

PRESENT: Barnett, Buckley, Kepes, Roncelli, Savoie, Schostak, Walsh
Also present, Attorney Derk Beckerleg

ABSENT: None

ITEM 7. Consider Approval of Police/Fire Special Assessment District

The members of the Board discussed their perspectives on the proposed Police/Fire Special Assessment District options. Three special assessment district millage proposals, those including a levy of 1.05 mills, 2.30 mills, or 8.29 mills, were considered. Each would provide a net millage rate increase of 1.05 mills, because the higher assessment options would permit and necessitate the expiration of already existing millage levies.

The Board deliberated the options. Attorney Beckerleg advised the Board that a special assessment district is not subject to the Headlee Amendment "rollbacks" and legal caps that typically apply to annual millage levies. Further, if approved by the voters, special assessment district hearings would be held annually by the Township. At the assessment hearings, the Board could decide to reduce the assessment amount if deemed appropriate.

MOTION by Barnett and SUPPORT by Kepes to APPROVE the Resolution Approving Ballot Language and Hearing Dates for Possible Police/Fire Departments Special Assessment, for a Millage Levy of 2.30 Mills.

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BLOOMFIELD
OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING BALLOT LANGUAGE AND HEARING DATES FOR
POSSIBLE POLICE/FIRE DEPARTMENTS SPECIAL ASSESSMENT**

RECITALS:

1. State of Michigan Public Act Number 33 of 1951, as amended, MCL 41.801 ("Act"), allows townships to raise money for police/fire departments by special assessment and provides for township boards to submit the question of doing so to the voters at an election.

2. Subject to voter approval and the hearings required by the Act, the Bloomfield Township Board of Trustees ("Township Board") has tentatively determined that the special assessment authority under the Act should be exercised for a period of 15 years commencing with the levy of an assessment on the December 2019 tax bills to raise money for the 2019/2020 Police/Fire (Public Safety) Department budgets.

3. The annual special assessment allowed under the Act may be levied on the taxable value of all real property in the Township that is not exempt from property taxes, with the maximum annual special assessment levy under consideration by the Township Board being 2.30 mills which would be \$2.30 per \$1,000.00 of taxable value.

4. The Township Board wants to submit the question of raising money for the Police/Fire Departments by special assessment to the voters at the Tuesday, August 6, 2019 Election and to schedule the hearings under the Act that are required to levy a special assessment on the December 2019 tax bills.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Board approves the following ballot question language ("Ballot Proposal") for placement on the Tuesday, August 6, 2019 Election ballot.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FOR POLICE/FIRE DEPARTMENTS

Should the Charter Township of Bloomfield raise money to equip, maintain, and operate the Township Police/Fire Departments by annual special assessment levies of up to 2.30 mills (\$2.30 per \$1,000.00 of taxable value) on all real property in the Township that is not exempt from property taxes, for a period of 15 years, with the levies to be from 2019 to 2033 to provide funding for the 2019/2020 to the 2033/2034 fiscal years. If approved and fully levied in December 2019, the revenue from this special assessment collected in the first year would be \$9,041,317.00. In the event this ballot proposal is approved by the voters, the existing voted general millage due to expire in 2019 will not be renewed by the Township.

Yes

No

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that if the voters approve the Ballot Proposal, on Monday, August 26, 2019, during the regular public meeting that begins at 7:00 PM, the Township Board will hold a hearing on:

1. An estimate of and any objections to the costs and expenses to operate, maintain, and equip the Township Police/Fire Departments for the 2019/2020 fiscal year, with that estimate to be on file with the Township Clerk's office and available for public inspection on or before August 21, 2019.
2. On the question of and to hear objections to the creation of a Police/Fire Special Assessment District consisting of all real property in the Township that is not exempt from property taxes.
3. The amount of a special assessment to be levied on the December 2019 Tax Bills against real property in any Special Assessment District created, in an

amount up to 2.30 mills, to defray the costs and expenses of equipping, maintaining, and operating the Police/Fire Departments in the 2019/2020 fiscal year.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that after the August 26, 2019 hearing described in this Resolution, the Township Board will decide whether to create a special assessment district, the boundaries of any district created, and the amount of any special assessment to be levied on the December 2019 Tax Bills.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that if the voters approve the Ballot Proposal and the Township Board creates a special assessment district and determines to levy a special assessment on the December 2019 Tax Bills, an additional hearing will be held by the Township Board on Monday, September 23, 2019, during the regular meeting that begins at 7:00 PM, to hear objections to the Township's proposed distribution of that levy for Police/Fire Department expenses in the 2019/2020 fiscal year.

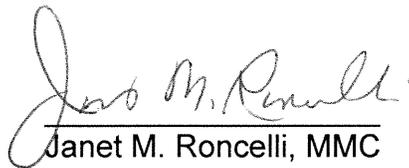
Clerk Roncelli called the roll.

AYES: Barnett, Kepes, Roncelli, Savoie, Schostak
NAYS: Buckley, Walsh
ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED 5-2.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

I, JANET M. RONCELLI, Township Clerk of the Charter Township of Bloomfield, County of Oakland, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Board at their regular meeting held on the 8th day of April 2019.


Janet M. Roncelli, MMC
Township Clerk