

The Police and Road Funding Technical Review committee was formed in 2007 to analyze Police and Road Funding and propose short and long term strategies to City Council for review and deliberation. Since 2007 this residential committee has met over 43 times! researching ideas and facts to fulfill their charge.

In 2008 they developed a chart of 24 potential solutions along with potential timelines and suggested priorities of Strongly Recommend, Recommend and Should Consider. Some of these solutions were taken up by City Council and adopted, such as;

- 1.) Implement the 911 Dispatch Study which subcontracted the call center to Oakland County from the City saving \$750,000.
- 2.) Present to the voters a repurposing of an expiring debt millage for local roads maintenance. This millage was overwhelmingly approved on August 5, 2010 by the voters resulting in approximately \$1,000,000 towards the annual \$4,500,000 local roads maintenance cost.
- 3.) Adopt a Fund Balance policy.
- 4.) Adopt the Green Space Advisory Board Recommendations for use of GSAB millage funds for as it pertains to Open Space Land Management, administration and stewardship.
- 5.) Supplement local road funding by transferring 50% of the ACT 51 Major Road allocation to local roads.

For the past year and a half the committee has been focused on Police Millages I and II which will expire in 2013 and pay for 43% of the Police protection cost of the City. They have developed four potential solutions for replacement of the existing Police Millages. They are:

- Proposing renewal of the two expiring millages for a combined 1.2 mill dedicated police millage to be levied for 20 years.
- Proposing a 20-year dedicated police millage which would fully fund police services.
- Proposing a change to the city charter to include a perpetual dedicated police millage to fully fund police services
- Proposing a dedicated millage to fund "quality of life" services such as parks, local roads, green space or road construction

They have been actively searching for fellow residents input, analysis and feedback by email, website and facebook. The next step is a public meeting set for Wednesday January 18, 2012.

Please attend to become informed about this critical service for our Community!