
Police and Road Funding Technical Review Committee

City Council Report

April 23, 2012

The History and Accomplishments of Our Citizen Driven Committee

- History and Background
 - Formed in 2007 – Citizen driven committee
 - 50 meetings to date
 - 3 HOA Meetings w/access to 110 HOA's
 - 24 Prioritized recommendations provided to council in 2008
 - 911 Dispatch
 - Fund balance policy
 - Transfer 50% of ACT 51 Major Road to Local Road Funding
 - City Government Cost Reductions
 - 20% reduction in its work force
 - Health care plan re-design
 - 25% reduction in energy use citywide
 - Refinanced Bond Debt saving approximately \$1.5 million
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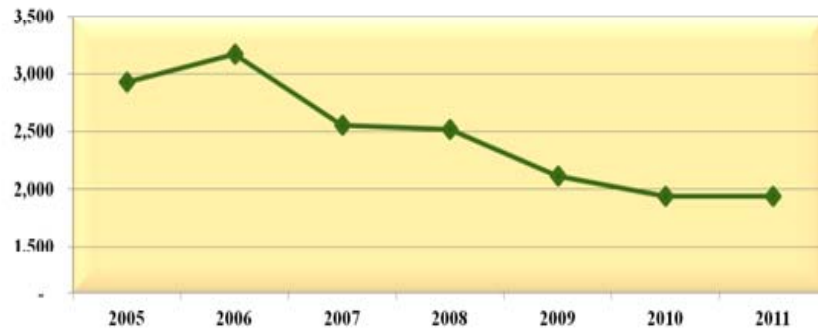
- Success – 2011 Local Road Millage
 - ❑ Repurpose expiring bond millage
 - ❑ Provide \$1 million in local road funding
 - ❑ No impact to overall tax rate
 - ❑ Overwhelmingly supported by voters

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| 10,639 | YES |
| 4,497 | NO |

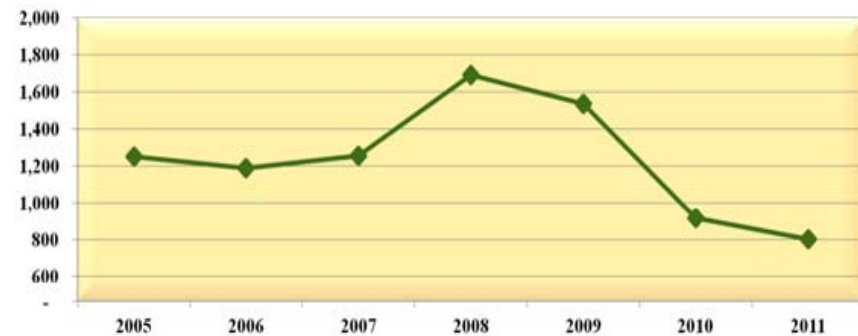


Our Findings and Recommendation for Police Service Sustainability – Relatively Stable Incident Trend 2008 - 2011

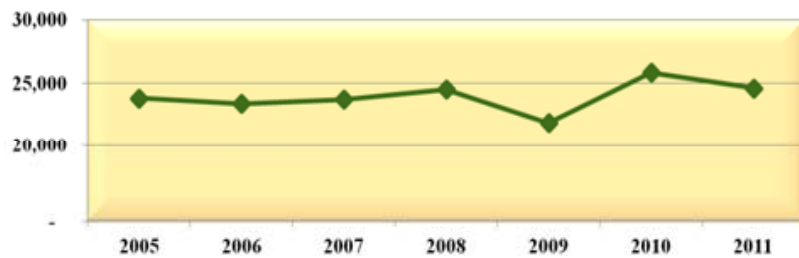
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Public Safety / Part B Crimes



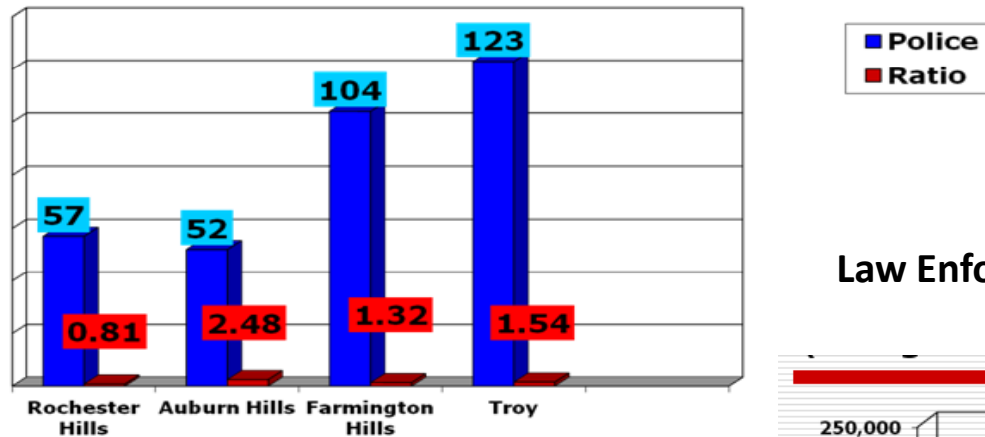
Public Safety / Part C Crimes



| | Calls for Svc | Part A | Part B | Part C |
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| 2008 | 30,652 | 2,514 | 1,694 | 24,553 |
| 2009 | 27,352 | 2,118 | 1,538 | 21,896 |
| 2010 | 31,135 | 1,941 | 918 | 25,859 |
| 2011 | | 1,941 | 805 | 24,642 |

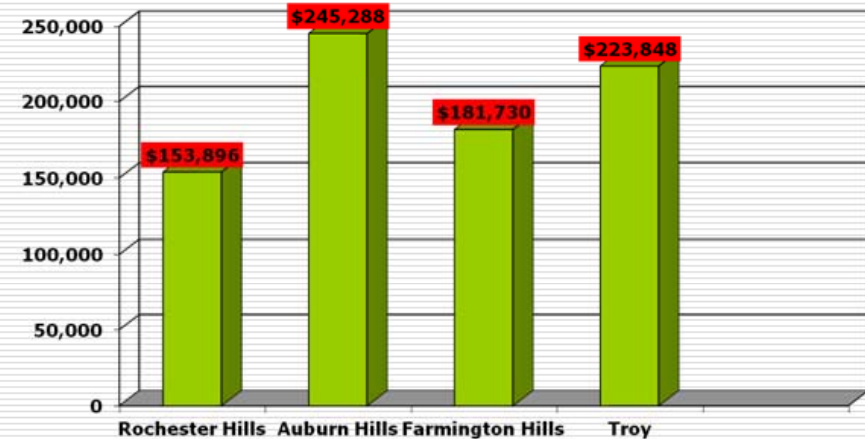
Our Findings and Recommendation for Police Service Sustainability – Very Efficient Service

Comparison of Sworn Police Officers per 1,000 residents
(2011)



Rochester Hills has maintained the lowest cost and the lowest ratio of Police Officers per capita of most Oakland County cities.

Law Enforcement Cost Comparison (Budget to # of Sworn Officers) 2011

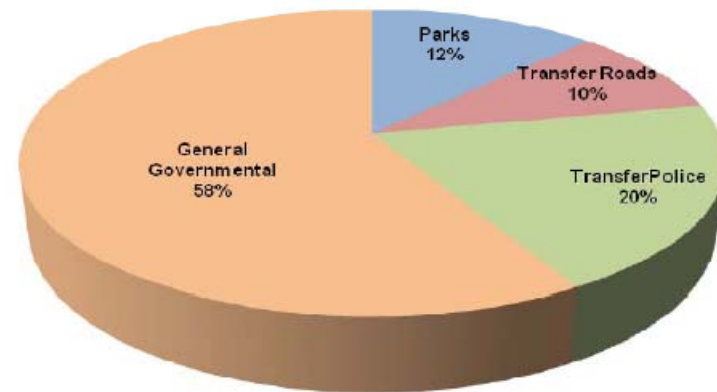


Our Findings and Recommendation for Police Service Sustainability – Funding Challenges

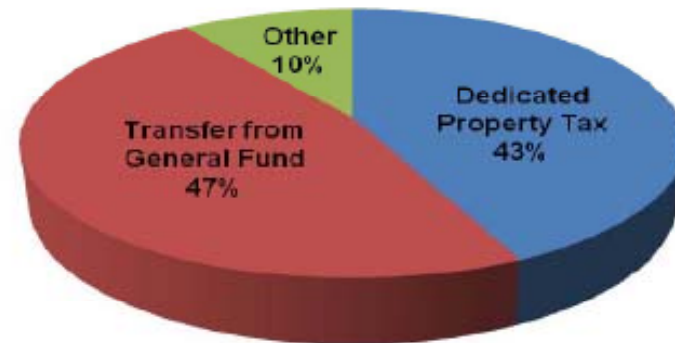
- First source of funding – General Fund
 - Prioritize Police but hinder Local Road Funding
- Beginning in FY 2016, increased funding further erodes Local Road support
- Multiple dedicated millages fund remainder of police service
 - Dedicated millages expiring in 2013

Multiple funding sources create administrative challenges and confuse residents

General Fund Expenditures by Function
FY 2011



Special Police Fund
FY 2011 Revenues



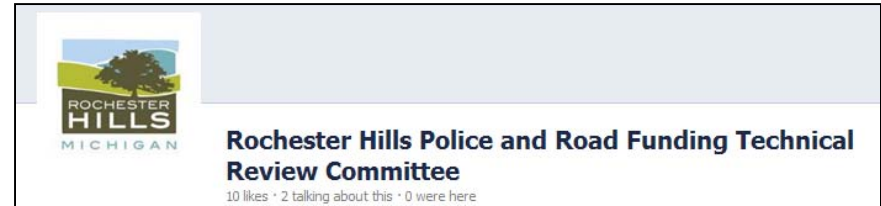
Our Findings and Recommendation for Police Service Sustainability – Impact on Public Safety

- Currently 57 Officers
 - ❑ Reduced to 57 in FY2011
 - ❑ Proposal to reduce to 56 officers in FY2012 and 55 in FY2013, in an effort to control an ever increasing General Fund subsidy, was rejected by city council
 - ❑ Resident concerns about future reductions

Proposed Reductions Will Impact Response Time

Our Findings and Recommendation for Police Service Sustainability – Resident Input

- Facebook
- Education – One Pager
- YouTube Video
- Friends/Neighbors...
- HOA Meeting
- Press Releases



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Home Owners Association Meeting
March 20, 2012



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
April 10, 2012

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Police and Road Committee Seeks Resident Input on Ballot Language

Rochester Hills, Michigan –Time is running out for Rochester Hills' residents to share their thoughts on the draft ballot language that would provide funding for police services.

Resident Feedback

- Support for increased long term millage
- Renew the current level of funding
- A 20 year/long term solution
- Charter amendment
- We want funding choices
- Maintain the status quo
- No new taxes
- 60 or more officers

Our Findings and Recommendation for Police Service Sustainability – Maintaining the Status Quo (2 Options)

Dedicated Millage

OR

Charter Amendment

A. Renew expiring Police Funding Millage – 1.208 mills

B. Request New Police Millage – 2.5 mills to provide dedicated funds in lieu of General Fund

- Maintains current police funding

- 10 year duration

A. Request Amendment to Fund Police up to 3.7 mills

- Maintains current police funding

- Permanent

- Requires vote to change

City Council commitment to reduce General Fund spending by 2.5 mils

Our Findings and Recommendation for Police Service Sustainability – Quality of Life Improvements

B. Fund up to 8 additional officers - .4 mil

- Add School Liaison Officers
 - Add Neighborhood Watch (Community Policing) Officers
 - Maintain/Enhance Response Time
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Our Findings and Recommendation for Police Service Sustainability – Feedback From Residents

- "... my opinion on this issue is to pick this option: to amend the city charter to add 3.7 mills for funding of police services. If included in the charter... We will always need police services, and it doesn't make sense to spend time and money reviewing this every so many years, and even risk the possibility that funding won't be approved."
- "... strongly support the proposal ... we need to keep our R. Hills community a safe place to live and enjoy."
- "Seems like the proposal is simply a continuation of funding at current levels..."



Thank You

Members

City Council Members

Greg Hooper, Michael Webber

Citizen Representatives

Don Cline Jr., Dale Hetrick, Walter Johnson, Linda Raschke, LeAnne Rogers, Nancy Soisson, and Tom Stephens

Administrative Representative

Captain Mike Johnson – OCSD, Keith Sawdon - Director of Finance, and Allan Schneck - Director of Public Services

Rochester Hills Government Youth Council Representative

Amith Diwakar, Farha Hanif, and Nicholas Michetti



And Especially...

Christine Wissbrun