	2004	2008	2012		2016
Supervisor	Joan Buser	Susan Hoffman	Joan Fogler	Joan Fogler	Terry Gonser		Mike Bailey
Clerk	Carolyn Phelps	Lisa Platz	Lisa Platz	Judy Workings	Karen Reilly		Karen Reilly
Treasurer	Sharon Creps	Sharon Creps	Sharon Creps	Sharon Creps	Jeanne Langlois		Jeanne Langlois
Trustee	Dominic Abbate	Amy Boltz	Amy Boltz	Marc Edwards	Mike Bailey		Lana Mangiapane
Trustee	Marc Edwards	Marc Edwards	Marc Edwards	Mike Bailey	Judy Keyes	Keyes Resigned - Robin Buxar appointed 11/7/2013, Vote 6/0	Robin Buxar
Trustee	Susan Hoffman	James Derian	James Derian	Sharon McKay	Sharon McKay	McKay Moved - John Giannangeli Appointed 4/22/2014, Vote 6/0	John Giannangeli
Trustee	Richard Krupp	Jeffrey Phillips	Jeffrey Phillips	Kathrine Thomas	Maureen Thalmann	Thalmann Resigned - Frank Ferriolo appointed 5/26/2015	Frank Ferriolo

History of Oakland Township Manager's (Superintendents)														
				Votes by Board										
Township Managers or Interim Appointments		Action	Years Served	Gonser	Langlois	Reilly	Bailey	Keyes	Buxar	McKay	Giannangeli	Thalmann	Ferriolo	Mangiapane
10/22/2013	Creech, James	accepted resignation	15.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No		Yes		Yes		
12/7/2013	Capela, Ann	appointed (hired)		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	No		Yes		
9/29/2014	Capela, Ann	accepted resignation	0.80	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes		Yes	Yes		
9/30/2014	No manager		0.04											
10/14/2014	Moore, Jamie	appointed as interim manager	0.30	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes		Yes	No		
2/10/2015	Brown, Warren	appointed (hired)		No	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes		Yes	No		
9/18/2015	Brown, Warren	accept resignation	0.60	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	
9/18/2015	Moore, Jamie	appointed as interim manager	0.04	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	
10/1/2015	Stuart, Dale	appointed (hired)		Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	
3/31/2019	Stuart, Dale	retired	3.50											
4/1/2019	Moore, Jamie	appointed as interim manager	0.20		Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	
6/10/2019	Kline, Adam	appointed (hired)	0.80		Absent	Yes	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	Yes

Adam Kline is still serving as of April 27, 2020.

Assessor

News: The bill from Oakland County for assessing the value of all properties for tax purposes is estimated to be \$143,000 in 2020. Yes, we have to pay to find out how much our taxes are (Fund 101-257). Ultimately the assessment job belongs to the elected Supervisor. If the Supervisor does not have the needed qualifications, he must hire someone. It is common that Oakland County is hired. If you have evidence that their assessment is incorrect, you can challenge it at the March Board of Review.

News from Bear Creek Court

Hi Everyone! I just wanted to introduce the newest family on Bear Creek Court!



Photos taken Monday and Tuesday April 20&21.



I expect that Mom, Dad and kids will be spending a couple of weeks just hanging out on our front door Christmas wreath. . . Then, the 5 youngsters will be ready to try their wings!! At that point, we'll have a second pair of "empty nesters" here at 1146 Bear Creek Court!!

Based on my research. . . I think that they are a family of house finches. . .

Barbara Yager

Board of Review

News:

The 3 member, Township Board appointed Board of Review performed its duties recently checking for errors in assessment and hearing any challenges from taxpayers who questioned their property assessments.

Key Background Information:

Board of Review Budget for 2020-2021 - \$2,700

Board of Trustees

News:

April 14, 2020 meeting by GoToMeeting on-line.

Results of this meeting can be found under the appropriate subject heading elsewhere in this report. The draft minutes are here:

<https://www.ecode360.com/documents/OA3183/public/539990014.pdf>

April 28, 2020 meeting agenda and instructions for attending by computer or phone here:

<https://www.ecode360.com/documents/OA3183/public/540605721.pdf>

Not much on the agenda, nothing of wide interest except bills and Manager's report at the end of packet with township specific Covid-19 info.

Key background information – Board of Trustees

Board members (7): Supervisor Mike Bailey, Clerk Karen Reilly, Treasurer Jeanne Langlois, Trustees: Frank Ferriolo, Robin Buxar, Lana Mangiapane, John Giannangeli

Budget 2020-2021 (Fund 101-101) - \$368,950

Legal Fees - \$207,000

Total Pay and benefits (FICA, Defined Contribution Pension) to 4 Trustees - \$42,200 (\$10,550 each annually)

Officers Pay and Benefits – no added pay for Board service for Supervisor, Clerk, and Treasurer

Other expenses: \$119,400

Legal authority, responsibility:

Have final authority and responsibility for all township affairs with the exception of ZBA decisions.

Webpage:

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

Office Location: None provided.

Budget

Board Approved the 2020-2021 Budget on 3/31/2020.

The Township fiscal year from 4/1/2019 to 3/31/2020 just ended and the Board approved its budget for 2020-2021 and projections for two years beyond that. They also give the last three years actual revenue and expenses for comparison. The actual spending for this year 2019-2020

is not yet definitively tabulated. We will see it in the audited financial report coming in late summer. The budgets in detail can be seen in 26 pages in the March 31 Board meeting packet pages 33-59 here: <https://www.ecode360.com/documents/OA3183/public/536477724.pdf>

We have attempted to summarize the 26 pages in a few charts.

This first chart shows the fund balances for various funds at the beginning of each fiscal year. The General Fund can be spent on any legal purpose. The other funds are primarily funded by tax levies and the money must be spent according to the ballot language of the voter-approved millage levy.

		Fiscal Year	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
			Actual Data	Actual Data	Actual Data	Amended Budget	Proposed Budget	Proposed Budget	Proposed Budget
Beginning Fund Balances - Start of Fiscal Year on April 1st of 20xx - Actual or Predicted									
101		General Fund	\$ 6,726,414	\$ 7,493,080	\$ 8,494,126	\$ 8,892,611	\$ 7,265,911	\$ 5,960,311	\$ 5,147,961
206		Fire	\$ 1,374,923	\$ 1,260,130	\$ 1,202,835	\$ 1,110,868	\$ 1,110,868	\$ 1,110,868	\$ 1,110,868
207		Police	\$ 3,217,704	\$ 3,217,704	\$ 3,217,704	\$ 3,217,704	\$ 3,217,704	\$ 3,217,704	\$ 3,217,704
208		Parks	\$ 2,259,277	\$ 1,853,751	\$ 1,809,539	\$ 1,874,670	\$ 1,391,452	\$ 985,927	\$ 964,927
211		Trails	\$ 1,952,632	\$ 1,883,310	\$ 2,062,272	\$ 1,915,211	\$ 1,513,261	\$ 649,011	\$ 734,561
232		OPC	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
271		Library	\$ 906,364	\$ 932,357	\$ 962,660	\$ 1,006,177	\$ 1,049,027	\$ 1,076,727	\$ 1,096,727
280		Historic District Commission	\$ 512,412	\$ 503,517	\$ 513,758	\$ 531,322	\$ 509,514	\$ 470,814	\$ 392,264
288		OPC Transportation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
408		Land Preservation	\$ 1,475,087	\$ 1,720,180	\$ 1,951,668	\$ 2,242,848	\$ 1,386,348	\$ 1,290,273	\$ 1,319,373
		Total	\$ 18,424,813	\$ 18,864,029	\$ 20,214,562	\$ 20,791,411	\$ 17,444,085	\$ 14,761,635	\$ 13,984,385

Since the Fire was not designed to support both Fire and EMS (see recently unearthed background from 2004 Board minutes in our Fire section.). Money was moved or is planned to be moved from the General Fund 101 to the Fire Fund 206 to cover expenses. I find it helpful to my understanding think of this as being done at the very beginning of the year and resulting in these new starting fund balances below. General Fund goes down and Fire Fund goes up. The total money available stays the same.

Move Money from General Fund (101) to Fire Fund to cover expected needs. No other fund can have its money moved. All other funds must be spend strictly according to ballot language that approved their establishment

		Fiscal Year	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
			Actual Data	Actual Data	Actual Data	Amended Budget	Proposed Budget	Proposed Budget	Proposed Budget
206	(265,336,338,340,342)	Fire Fund - Operations			\$ 220,400	\$ 561,900	\$ 423,900	\$ 605,000	\$ 587,200
206	901	Fire Fund - Capital-901	\$ 67,704	\$ 135,953	\$ 430,441	\$ 1,362,000	\$ 1,442,000	\$ 1,004,000	\$ 789,000

Revised Fund Balances - Start of Fiscal Year on April 1st , 20xx- after moving money from General Fund to Fire Funds

		Fiscal Year	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
			Actual Data	Actual Data	Actual Data	Amended Budget	Proposed Budget	Proposed Budget	Proposed Budget
101		General Fund	\$ 6,658,710	\$ 7,357,127	\$ 7,843,285	\$ 6,968,711	\$ 5,400,011	\$ 4,351,311	\$ 3,771,761
206		Fire	\$ 1,442,627	\$ 1,396,083	\$ 1,853,676	\$ 3,034,768	\$ 2,976,768	\$ 2,719,868	\$ 2,487,068
207		Police	\$ 3,217,704	\$ 3,217,704	\$ 3,217,704	\$ 3,217,704	\$ 3,217,704	\$ 3,217,704	\$ 3,217,704
208		Parks	\$ 2,259,277	\$ 1,853,751	\$ 1,809,539	\$ 1,874,670	\$ 1,391,452	\$ 985,927	\$ 964,927
211		Trails	\$ 1,952,632	\$ 1,883,310	\$ 2,062,272	\$ 1,915,211	\$ 1,513,261	\$ 649,011	\$ 734,561
232		OPC	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
271		Library	\$ 906,364	\$ 932,357	\$ 962,660	\$ 1,006,177	\$ 1,049,027	\$ 1,076,727	\$ 1,096,727
280		Historic DistrictCommission	\$ 512,412	\$ 503,517	\$ 513,758	\$ 531,322	\$ 509,514	\$ 470,814	\$ 392,264
288		OPC Transportation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
408		Land Preservation	\$ 1,475,087	\$ 1,720,180	\$ 1,951,668	\$ 2,242,848	\$ 1,386,348	\$ 1,290,273	\$ 1,319,373
		Total	\$ 18,424,813	\$ 18,864,029	\$ 20,214,562	\$ 20,791,411	\$ 17,444,085	\$ 14,761,635	\$ 13,984,385

The township starts incurring expenses for the fiscal year starting on April 1 20xx. Even without any taxes or other revenue the township could go almost two years without running out of money. See table below for expenses. For much more detail see the 26 page budget report at link above. For even more detail, see the record of every check written in each Board meeting packet.

Expenses during the fiscal year from 4/1/20xx to 3/31/20xx+1									
		Fiscal Year	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
			Actual Data	Actual Data	Actual Data	Amended Budget	Proposed Budget	Proposed Budget	Proposed Budget
101	101	Total General Fund Expenses	\$ 2,155,487	\$ 1,920,053	\$ 2,141,687	\$ 3,458,522	\$ 2,670,500	\$ 2,510,050	\$ 2,529,450
101	101	Board of Trustees	\$ 289,056	\$ 308,156	\$ 291,662	\$ 361,700	\$ 368,950	\$ 374,250	\$ 379,650
101	215	Clerk	\$ 202,204	\$ 193,299	\$ 211,876	\$ 327,000	\$ 338,800	\$ 343,400	\$ 351,100
101	449	Roads	\$ 240,216	\$ 201,018	\$ 144,377	\$ 701,700	\$ 337,400	\$ 410,400	\$ 419,200
101	901	Capital Outlay	\$ 231,835	\$ 146,589	\$ 162,627	\$ 347,900	\$ 334,000	\$ 104,000	\$ 85,500
101	265	Building and Grounds	\$ 236,880	\$ 228,257	\$ 224,589	\$ 330,800	\$ 317,300	\$ 317,300	\$ 320,300
101	172	Superintendent	\$ 153,484	\$ 152,424	\$ 176,521	\$ 214,600	\$ 229,200	\$ 233,700	\$ 238,100
101	253	Treasurer	\$ 133,766	\$ 124,182	\$ 151,009	\$ 182,000	\$ 186,600	\$ 189,900	\$ 193,400
101	257	Assessor	\$ 127,398	\$ 132,471	\$ 126,477	\$ 140,000	\$ 143,000	\$ 146,000	\$ 149,000
101	747	Community Action Programs	\$ 140,673	\$ 118,164	\$ 121,616	\$ 183,300	\$ 123,200	\$ 123,900	\$ 124,700
101	488	Public Works	\$ 12,095	\$ 3,321	\$ 184,700	\$ 503,422	\$ 95,000	\$ 95,000	\$ 95,000
101	721	Planning Department	\$ 108,887	\$ 84,393	\$ 61,403	\$ 91,250	\$ 92,100	\$ 93,100	\$ 94,100
101	262	Elections	\$ 53,051	\$ 5,119	\$ 46,283	\$ 25,500	\$ 52,250	\$ 26,100	\$ 26,100
101	171	Supervisor	\$ 14,080	\$ 13,899	\$ 13,628	\$ 19,600	\$ 19,700	\$ 19,700	\$ 19,700
101	722	Zoning Board of Appeals	\$ 14,209	\$ 11,327	\$ 12,365	\$ 16,950	\$ 17,200	\$ 17,500	\$ 17,800
101	448	Public Works	\$ 5,766	\$ 5,867	\$ 5,454	\$ 6,100	\$ 9,100	\$ 9,100	\$ 9,100
101	276	Cemetery	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,544	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
101	247	Board of Review	\$ 1,870	\$ 1,979	\$ 1,064	\$ 2,700	\$ 2,700	\$ 2,700	\$ 2,700
101	852	Employee Benefits	\$ 187,517	\$ 187,088	\$ 203,492	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
206		Fire/EMS Total Expenses	\$ 1,637,359	\$ 1,691,429	\$ 2,287,503	\$ 3,535,500	\$ 3,728,800	\$ 3,329,300	\$ 3,155,500
206	901	Fire/EMS Capital	\$ 67,706	\$ 135,951	\$ 441,487	\$ 1,362,000	\$ 1,642,000	\$ 1,004,000	\$ 789,000
206	(265,336,338,340,342)	Fire/EMS Operations	\$ 1,569,653	\$ 1,555,478	\$ 1,846,016	\$ 2,173,500	\$ 2,086,800	\$ 2,325,300	\$ 2,366,500
207	207	Police	\$ 2,314,205	\$ 2,301,586	\$ 2,343,497	\$ 2,428,200	\$ 2,575,900	\$ 2,582,500	\$ 2,630,900
208	208	Parks - Total Expenses	\$ 1,429,003	\$ 1,111,978	\$ 1,054,114	\$ 2,158,518	\$ 1,945,625	\$ 1,278,300	\$ 1,167,150
211	211	Trails	\$ 391,621	\$ 62,501	\$ 328,693	\$ 665,250	\$ 1,139,250	\$ 199,250	\$ 199,250
232	232	OPC	\$ 285,420	\$ 294,951	\$ 307,641	\$ 319,800	\$ 332,600	\$ 345,900	\$ 359,600
271	271	Library	\$ 734,423	\$ 758,233	\$ 783,511	\$ 823,250	\$ 862,600	\$ 896,700	\$ 932,200
280	280	Historic DistrictCommission	\$ 157,454	\$ 141,469	\$ 148,495	\$ 187,008	\$ 214,000	\$ 560,450	\$ 210,150
288	288	OPC Transportation	\$ 109,639	\$ 113,240	\$ 118,099	\$ 122,700	\$ 127,800	\$ 132,900	\$ 138,200
408	408	Land Preservation	\$ 642,489	\$ 676,593	\$ 676,544	\$ 4,062,200	\$ 1,152,275	\$ 1,072,100	\$ 999,380
Total Expenses			\$ 9,857,100	\$ 9,072,033	\$ 10,189,784	\$ 17,760,948	\$ 14,749,350	\$ 12,907,450	\$ 12,321,780

Tax revenue comes in during the year starting after the December tax bills are sent out for 20xx and ending roughly at middle of February of 20xx+1. You may be surprised that it is not all revenue is property taxes. Again, there is more detail in the 26 page report at link above.

Revenue during fiscal year. Trickle in from December 20xx to March 20xx+1. (Property Tax, sales tax, grants, fees.)

		Fiscal Year	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
			Actual Data	Actual Data	Actual Data	Amended Budget	Proposed Budget	Proposed Budget	Proposed Budget
101	101	General Fund Total	\$ 2,989,857	\$ 3,057,052	\$ 3,191,013	\$ 3,241,900	\$ 3,230,800	\$ 3,306,700	\$ 3,374,210
		Sales tax from State of Michigan	\$ 1,376,782	\$ 1,424,999	\$ 1,431,618	\$ 1,436,800	\$ 1,466,600	\$ 1,494,900	\$ 1,524,800
		Property Taxes	\$ 654,089	\$ 675,757	\$ 706,683	\$ 736,500	\$ 764,000	\$ 794,500	\$ 826,000
		Cable Franchise Fee	\$ 347,509	\$ 346,366	\$ 345,474	\$ 345,000	\$ 345,000	\$ 345,000	\$ 345,000
		Other Revenue	\$ 300,437	\$ 301,095	\$ 298,396	\$ 340,900	\$ 306,400	\$ 319,700	\$ 321,910
		From Building Department Fees	\$ 175,000	\$ 185,000	\$ 185,000	\$ 188,700	\$ 192,500	\$ 196,300	\$ 200,200
		Interest	\$ 70,199	\$ 89,193	\$ 189,295	\$ 160,000	\$ 122,300	\$ 122,300	\$ 122,300
		Disctrict Court Fines	\$ 65,841	\$ 34,642	\$ 34,547	\$ 34,000	\$ 34,000	\$ 34,000	\$ 34,000
206	206	Fire Fund - 206 - Total Revenue	\$ 1,446,862	\$ 1,490,181	\$ 1,536,695	\$ 1,603,400	\$ 1,854,600	\$ 1,711,900	\$ 1,770,800
206	206	Property Taxes - 206-000-402.000	\$ 1,213,433	\$ 1,253,517	\$ 1,310,894	\$ 1,366,400	\$ 1,417,800	\$ 1,474,600	\$ 1,533,500
206	206	Ambulance Receipts 206-000-695.020	\$ 215,160	\$ 216,701	\$ 204,199	\$ 224,000	\$ 210,000	\$ 210,000	\$ 210,000
206	206	Other Revenue - total of 9 categories	\$ 18,269	\$ 19,963	\$ 21,602	\$ 13,000	\$ 226,800	\$ 27,300	\$ 27,300
207	207	Police	\$ 2,172,805	\$ 2,250,621	\$ 2,379,232	\$ 2,449,600	\$ 2,546,300	\$ 2,646,400	\$ 2,750,500
208	208	Parks-Total Revenue	\$ 1,023,477	\$ 1,067,766	\$ 1,119,245	\$ 1,675,300	\$ 1,540,100	\$ 1,257,300	\$ 1,275,600
208	208-000-539.030	Grants State of Michigan				\$ 528,500	\$ 328,500		
208	208-000-423.000	Property Taxes	\$ 910,305	\$ 940,129	\$ 983,161	\$ 1,024,800	\$ 1,063,400	\$ 1,105,900	\$ 1,150,000
208		Other Revenue	\$ 113,172	\$ 127,637	\$ 136,084	\$ 122,000	\$ 148,200	\$ 151,400	\$ 125,600
211	211	Trails	\$ 322,299	\$ 241,463	\$ 181,632	\$ 263,300	\$ 275,000	\$ 284,800	\$ 295,000
232	232	OPC	\$ 285,420	\$ 294,951	\$ 307,641	\$ 319,800	\$ 332,600	\$ 345,900	\$ 359,600
271	271	Library	\$ 760,416	\$ 788,536	\$ 827,028	\$ 866,100	\$ 890,300	\$ 916,700	\$ 943,800
280	280	Historic District Commission - Total	\$ 148,559	\$ 151,710	\$ 166,059	\$ 165,200	\$ 175,300	\$ 481,900	\$ 188,800
		Historic District Commission - Grants						\$ 300,000	
288	288	OPC Transportation	\$ 109,639	\$ 113,240	\$ 118,099	\$ 122,700	\$ 127,800	\$ 132,900	\$ 138,200
408	408	Land Preservation - Total Revenue	\$ 887,582	\$ 908,081	\$ 967,724	\$ 3,205,700	\$ 1,056,200	\$ 1,101,200	\$ 1,304,100
408		Land Preservation - Property Taxes	\$ 839,043	\$ 866,735	\$ 906,484	\$ 944,900	\$ 980,400	\$ 1,019,000	\$ 1,060,500
408		Land Preservation - Grants	\$ 30,135	\$ 4,500	\$ 9,165	\$ 2,210,000			\$ 192,000
408		Land Preservation - Other Revenue	\$ 18,404	\$ 36,846	\$ 52,075	\$ 50,800	\$ 75,800	\$ 82,200	\$ 51,600
		Total Revenue	\$ 10,146,916	\$ 10,363,601	\$ 10,794,368	\$ 13,913,000	\$ 12,029,000	\$ 12,185,700	\$ 12,400,610

At the end of the fiscal year on March 31, 20xx+1, the money left in each fund is the “Ending Fund Balance”. But not new table is needed to show this date. Look at the very first table for the Fund Balances – Start of Fiscal Year for year 20xx+1-20xx+2. The Ending Fund Balance for year 20xx-20xx+1 if the same as Beginning Fund Balance for 20xx+1-20xx+2

Clerk's Department

News: The March primary election came off without a hitch. The DIA millage passed. I attended the public testing of the voting machines, prior to the election. It is quite a process to validate the voting machine performance by feeding in ballots and making sure the machines read them correctly. We also have the paper ballots as a back-up.

Key Background Information-Clerk's Department

Total 2020-2021 budget (Fund 215 Clerk + Fund 262 Elections) - \$391,050

Elected Clerk – Karen Reilly – Annual salary \$9,400

Key legal responsibilities of elected Clerk per Michigan laws:

- Keep records
- Make records available to public per state laws
- Issue checks to pay bills
- Accounting for funds per state law requirements
- Appoint a Deputy Clerk, supervise staff
- Run elections
- Member of Township Board of Trustees

Clerk Staff Total Pay and Benefits: \$295,200

- Appointed Deputy Clerk – Roxanne Thatcher
- Clerk's Assistant – Ethan Haan
- Accounting Specialist / Election Coordinator – Renee Bullen
- Finance Administrator – Julie DeClercq

Elections: \$52,250

Other Expenses: \$34,200

Webpage (phone and email contact information):

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

Office Location: Elected Clerk – no office provided; maintains office hours 3-5 Mondays in Board room; Clerk's staff is housed in Township Hall.

Community Action Programs

Recycle Free at Eagle Valley Landfill (Silverbell, west of Lapeer)

Below is an email from township hall to a resident who asked about resuming recycling at township hall. Thanks to Jamie Moore, Assistant Township Manager, for pointing us to this information on the township website that she maintains.

"Many years ago we did have recycling at township hall but unfortunately we had a lot of dumping. It was an expensive problem and the board studied the issue for many months. The minutes are available on our website. The final decision was made at this meeting in late 2011: <https://www.ecode360.com/documents/OA3183/public/54030421.pdf>

But good news- you can recycle free of charge at Eagle Valley as a resident! We have an agreement with Waste Management to provide this service. Unfortunately they are closed to the public right now but when they reopen, you can find the details on acceptable materials here:

http://www.oaklandtownship.org/community_info/waste_and_recycling_information/index.php

They also deal with contamination and have asked that we encourage residents to be sure recycling is not contaminated. You can find the details on that here: http://www.oaklandtownship.org/community_info/waste_and_recycling_information/docs/2018%20RORR%20Guidelines.pdf

When you arrive, you just need to show ID and visit the weigh station.

Please let me know if I can help further,

Jamie Moore

Assistant Township Manager "

jmoore@oaklandtownship.org

Key Background Information – Community action Programs

Total budget (Fund 101-747) for Community Action Programs 2020-2021 - \$123,900

Fire Department (OTFD)

Board approves \$130,844 for four LIFEPAK 15 Defibrillators



OTFD has Advanced Life Support license status with Oakland County Medical Control Authority. Those OTFD members who are qualified as ALS EMT-P (Paramedics) are licensed, trained and equipped to administer

advanced procedures and medication for patients suffering cardiac arrest. In addition to equipment that can administer CPR automatically, OTFD has these LIFEPAK units which is essentially a combination EKG and automatic defibrillator. OTFD purchases these with advanced options so they can be used for both adults and children. Administrative Chief Lou Danek indicated that the existing equipment (LIFEPAK 12's) have reached the limit of their useful lives after 10 years. At Trustee John Giannangeli's suggestion, the Board voted 7/0 on 4/14/2020 to pay for the units outright rather than opt for the more expensive lease-to-buy arrangement offered by the equipment supplier's (Stryker) finance arm (48 monthly payments of \$3529 would have totaled \$169,392).

Key Background Information: Fire Department EMS Funding

Expenses - 2020-2021 Budget	
Operations	\$ 2,086,800
Vehicle Purchase	\$ 1,220,000
Buiding Improvements	\$ 305,000
Other Capital	\$ 117,000
Total	\$ 3,728,800

Revenue Projected - 2020-2021 Budget	
Fire Millage	\$ 1,421,100
Ambulance Fees	\$ 224,000
From General Fund	\$ 1,865,900
Moceri	\$ 200,000
Other Revenue	\$ 17,800
Total	\$ 3,728,800

Notes on Fire department 2020-2021 budget:

The fire department millage of 1.0 mills was never adequate to support the entire department. It has been supplemented with General Fund money:

Past use of General Fund Money for the Fire Department included:

- The approx. \$4,000,000 cost of Station #2
- The original township intent was for EMS (this service was added in 2004) to be funded from the General Fund (See Township Board Minutes below- 7/22/2003 page 108 and 8/26/2003 page 121 for discussions of EMS funding from the General Fund)

General Fund Millage

Trustee Phillips noted that the General Fund balance continues to increase. He questioned if the Township needs to continue to levy this millage or if the millage rate could be decreased. Manager Creech responded that he has plans for certain Township projects, which will use these funds. Also, he noted that the Township will soon be providing EMS service; he would prefer to pay for this service from the General Fund instead of having to obtain voter approval of a separate millage for this.

Trustee Phillips asked Manager Creech to draw up a list of his proposed projects and the anticipated costs associated with each. Supervisor Hoffman added that she would like Fire Chief Benoit to provide a timeline regarding when he anticipates the Township will be providing EMS services.

Trustee Derian pointed out that it is important for the Township to have a "rainy day fund" in the event of difficult times. However, he suggested that the Board annually assess the General Fund balance.

General Fund Balance

Trustee Phillips referred to material supplied by Manager Creech indicating a plan for restricting and encumbering current fund balance and expected operational revenues over expenditures in the coming years. Trustee Phillips indicated his approval for allocation of funds in such a manner and questioned how the Township could begin this process. Manager Creech responded that the restricted funds could be dedicated for infrastructure improvements and operational subsidy for the EMS and other uses and could be restricted through the budget amendment process.

The chart below shows how former Township Manager James Creech proposed to partially fund EMS with General Fund money. This was in a memo to the Board dated 1/22/2004. The memo, in addition to showing his funding plan, included data on slow response (90% within 26 minutes) from our private ambulance service used at the time.

<https://oaklandtownshipsentinelcom.files.wordpress.com/2020/04/img2020042210575074.pdf>

GENERAL FUND									
Fiscal Year end	3/31/2002	3/31/2003	CURRENT 3/31/2004	3/31/2005	3/31/2006	3/31/2007	3/31/2008	3/31/2009	3/31/2010
	Actual	Actual							
Year starting Fund Balance	3,513,699	3,156,922	4,225,561	5,025,561	4,813,561	4,611,771	4,417,172	4,226,498	4,036,224
Revenues	2,675,719	2,377,902	2,300,000	2,369,000	2,440,070	2,513,272	2,588,670	2,666,330	2,746,320
Expenditures	1,216,638	1,288,679	1,350,000	1,431,000	1,516,860	1,607,872	1,704,344	1,806,605	1,915,001
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES									
Miscellaneous	101,735	20,584	50,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000
Property Purch./Cap. Imp.	1,714,123		100,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000
OPERATIONAL SUBSIDY									
EMS	0	0	0	400,000	375,000	350,000	325,000	300,000	275,000
Year End Fund Balance	3,156,922	4,225,561	5,025,561	4,813,561	4,611,771	4,417,172	4,226,498	4,036,224	3,842,543
FIRE FUND									
Fiscal Year end	3/31/2002	3/31/2003	CURRENT 3/31/2004	6 mo. ALS 3/31/2005	3/31/2006	3/31/2007	3/31/2008	3/31/2009	3/31/2010
	Actual	Actual							
Year starting Fund Balance	749,557	938,073	702,314	699,121	797,616	801,503	797,856	802,369	806,294
Tax levy and revenue	736,600	789,721	940,000	987,000	1,036,350	1,088,168	1,142,576	1,199,705	1,259,690
OPERATIONAL COSTS									
FIRE includes bldg, veh&equip	375,454	636,430 *	504,700	519,841	535,436	551,499	568,043	585,084	602,637
EMS	0	0	7,500	244,660	510,377	536,387	544,161	571,369	599,938
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	0	86,504	75,000	200,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000
DEBT PAYMENT	172,630	302,546	360,993	359,004	361,650	358,929	360,858	354,327	363,358
GENERAL FUND SUBSIDY	0	0	0	400,000	375,000	350,000	325,000	300,000	275,000
EMS REVENUE	0	0	5,000	35,000	75,000	80,000	85,000	90,000	95,000
Year End Fund Balance	938,073	702,314	699,121	797,616	801,503	797,856	802,369	806,294	795,051
*paid off fire truck									

Current and upcoming issues requiring General Fund Support for OTFD include:

- Oakland County Medical Control Authority now requires ALS (Advanced Life Support) ambulance staffing to be two EMT's at all times in order for OTFD to be licensed. The previous OTFD practice (2004-2018) of one full-time Firefighter / Paramedic in the ambulance at each of two stations meeting at the patient address is not allowed. This meant doubling the station staffing 24/7 from 1 per station to 2.
- 20+ year old fire engines are now needing replacement at about \$1,000,000 each.

Historic Preservation

News: The Board thanked Historic District Commissioners Gene Ferrera and Donald Westphal for their service. Their 3 year terms expire in May 2020. Mr. Ferrera was re-appointed for another three year term. Mr. Westphal did not seek re-appointment.

Historic Preservation Planner, Barbara Barber is in the process of applying for a MNRTF grant for moving the Garling Barn from Clarkston (in the way of new Jensam development there) to Cranberry Lake Farm.

Background information:

HDC will have to dip a little into their savings of \$509,514 to fund their projects for 2020-2021. The largest is \$50,500 for Cranberry Lake Farm restoration. Their revenue is primarily the Historic Preservation tax millage.

Historic District Commision 2020-2021	
Revenue	\$ 175,300
Expenses	\$ 214,000
Fund balance start	\$ 509,514
Fund balance end	\$ 470,814

Land Preservation

Board approves USFWS Landowner Agreement for Restoration Work at

- **Blue Heron Environmental Area,**
- **Watershed Ridge Park,**
- **Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park**

Oakland Township Natural Area Stewardship Manager, Dr. Ben Vanderweide described this \$64,000 project, which is half funded by USFWS grants, as follows, in his two page memo on pages 42-43 of the Board 4/14/2020 meeting packet:

<https://www.ecode360.com/documents/OA3183/public/538528054.pdf>

“Overview: In partnership with the US Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), we propose planting native prairie vegetation in fields and restoring wetland hydrology at Blue Heron Environmental Area (16.3 acres), Watershed Ridge Park (14.2 acres), and Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park (23.6 acres).”

USFWS interest comes from their Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) summarized on page 53 of the Board meeting packet as follows:

“Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) The Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) takes actions to protect, restore and maintain the Great Lakes ecosystem. One of five focus areas of GLRI is Habitat and Wildlife Protection and Restoration. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) will deliver partnership-based on-the ground habitat restoration projects to restore wetland hydrology, restore and

enhance native upland and wetland vegetation, reduce sediment and nutrient inputs, improve water quality and enhance populations of migratory birds and federally-listed species within the Great Lakes watershed. The USFWS will work with landowners and partners to restore habitat on private lands, recognizing that environmental benefits extend well beyond the property boundaries.”

Details for each of the three parks and maps are provided in the meeting packet as well as the detailed proposed agreement between the township and USFWS to head off misunderstandings.

Three Seasonal Land Stewardship Technicians to Be Hired for 2020 Season - Emily Veillette, Parker Maynard and Lindsay Walls

(The following is from March 11, 2020 draft PRC Minutes by Ingrid Kliffel)

“HIRING OF 2020 SEASONAL LAND STEWARDSHIP TECHNICIANS

There are no Seasonal Land Stewardship Technicians returning from last year. Director Milos-Dale stated that we received nine applications, and she and Dr. VanderWeide interviewed five of those applicants. They are recommending that the PRC hire three technicians, the same number as last year.

MOVED BY BUKOWSKI, SECONDED BY SIMON, to hire Emily Veillette, Parker Maynard and Lindsay Walls as Seasonal Land Stewardship Technicians for a term starting not before April 9, 2020, lasting up to 20 weeks (a total of 800 hours for each technician), at a rate of \$15.36/hour and, if one of these is not available, to hire Cameron Mansell as an alternate Seasonal Land Stewardship Technician at a rate of \$14.36/hour.

MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Simon noted that we have added a significant amount of land to Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park. He wondered if Dr. VanderWeide will be able to accomplish the stewardship that he needs with three Seasonal Land Stewardship Technicians. Dr. VanderWeide responded that his staff will prioritize the work that needs to be done.”

Older Person's Commission (OPC)

OPC \$4,665,100 Budget Set for 2020; Oakland Township Property Tax Provides About 10% - \$476,900. Millage Increase Proposal on August Ballot



OPC to Remain Closed Until May 4

The OPC will be following Governor Gretchen Whitmer's executive order to Stay Home, Stay Safe. The updated opening date for the OPC is now May 4.
Be Well & Stay Safe!

Contribute Your Kroger Reward Points to OPC

Be a Supporter of our Senior Services

Shop at Kroger! If your Kroger card is not already linked to the OPC, sign into your Kroger account on the [Kroger Community Rewards](#) page. Search for the "Older Persons Commission" or our organization number "BA524" to link your rewards card to the OPC.



Your purchases at Kroger can help support the OPC!

OPC Senior Center | 650 Letica, Rochester MI 48307 | 248-656-1403



Here is the link cited above: <https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards>

Don't forget to read OPC newsletters on-line here: <https://opcseniorcenter.org/get-connected/newsletter>

Read "Vintage View" here: <https://opcseniorcenter.org/get-connected/vintage-views>

Oakland Township Board Recently Approved These 4/1/2020-3/31/2021 Budget Appropriations to cover our contribution to OPC.

OPC (Fund 232- 0.2213 mills)	- \$332,600
OPC Transportation (Fund 288 – 0.0849 mills)	- \$127,800
OPC Transportation (General Fund 101-474-880.155 – 0.1000 mills)	- \$16,500

Total	\$ 476,900

I don't know why the transportation contribution is split between two funding sources.

The Board also honored the OPC request to place a 10 year millage increase from 0.2213 to 0.3200 on the Oakland Township August 2020 ballot. This will provide about \$136,000 additional revenue from Oakland Township, if passed. This likely increase is not reflected in preliminary Oakland Township budget data in the graph below for 2021 and beyond.

The reasons given by the OPC officials for the a millage increase request can be seen in the slides (below) they presented to our Oakland Township Board of Trustees at the 2/25/2020 meeting seen below or on pages 66-74 here:

<https://www.ecode360.com/documents/OA3183/public/531582790.pdf>

I did not verify all the information presented.

OPC Background Information

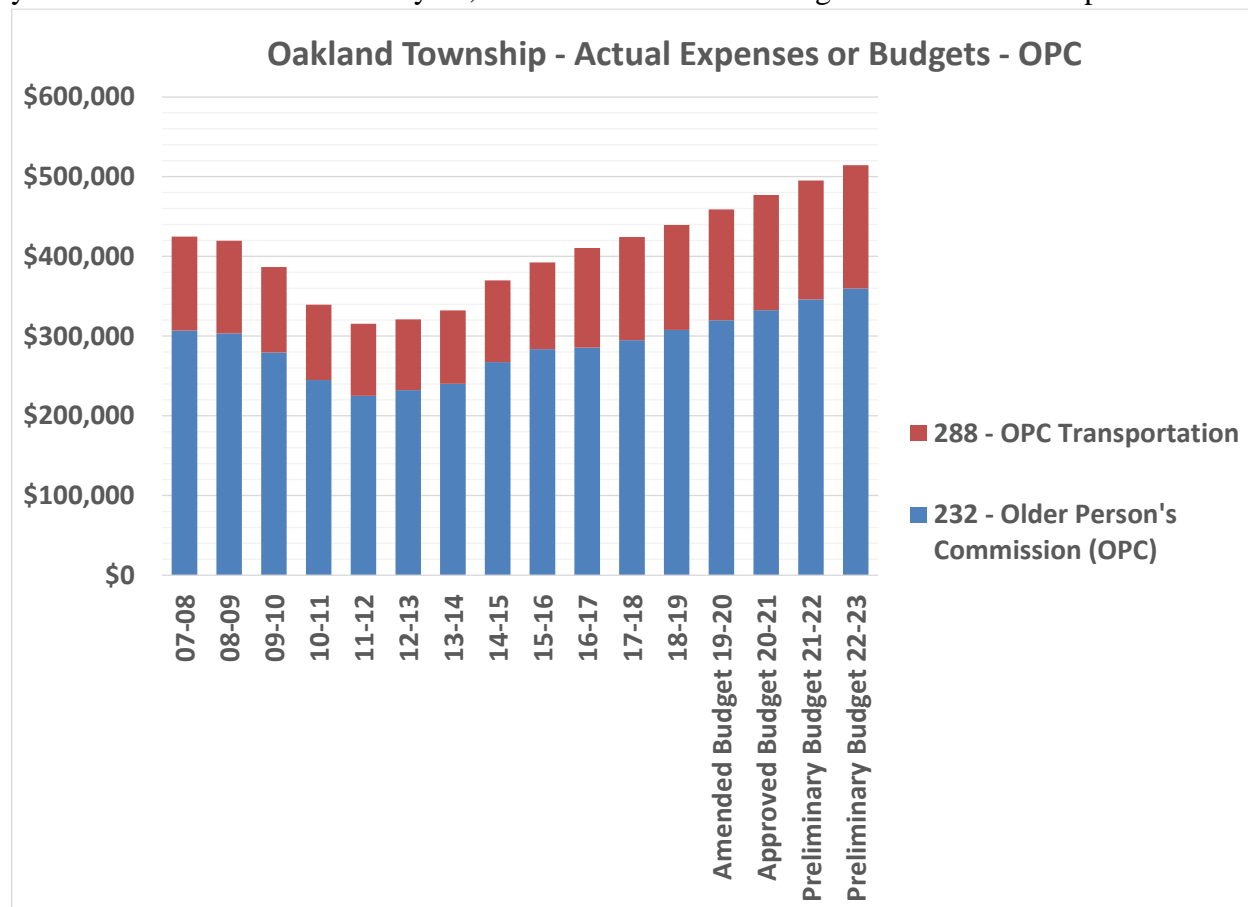
Location: 650 Letica Drive, Rochester, 248-656-1403

Website: <https://opcseniorcenter.org/>

Benefits: Offers services (meals-on-wheels, \$3-\$4 lunches, adult day-care and more) and activities (fitness, swimming, arts and crafts, woodshop, travel, performing arts) for seniors over 50 and cheap (\$4.00 round-trip donation) door-to-door minivan transportation for those over 60 or disabled. See the OPC website for details. The several page introductory letter to their most recent financial report gives many excellent details about their programs with usage statistics: <https://opcseniorcenter.org/docman/governing-board/financial/1262-fy2019-opc-final-audit-report/file>.

Oakland Township Taxes: The chart below shows a history of past annual Oakland Township OPC tax contributions 4/1/2007 to 3/31/2019, the current 2020 approved budget and preliminary

future budgets through 4/1/2021 through 3/31/2023. The final expense data for 2019-2020 is not yet available at this time of the year, so the latest amended budget is shown for that period.



Oakland Township property taxes fund only about 10% of OPC 2020 budget. The remainder is funded by Rochester and Rochester Hills taxes, grants, user fees and donations as shown in the table below

OPC 2019 Budget: The table below from the most recent OPC audited financial report (2019) gives a good picture of income and expenses. If you understand various accounting methods and terminology, see the full 38 page report here: <https://opcseiorcenter.org/docman/governing-board/financial/1262-fy2019-opc-final-audit-report/file>. If you are not an accountant, the introduction letter, from OPC Executive Director Renee Cortright does give a lot of excellent informative detail about OPC programs.

Rochester Hills-Oakland-Rochester Older Persons' Commission

Required Supplemental Information
Budgetary Comparison Schedule - General Fund
Budgetary Basis

Year Ended September 30, 2019

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Over (Under) Final Budget
Revenue				
Donations	\$ 447,700	\$ 447,700	\$ 478,311	\$ 30,611
Fees	899,000	899,000	1,048,934	149,934
Grants	590,000	590,000	683,493	93,493
Trips, performance, café, and gift shop	460,000	460,000	872,926	412,926
City of Rochester Hills, Michigan - Millage	1,141,700	1,141,700	1,173,837	32,137
City of Rochester, Michigan - Millage	214,900	214,900	218,779	3,879
Oakland Township - Millage	434,300	434,300	439,243	4,943
Other revenue:				
Reimbursements	66,900	66,900	75,873	8,973
Miscellaneous	7,500	7,500	52,269	44,769
Total revenue	4,262,000	4,262,000	5,043,665	781,665
Expenditures				
Administration	940,400	940,400	903,909	36,491
Facilities management	782,700	782,700	593,532	189,168
Leisure travel	326,800	326,800	657,470	(330,670)
Adult day services	74,400	74,400	79,410	(5,010)
Performing arts	29,100	29,100	16,112	12,988
Health and wellness	456,200	456,200	518,222	(62,022)
Enrichment and arts	163,500	163,500	186,936	(23,436)
Nutrition	689,300	689,300	661,790	27,510
Transportation	754,600	754,600	653,687	100,913
Newsletter - Vintage View	36,700	36,700	30,962	5,738
Senior resources	98,300	98,300	95,644	2,656
Corner Café	61,500	61,500	72,241	(10,741)
Volunteers	35,000	35,000	27,569	7,431
Charity event	63,000	63,000	14,008	48,992
A-OK	5,000	5,000	1,600	3,400
Total expenditures	4,516,500	4,516,500	4,513,092	3,408
Net Change in Fund Balance	(254,500)	(254,500)	530,573	785,073
Fund Balance - Beginning of year	2,346,692	2,346,692	2,346,692	-
Fund Balance - End of year	\$ 2,092,192	\$ 2,092,192	\$ 2,877,265	\$ 785,073


Current and Future Budgets 2020-2022; 2023-2030

OPC Governing Board approved a 2020-2022 Budget and also showed capital projects for 2023-2030 to be funded with the possible increased millage. This budget can be seen in a legible copy here on the Oakland Township website board packet for 8/13/2019 page 93 ff:

<https://www.ecode360.com/documents/OA3183/public/502433649.pdf>


Millage Request: OPC's request for a millage increase was presented to Oakland Township Board of Trustees with the following slide presentation. I have included a few editorial comments.





THEN:

- 25,000 Square Feet
- 200-300 Visitors Per Day
- 900 Volunteers
- Minibuses: 1983 = 2, 2003 = 9
20,000 Trips per year
- \$350,000 Budget in 1983



NOW:

- 93,000 Square Feet
- 800-900 Visitors Per Day
- 1500 Volunteers
- 28 Minibuses
53,258 Trips per year
- \$4,262,000 Budget in Oct. 2018

Since 1984 there has been no increase in the millage.

Editor's note: Tax base increases from higher assessed values and new homes in the community provide more tax money even if millages are not increased.

OPC's Changing Demographics

OPC Senior Population Growth		
	2010	2030
Oakland Township		
Total 55+	4,340	7,983
Rochester		
Total 55+	2,779	4,856
Rochester Hills		
Total 55+	19,700	27,781
OPC 55+	26,819	40,620

Source: SEMCOG 2040 Forecast

84%
Increase
in the
55+
from
2010-2030
in Oakland
Township



OPC's 2019 Revenue Breakdown

64% of support for OPC programs comes from sources OTHER than the taxpayers.

• 36% Millage from our Community Taxpayers

- » 25% General Fund Millage
- » 11% Transportation Millage

• 38% Fees for Service

• 12% Fundraising & Donations

• 14% Grants

* The above represents a percentage of total funds received annually by the OPC.

Anticipated Capitol Expenditures

(Due to facility age and increase in building usage)

- 17 HVAC unit replacement
- DU 1 HVAC unit for Heating/AC and Dehumidification of the Pool
- RTU 1 HVAC unit Heating/AC for the gym
- Flooring Upgrade Locker Rooms and Pool Deck
- Repairs to West wall in the pool area
- Parking lot full-replacement
- Roof repair/replacement
- Walking Track/Cardio/Dutch LaVere floor replacement

Editor's notes: To the right is a list of projected (but not definitely decided) "new" capital projects from page 20 of their 2020-2022 Adopted Budget report. <https://opcseniorcenter.org/docman/governing-board/financial/11110-fy-2020-2022-adopted-budget/file>. Not included in the above OPC slide was a very significant \$1,000,000 Barn Development. PAR Pharmaceutical donated 3 acres adjacent for OPC for a parking lot, if PAR is also allowed to use it. The Barn was on this three acres.

OPC Capital Plans 2023-2030 - New Projects	
Parking Lot Expansion	\$ 1,200,000
ATU and dehumidification replacement	\$ 1,100,000
Barn Development	\$ 1,000,000
Roof Membrane Removal / Replacement	\$ 650,000
Current Parking Lot Replacement	\$ 500,000
Extended Receiving Bay	\$ 190,000
Locker Room Flooring Improvement	\$ 114,000
Pool Area Flooring Improvement	\$ 105,000
Walking Track Replacement	\$ 77,000
Atrium Redesign	\$ 25,000
HVAC/LAN Thermostat Control	\$ 15,000
Total	\$ 4,976,000

Barn Development project.



It is described below:

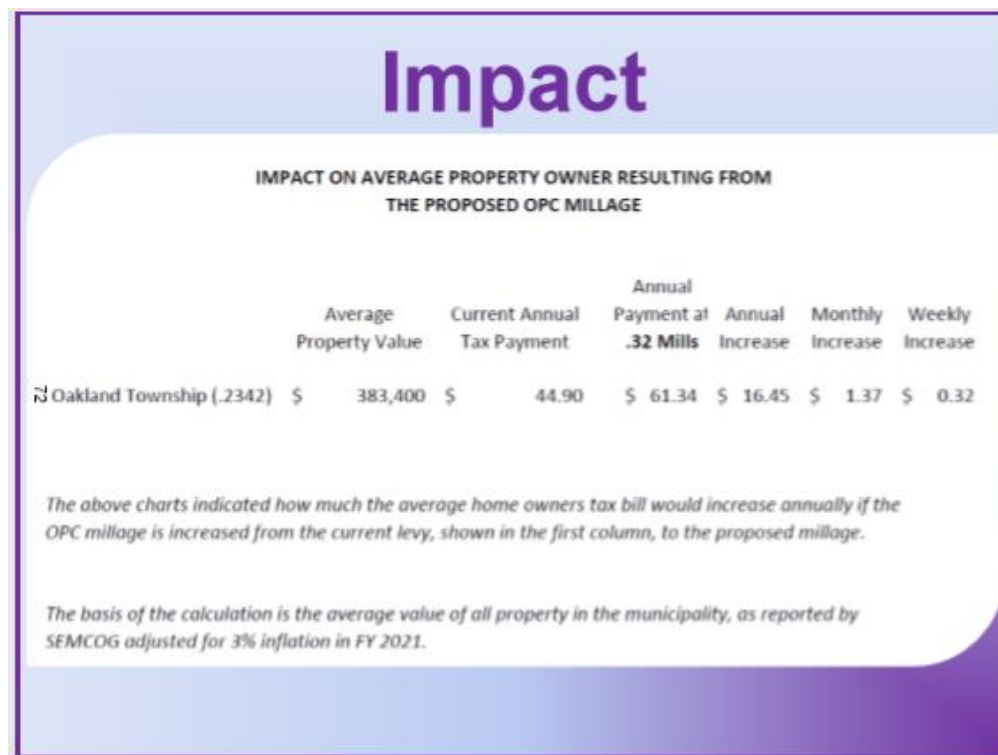
Article on \$1,000,000 barn project and land donation for parking expansion:

<https://www.candgnews.com/news/par-pharmaceutical-donates-land-historic-barn-opc-93850>

It was described in the 2017 financial report as follows:

“Also during FY 2018, the OPC will work to develop plans for the use of the land and historic barn donated by Par Pharmaceuticals. An engineering firm has been selected, through competitive bid, to develop preliminary engineering plans for the site. Although actual development of the land and barn may not take place for several years, developing a plan for use is one of the priorities for FY 2018.”

Resume OPC slide presentation:





The Call to Action

- Valuing the 50+ Adults in Oakland Township
- Opportunity to demonstrate your leadership
- The positive approach
- Endorsement of the services and programs provided to your older residents

VOTE to approve the placing of the Older Persons' Commission Operating Millage on the August 4, 2020 Ballot.

OPC Governance: The actual total OPC budgets for three fiscal years 2020-2022 are approved by the eight member governing board. This budget can be seen at this link:

<https://opcseniorcenter.org/docman/governing-board/financial/1110-fy-2020-2022-adopted-budget/file>

The agreement between Rochester, Rochester Hills, and Oakland Township that governs OPC and defines its purpose can be seen here: <https://opcseniorcenter.org/docman/governing-board/951-2017-amended-and-restated-interlocal-agreement-final-signed/file>

ARTICLE I – PURPOSE

The purpose of this Interlocal Agreement is to establish an Older Persons' Commission to provide activities and services for older persons, defined as those individuals fifty (50) years of age or older residing in the governmental units which are parties to this Agreement. The activities and services to be provided shall include, but are not limited to, the joint ownership and operation of an older persons' activity center, transportation and actions directed toward the improvement of the social, legal, health, housing, educational, emotional, nutritional, recreational, and mobility status of older persons.

OPC has an appointed, all-volunteer, un-paid Governing Board. Below is information “clipped” from the OPC website.

Governing Board

Overview:

The OPC is governed by the Older Persons' Commission Governing Board, which consists of eight commissioners representing the City of Rochester, City of Rochester Hills and Charter Township of Oakland. The OPC Governing Board adopts and monitors policies under the provisions of the Interlocal Agreement, which establishes the basic purpose, organization, structure, and operation of OPC.

The Commissioners consist of:

- City of Rochester Hills - 2 Elected Officials / 2 Senior Representatives
- City of Rochester – 1 Elected Official / 1 Senior Representative
- Charter Township of Oakland - 1 Elected Official / 1 Senior Representative

The Elected Officials and Senior Representatives are appointed by their corresponding council or board.

Meetings:

SPECIAL NOTICE: The OPC Governing Board Meeting scheduled for Monday, March 30 has been cancelled.

New for 2020: The meetings are held at the Older Persons' Commission, 650 Letica Dr., Rochester, Michigan on the fourth Thursday of the month, with the exception of the July and August meeting. The agenda is posted the Friday before the meeting in the main lobby, and on the website.

Meeting dates for 2020 are: February 27, March 26, April 23, May 28, June 25, July (no meeting), August (no meeting), September 24, October 22, November 19, Dec. (no meeting)

The next OPC Governing Board meeting is: March 30, 2020 at 9:00 p.m. **Cancelled**

Board Members:



John (Jack) Dalton
CHAIRMAN
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The OPC board holds monthly public meetings and posts agendas and minutes on their website:
<https://opcseniorcenter.org/>.

Parks & Recreation

Check for April 8th minutes

March 11th Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting is a Marathon Session, Lasting from 7 PM to After Midnight.

Thanks to our seven Parks and Recreation Commissioners for doing a professional job of dealing with a long list of agenda items for a huge pay of \$70 each.



2016-2020 Elected Parks and Recreation Commission Members

Colin Choi, Chair; Daniel Bukowski, Commissioner; Emily Barkham, Secretary; Henry Van Agen, Vice-Chair; Cathy Rooney, Commissioner; Daniel Lee Simon, Commissioner; Craig Blust, Treasurer

And thanks to Parks and Recreation Director Mindy Milos-Dale for juggling so many projects so professionally. Finally thanks to her staff for keeping it all running. Thanks for Ingrid Kliffel for providing comprehensive minutes that allow the reader to understand what is going on in complete detail.

Michigan DNR Approves Parks and Recreation Master Plan

(The following is from March 11, 2020 draft PRC Minutes by Ingrid Kliffel)

“PROJECT REPORT: PARKS, RECREATION AND LAND PRESERVATION MASTER PLAN, 2020-2024. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources approved our 2020-2024 Parks, Recreation and Land Preservation Master Plan. The Commissioners agreed that we should have hard copies available at the Oakland Township Hall and the Parks and Recreation Department offices. The Commissioners and others may view the plan online.”

This 304 page plan plus appendices contains about anything one could ask about our parks and future plans for them. Link to Master Plan:

http://www.oaklandtownship.org/boards_and_commissions/parks_and_recreation/2020-2024_parks_recreation_and_land_preservation_master_plan_update.php

Daniel Barton Returns this Summer as Seasonal Maintenance Technician

(The following is from March 11, 2020 draft PRC Minutes by Ingrid Kliffel)

“HIRING OF 2020 SEASONAL MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN Director Milos-Dale referred to Maintenance Foreman Caruso’s memorandum of February 20th. Dan Barton has worked for the PRC as a Seasonal Maintenance Technician for the past three years. Commissioner Simon commented that Mr. Caruso seems to be very pleased to work with Mr. Barton.

MOVED BY BARKHAM, SECONDED BY SIMON, to hire Daniel Barton as Seasonal Maintenance Technician for a term starting not before April 9, 220, lasting up to 20 weeks (a total of 800 hours) at a rate of \$15.91/hour.

MOTION CARRIED.”

Modern Restrooms Planned for:

- Bear Creek Nature Park
- Marshview Park

(The following is from March 11, 2020 draft PRC Minutes by Ingrid Kliffel)

“GREENFLUSH RESTROOMS ESTIMATE FOR BEAR CREEK NATURE PARK AND MARSH VIEW PARK Director Milos-Dale stated that she and Maintenance Department personnel Doug Caruso and Jeff Johnson visited two parks where Greenflush restrooms were being installed (Rochester Hills’ Innovation Hills Park and Sterling Heights’ Joseph Delia Park). She shared photographs of the restrooms and the installation process.

Ms. Milos-Dale asked that the Commissioners consider several possible upgrade options including metal roofing (\$1,000), board and batten siding (\$1,200), a stainless steel low maintenance urinal (\$1,000), a stained concrete floor (\$2,000) and a drinking fountain (\$2,500).

Commissioner Simon questioned the high velocity hand dryer indicated on the plan, and wondered if this is a healthy choice. The Commissioners discussed this, and noted that if we do not provide a hand dryer, people will use toilet paper and throw it in the toilet (which will fill the vault more quickly). Commissioner Rooney thought that if the hand dryer is vented to the outside, this may address the health concern. Commissioner Simon said he will look into this matter. Director Milos-Dale recommended that we leave the hand dryer in the plan for now, with the idea that we can remove it later if necessary.

The Commissioners also discussed automatic door locks, which would allow for the restrooms to lock automatically without staff having to unlock and lock them daily. Treasurer Blust said we need to make sure that this does not require that we have internet available at the sites. Chairman Choi recalled that the Paint Creek Trailways Commission had problems with vandalism and someone living in the restroom along the Trailways. Commissioner Simon offered to also look into the automatic door locks.

Additionally, the Commissioners discussed a porcelain versus a stainless steel urinal and the different maintenance requirements of each. Commissioner Simon offered to look into this as well.

The Commissioners reviewed the estimate and discussed the cost of the restroom facilities. The PRC budgeted \$127,400 per park. Director Milos-Dale recommended that the PRC increase this amount to \$133,300 per park. She referred to Engineer Jeff Smith’s memorandum, which indicates that costs may be even higher (they are seeing quotes coming in significantly higher than the

engineers' estimates and industry standard rates), although Treasurer Blust pointed out that much of this amount is a fixed cost for the unit itself.

After further discussion, the Commissioners agreed to keep the shingled roof, but to upgrade the restroom structure to include board and batten siding (an additional \$1,200, but it matches other structures in the park) and a stainless steel low maintenance urinal (believed to be an additional \$1,000 but Director Milos-Dale will verify the upcharge). Further, they agreed that they should leave other features such as the hand dryer in the plan, but that Commissioner Simon shall research hand dryers, urinals and automatic door locks.

Treasurer Blust was concerned that we need to agree on a not-to-exceed cost for the restroom unit.

MOVED BY BLUST, SECONDED BY BARKHAM, to approve the expenditure of \$1,500 for Whitley Manufacturing to prepare preliminary drawings for our proposed Greenflush restrooms with the addition of the board and batten siding option (\$1,200), at a total cost not to exceed \$102,900 per unit.

Discussion on Motion: Director Milos-Dale said that the two facilities are identical, so there should only be one fee for the design drawings. Commissioner Simon noted that restrooms are the amenity most frequently requested by park users.

Vote on Motion: MOTION CARRIED.

The Commissioners considered the amount budgeted for each restroom facility, and modifications to the 2020-2021 fiscal year budget to accommodate these increases.

MOVED BY BLUST, SECONDED BY SIMON, to adjust the 2020-2021 Park Fund budget to increase the amount allocated to the Bear Creek Nature Park and the Marsh View Park restrooms by \$18,000 per park (a total of \$36,000) to cover the cost of additional options and anticipated cost increases.

Discussion on Motion: Director Milos-Dale said these monies will be taken from the fund balance.

Vote on Motion: MOTION CARRIED.

\$2,000 Contract with Owens Tree Service for 2020 to Remove or Trim Dangerous Trees in:

- Cranberry Lake Park
- Charles Ilsley Park
- Draper Twin Lake Park

- **Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park**

(The following is from March 11, 2020 draft PRC Minutes by Ingrid Kliffel)

“HAZARDOUS TREE INVENTORY CONTRACT, 2020 Director Milos-Dale explained that each year we contract with an arborist to create an inventory of hazardous trees along trails, near parking areas, etc. that need to be removed or trimmed. Our staff then uses this inventory to remove or prune the hazardous trees, or we contract out for the necessary work. Each year, we rotate between two groups of parks so that each park is looked at every other year. For a number of years, the PRC has contracted with Owen Tree Service for this work. They are very familiar with our parks, and their proposed fee has not changed for many years.

MOVED BY BUKOWSKI, SECONDED BY ROONEY, to contract with Owen Tree Service for the Oakland Township Parks 2020 Hazardous Tree Inventory covering Cranberry Lake Park, Charles Ilsley Park, Draper Twin Lake Park, and Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park at a cost of \$2,000.

MOTION CARRIED.”

Planning and Zoning

Parks Commissioner Dan Simon Expresses Concern about Wastewater Treatment Plant Planned on Buell Road – Lombardo Proposed Development

(The following is from March 11, 2020 draft PRC Minutes by Ingrid Kliffel)

“ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT Commissioner Simon referenced an online post on the Oakland Township Sentinel page. Stony Creek Crossing is a proposed residential development consisting of 143 lots on Buell Road. The development will have an on-site wastewater treatment facility. The system will then release the treated water into Stony Creek. Commissioner Simon was very upset about this, and wondered who will monitor the facility, what will happen if there is a problem, etc. Commissioner Blust said he lives on Buell Road and is aware of this. He stated that this is a matter to take up with the MDEQ, as Oakland Township does not have the authority to regulate it. The Commissioners discussed this matter. While this is not a PRC matter, Director Milos-Dale suggested that a thoughtful letter to the

right people couldn't hurt. She also suggested that Commissioner Simon could contact the Clinton River Watershed Council to learn more."

Moceri's Artemis Villa Given Preliminary Approval by Board of Trustees

The Board voted 7/0 on 4/14/2020 to grant preliminary approval to this proposed Planned Unit Development (PUD) at the corner of Adams and Gunn. This allows the developer to proceed with detailed (and expensive) plans with assurance that the general concept won't be rejected and it is just a matter of working out and getting approval for the details. The Board was very complimentary about this Moceri project.

See the intent below for PUD development from the zoning ordinance:

<https://www.ecode360.com/documents/OA3183/public/431381679.pdf>

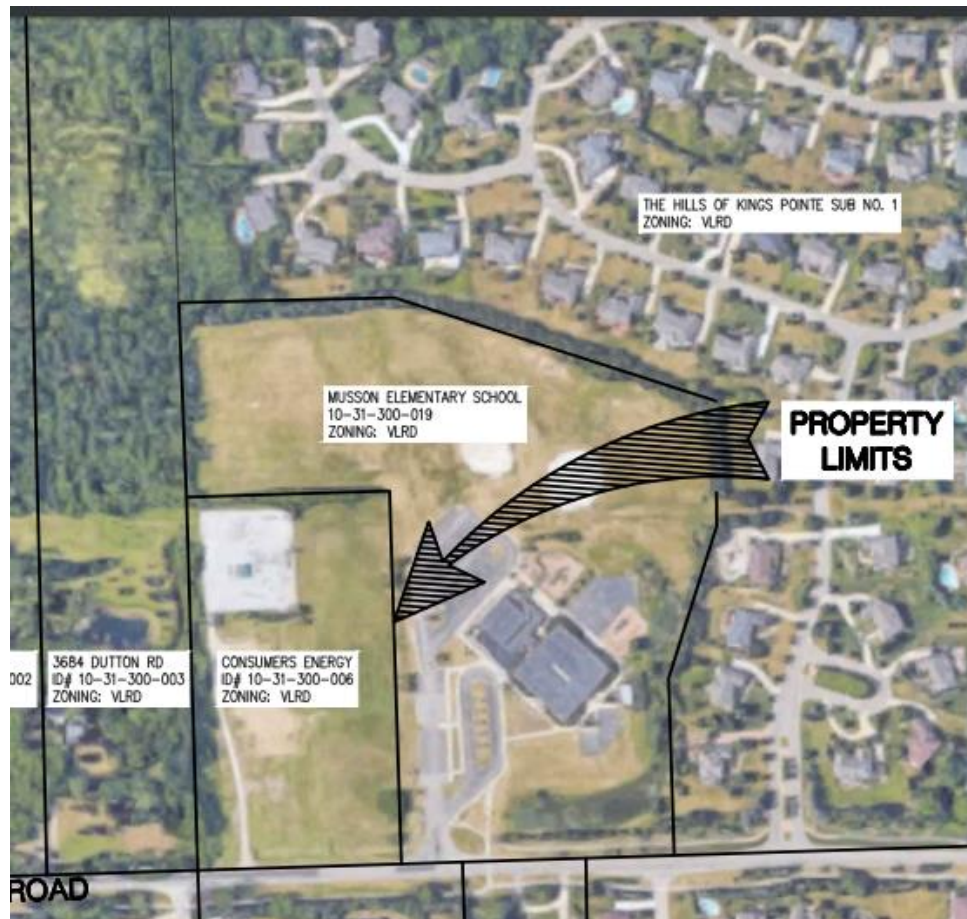
16-524 PUD. PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT

16-524.01 INTENT

The Planned Unit Development (PUD) is intended to provide enhanced housing, traffic circulation and recreational opportunities and environments for the people of Charter Township of Oakland; to encourage developers to use a more creative and imaginative approach in the development of residential areas; to encourage the use of land in accordance with its character and adaptability and to encourage efficient usage of land; to insure that the goals and objectives of the Township's Master Plan are promoted without applying unreasonably restrictive development standards which discourage innovation; to insure a quality of construction commensurate with other developments within the Township; to combine and coordinate architectural styles, building forms, and building relationships within the planned unit development; to promote the efficient use of land to facilitate a more economic arrangement of buildings, circulation systems, land use and utilities; to accommodate changing housing market conditions and community housing desires; to provide a development procedure which will insure that the desires of the developer and the community are understood and approved prior to commencement of construction; to encourage the establishment of open areas in residential

See details of this PUD on pages 6-35 at this link to Planning Commission 9/3/2019 meeting or see Louise Crane at the Building Department window in township hall to see actual drawings, etc. <https://www.ecode360.com/documents/OA3183/public/505082020.pdf>

Board Approves (4/14) Site Plan for Rebuilt Consumers Energy Odorization and Pressure Reduction Facility



See plan details in Board meeting packet pages 113-162

Key Background Information- Planning and Zoning

Master plan and zoning ordinance rules all.

Master Plan: <https://www.ecycle360.com/documents/OA3183/public/406472158.pdf>

Master Plan Appendices: <https://www.ecycle360.com/documents/OA3183/public/406472290.pdf>

Zoning Ordinance: <https://www.ecycle360.com/documents/OA3183/public/431381679.pdf>

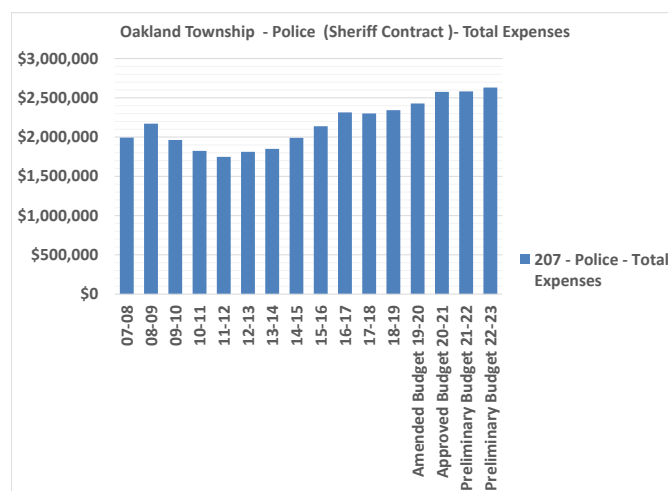
Budget 2020-2021

Planning and Zoning (101-721)	
Township Coordinator - Don Mende (80%)	\$ 46,800
Consultant - Carlisle - Wortman	\$ 25,000
Engineering and Environmental Consultants	\$ 10,000
Other	\$ 10,300
Total	\$ 92,100

Police / Sheriff Department

\$2,505,700 - Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Set

This chart shows the recently approved 2020-2021 budget, a history of past annual expenses 4/1/2007 to 3/31/2019, and preliminary future budgets through 3/31/2023. The final expense data for 2019-2020 is not yet available at this time of the year, so the latest amended budget is shown for that period.



Background information:

Oakland Township contracts with the Oakland Township Sheriff's Department to provide police services. The latest 17-page, 3 year contract (2019-2021) can be seen here in a board meeting packet on pages 54-72

<https://www.ecode360.com/documents/OA3183/public/468973388.pdf>

Services Provided: These excerpts from the contract explain what services are provided.

Whereas, the Municipality is authorized to provide Law Enforcement Services within the Municipality; and

Whereas, the O.C.S.O. is authorized to provide Law Enforcement Services within Oakland County, but absent an agreement such as this, has only a limited responsibility to provide Law Enforcement Services within the Municipality; and

Whereas, the O.C.S.O. and the Municipality may enter into an agreement where the O.C.S.O. would provide additional Law Enforcement Services within the Municipality; and

Whereas, the Municipality desires to contract with the O.C.S.O. for such additional Law Enforcement Services; and

Whereas, the O.C.S.O. is agreeable to providing additional Law Enforcement Services within the Municipality under the terms and conditions of this Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of these premises and the mutual promises, representations, and agreements set forth in this Agreement, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

- 1.7 "**Law Enforcement Services**" means the prevention and detection of crime and the enforcement of the general criminal and traffic laws of the State of Michigan, as provided for by state statutes and Municipality ordinances, and will also include providing road patrol, criminal apprehension, the necessary supervision of Sheriff's Deputies, responding to matters concerning public safety, a breach of the peace and traffic crashes, and any and all other governmental law enforcement functions that are authorized by law, as limited by and to the extent of the numbers and ranks of Sheriff's Deputies contracted for and assigned to provide Law Enforcement Services under this Agreement. Law Enforcement Services shall not include any activity not authorized by law. Law Enforcement Services also shall not include the services of any O.C.S.O. specialized unit or division such as its Marine Safety Unit and Investigative and Forensic Services Division, which the O.C.S.O. uses to provide services on a County-wide basis, unless expressly stated to the contrary herein. Nevertheless, the O.C.S.O. will continue to provide the services of its specialized units and divisions at no additional charge to the Municipality, to the same extent that the O.C.S.O. continues to provide these services at no additional charge to all other communities within Oakland County.

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3. **No Warranty, Promise, or Guarantee.** The Sheriff will make every reasonable effort to provide Law Enforcement Services to Municipality, following generally accepted standards for police

O.C.S.O. 2019-2021 Law Enforcement Services Agreement With Charter Township of Oakland
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protection, with the levels of staff provided for in Schedule A. However, this Agreement shall not be interpreted to include any warranty, promise, or guarantee, either express or implied, direct or indirect, or of any kind whatsoever in favor of the Municipality or any other person that the O.C.S.O.'s provision of Law Enforcement Services under this Agreement will result in any specific reduction or prevention of criminal activity within the Municipality or any other performance-based outcome.

The contract provides the following 17 personnel

Lieutenant -1

Patrol Sergeant -1

Deputies -12

Patrol Investigator - 1

Front Desk Deputies -2

Each works 80 hours every two weeks. So if all 17 people were distributed equally that would provide an average of 4 people on duty 24/7 if absences are covered with overtime.

The Oakland County map below from the OCSO 2018 Annual Report shows that not all municipalities have a contract with the Oakland County Sheriff's Department as their law enforcement provider.

<https://www.oakgov.com/sheriff/Documents/OCSO%202018%20ANNUAL%20REPORT.pdf>



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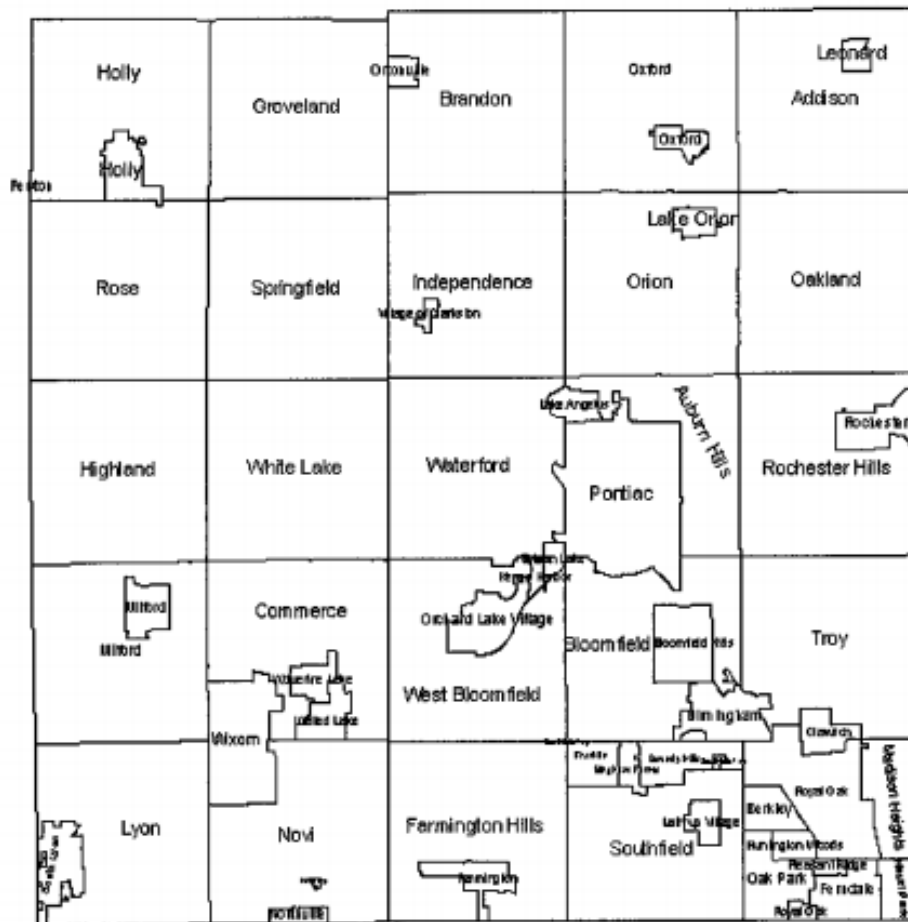
A review of municipality websites show that three sparsely populated townships in the upper northwest of the county rely on State Police - Holly (pop. - 5,810), Groveland (pop. - 5,366), Rose (pop. - 5,707). Townships and cities in the southern 3/5 of the county who do not have contracts with Oakland County Sheriff Department have their own local police or combined police/fire/EMS public safety departments.

Three townships near Oakland Township in Macomb County have three different models. Washington Twp. has a contract with Macomb County Sheriff based in Mount Clemens. Bruce Twp. has no contracts but relies on State Police and Macomb County Sheriff. Shelby Township has its own police department.

See more detail in the chart below of 59 Oakland County municipalities and three Macomb County municipalities sorted by population. This was developed from municipality website information and SEMCOG population estimate information.

Type of Police Department							
			Contract with County Sheriff	Own Police Dept.	Public Safety Dept.	State Police	
County	Name	Township or City					Population (1)
Oakland	Troy	City		yes			85,584
Macomb	Shelby	Township		Yes			80,816
Oakland	Southfield	City		Yes			80,456
Oakland	Farmington Hills	City		Yes			80,281
Oakland	Rochester Hills	City	Yes				74,556
Oakland	Waterford	Township		Yes			73,877
Oakland	West Bloomfield	Township		Yes			65,464
Oakland	Novi	Township			Yes		63,533
Oakland	Royal Oak	City		Yes			60,954
Oakland	Pontiac	City	Yes				59,353
Oakland	Bloomfield Twp.	Township			Yes		41,604
Oakland	Commerce	Township	Yes				38,836
Oakland	Orion	Township	Yes				35,962
Oakland	Independence	Township	Yes				35,193
Oakland	White Lake	Township		Yes			30,657
Oakland	Oak Park	City			Yes		30,200
Oakland	Madison Heights	City		Yes			30,006
Macomb	Washington	Township	Yes				26,670
Oakland	Auburn Hills	City		Yes			26,114
Oakland	Ferndale	City		Yes			20,643
Oakland	Birmingham	City		Yes			20,319
Oakland	Oakland	Township	Yes				18,990
Oakland	Lyon	Township	Yes				18,897
Oakland	Highland	Township	Yes				17,990
Oakland	Oxford	Township	Yes				17,815
Oakland	Hazel Park	City		Yes			15,804
Oakland	Berkley	City			Yes		15,352
Oakland	Wixom	City		Yes			14,827
Oakland	Brandon	Township	Yes				14,262
Oakland	Springfield	Township	Yes				14,004
Oakland	Rochester	City		Yes			13,480
Oakland	Clawson	City		Yes			11,399
Oakland	South Lyon	City		Yes			11,141
Oakland	Beverly Hills	Village			Yes		10,261
Oakland	Farmington	City			Yes		10,026
Oakland	Milford	Township		Yes			9,598
Oakland	Walled Lake	City		Yes			7,122
Macomb	Bruce	Township				Yes	6,838
Oakland	Milford	Village		Yes			6,326
Oakland	Huntington Woods	City			Yes		6,259
Oakland	Addison	Township	Yes				6,080
Oakland	Holly	Township					5,810
Oakland	Rose	Township				Yes	5,707
Oakland	Groveland	Township				Yes	5,366
Oakland	Wolverine Lake						4,355
Oakland	Bloomfield Hills	City			yes		4,098
Oakland	Lathrup Village	Village					4,020
Oakland	Keego Harbor						3,183
Oakland	Northville						3,114
Oakland	Franklin	City					2,989
Oakland	Oxford	Village					2,964
Oakland	Lake Orion	Village					2,887
Oakland	Pleasant Ridge						2,477
Oakland	Orchard Lake Village						2,350
Oakland	Royal Oak	Township					2,332
Oakland	Sylvan Lake						1,737
Oakland	Ortonville	Village	Yes				1,321
Oakland	Clarkston, Village of	City	Yes				835
Oakland	Leonard	Village					360
Oakland	Lake Angelus	City		yes			291
						Total	1,116,889

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Roads

News: Roads budget for 2020-2021 set.

Road Expenses 2020-2021 (Fund 101-449)	
Gravel	\$ 160,000
Dust control chemicals	\$ 80,400
SAD Matching Funds	\$ 50,000
Tri-party matching funds	\$ 45,000
Traffic Lights	\$ 2,000
Total	\$ 337,400

Background Information – Roads

Report an Issue: Fill out the RCOC on-line form here:

<https://www.rcocweb.org/FormCenter/Contact-Us-4/Contact-Us-Form-43>

Road maintenance is the responsibility of Road Commission for Oakland County. However they provide no dust control or new gravel unless paid for by the township. In addition they charge the township for a portion of the cost of major upgrades like the recent traffic Adams/Gunn traffic circle. Some townships have a dedicated millage for roads, Oakland Township does not. Funds for roads come from the General Fund.

Getting your street repaved: If your subdivision street needs paving and is a county road, you will have to establish a tax Special Assessment District (SAD) to pay for it. \$8,000 to \$12,000 per house seems to be the going rate. The Township will contribute 10% of the cost up to \$25,000 maximum. If your subdivision street belongs to you, you are on your own for payment. As an example, our less than ¼ mile cul-de-sac, Bear Creek Court, cost \$160,000 to skim off some of the asphalt and replace it, plus replace some of the concrete edges that had failed. We are 20 homes. The original pavement was about 40 years old.

Township webpage: none

Road Commission for Oakland County website: <https://www.rcocweb.org/>

Safety Paths and Trails Committee (SPTC)

Linda Sokol Appointed to SPTC

The Township Board of Trustees at their March 17, 2020 on-line meeting approved the unanimous recommendation of SPTC to appoint Ms. Sokol to their seven member committee.

Ms. Sokol is a former Director of Orion Township Parks and Recreation and had experience with Paint Creek Trail and Polly Ann Trail. There were three excellent candidates for this position.

SPTC recommends safety path and trail projects outside our parks to the Township Board and directs engineering work and construction when approved. They work from a master plan they have created. Currently they are planning a safety path down Gallagher Road from Silverbell to Orion Rd. A public session to display these plans was scheduled for April 23, but is now delayed due to social distancing.

Treasurer Department

News:

In addition to her Treasurer duties, elected Treasurer Jeanne Langlois is part of the seven-member Board of Trustees.

Key Background Information:

Total Treasurer Department 2020-2021 budget - \$186,600

Elected Treasurer – Jeanne Langlois – Annual salary \$9,400

Key legal responsibilities of elected Treasurer per Michigan laws:

- Collect taxes
- Place funds in state approved investments or bank accounts
- Approve (if valid) checks written by Clerk's Department
- Appoint a Deputy, supervise staff
- Member of Township Board of Trustees

Staff Total Pay and Benefits: \$153,000

- Appointed Deputy Treasurer – Walt Blessed
- Accounting Clerk / Treasury Specialist – Courtney Wahnefried
- Administrative Assistant - Ellen Rozmary

Other Expenses: \$24,200

Webpage (much good data about taxes, also phone and email contact information):

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

Zoning Board of Appeals

News: None

Key Background Information

Five appointed members; one or two alternates. Appointed by Township Board of Trustees,
Budget for 2020-2021 - \$17,200, majority - \$12,000 to Planning and Zoning Coordinator, Don Mende

Webpage:

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