



Rochester Hills Minutes - Draft

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Police and Road Funding Technical Review Committee

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Walter Johnson, LeAnne Rogers, Nancy Soisson, Tom Stephens*
Council Members: Greg Hooper, Michael Webber
Youth Representatives: Amith Diwakar, Farha Hanif, Nicholas Michetti

Wednesday, November 16, 2011

6:00 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Cline called the Police and Road Funding Technical Review Committee meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Michigan Time.

ROLL CALL

Present 6 - Don Cline, Dale Hetrick, Walter Johnson, Nancy Soisson, Michael Webber and LeAnne Rogers
Absent 3 - John Dalton, Greg Hooper and Tom Stephens

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

DISCUSSION ITEM

2010-0063 Police and Road Funding Discussion

Attachments: [Draft Review Questions.pdf](#)
[Police Funding Article - final for distrib & handout\[1\].pdf](#)
[Police Road Recom 030711\(1\)\(1\).pdf](#)
[Rochester Hills Road Video outline \(3\).pdf](#)
[Rochester Hills Road Video outline-tlz-dah - r1 \(3\).pdf](#)
[Rochester Hills Road Video outline-tlz-r1 \(2\).pdf](#)
[2010 PQI Map Locals.pdf](#)
[Gravel Roads.pdf](#)
[Street Jurisdiction \(2\).pdf](#)
[Assesrol.xls](#)
[CC MTG 1994-01-25.pdf](#)
[Decling Rate Methodology 1988-02-24.pdf](#)
[Flyer from 1998.pdf](#)
[Local Rd Guidelines 1993-02-03.pdf](#)
[Local Rd Improvement Policy 1998-04-29.pdf](#)
[Local Rd Improvement 1998-05-08.pdf](#)
[Local Rd Policy Purpose and Intent 1998-05-08.pdf](#)
[Paving Gravel Stds 1998-04-29.pdf](#)
[Questions Local Rd Forum 1997-05-14.pdf](#)
[Road Repair Costs.xls](#)
[SAD Apportionment Ltr 1990-05-23.pdf](#)
[SAD Checklist.pdf](#)
[SAD Info Jan-2001.pdf](#)
[SAD Practices in MI 1994.pdf](#)
[2010 Survey SAD.pdf](#)
[Preliminary Millage Forecast #2.pdf](#)
[Spreadsheet Sorted by CC Ranking.pdf](#)
[Spreadsheet Sorted by Area.pdf](#)
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[Purpose and Charge.pdf](#)
[Mayor's memo w attachments.pdf](#)

Chairperson Cline suggested that the Committee Members review the draft press release regarding the Committee's special meeting scheduled for January 18, 2012 written by Member Rogers.

Member Rogers stated that once the Mayor's Office approves the press release, the Committee's intent is to distribute it to the Oakland Press, the Rochester Patch and any of the local newspapers that would be interested in the promotion of the Committee's special meeting.

The Committee Members discussed the importance of keeping the press release very simple so that the newspaper editors and writers would not feel the need to edit its content. The Members worked through the verbiage of the press release step-by-step. It was determined that February 1, 2012 would be the deadline for feedback from residents.

The discussion turned to the Committee's article that has been posted at City Hall, the Library and at the Older Persons Commission and the media piece currently appearing on the City's cable channel detailing the Committee's request for feedback and attendance at its special meeting.

Member Webber reported that he had been informed that the insert directing

residents to the Committee's website had been included in the residents' water bills. He suggested that Rochester Media would be another source to reach the public.

The Members discussed the various newspaper contacts, the process in which the writers cover local events and the growing popularity of online news.

Chairperson Cline suggested the Members review e-mail responses to the Committee's article.

The Members determined that one of the responses was moot because it commented about roads and the other two responses appeared to be in favor of police services being considered for inclusion or amendment to the City's Charter.

Member Webber suggested that one of the talking points to be developed by the Committee would be that the Committee is trying to maintain the City's current police services, that if the City loses millage 1 and 2, the number of officers performing police services would be greatly impacted, which then could lead to an adverse impact on quality of community life issues.

The discussion turned to multiple funding choices for residents, proposal of a change to the City Charter and that many residents would be confused with how best to fund police services.

Member Webber gave a brief historical perspective of the work that had gone into inclusion of fire and emergency medical services into the City's Charter.

Member Rogers commented that residents most likely would not be willing to pay for police services as part of the City's Charter because most residents like firemen but do not care for cops.

The Members then discussed combining the two millages versus having one millage and the consensus was that a brand new millage would have to be created.

The Committee then turned to the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) that would be posted on its Face Book page. The comment was made that the Rochester Hills Government Youth Council representatives had been working with the Committee to build its Face Book page and would have to get further updates at the next meeting.

Member Johnson commented that he had checked the Committee's City website page and did not see some of the new material on the page.

Member Webber responded that the City's website services were undergoing transformation to a new company and that he was not sure when some of the material would be on the web page.

The Committee expressed an interest in meeting with the City's Finance

Director, Mr. Keith Sawdon, regarding clarification and a detailed breakdown of City funding.

Chairperson Cline summarized that from the previous meeting, the Committee Members had prepared questions from the article feedback to build the FAQs for the Committee's Face Book page and that the Committee should prepare responses to those FAQs after review with Mr. Sawdon.

Member Hetrick described his attempts as the administrator of the Committee's Face Book page to create a "like" link to reach more people on Face Book about the Committee's purpose and focus for finding solutions to funding police services in the City.

Chairperson Cline commented that Member Stephens had not been able to get the group interactive program 'Timeline' to work for the Committee's purposes.

Member Hetrick suggested that the Committee create a 'rough' agenda for its special meeting on January 18, 2012 to determine what items would be needed for its presentation.

The Committee Members discussed whether to present a powerpoint format, to keep the material relatively simple, host a facilitated question and answer forum, use a giant flip chart, provide some introductory materials, play the Committee's media piece from the City's cable channel, prepare four or five bullet points as a heading to flow chart, invite Captain Johnson and Mr. Sawdon to be present to answer questions that are on point to funding police services.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

NEXT MEETING DATE

- Wednesday, November 30, 2011 - 6:00 PM
- Wednesday, January 11, 2012 - 6:00 PM
- Wednesday, January 18, 2012 - 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Police and Road Funding Technical Review Committee, Chairperson Cline adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

DON CLINE, JR., Chairperson

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