Budget Public Hearing NoticeWakefield Township

The Wakefield Township Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed township budget for fiscal year 2016-17 at the Wakefield Township Hall, 414 N. County Road 519, on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 5:30 pm. **The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing**. A copy of the budget is available for public inspection by calling Supervisor John Cox, 844 Drier Rd. 906-224-3721 or Clerk Mandy Lake, 162 N. County Rd. 519. 906-364-0669, or by visiting our website at www.wakefieldtownship.com

The Wakefield Township board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting upon 10 days notice to the Wakefield Township board. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Wakefield Township board by writing or calling the following: John Cox, 844 Drier Rd. 906-224-3721 or Mandy Lake, 162 N. County Rd. 519, 906-364-0669.

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John Cox, Supervisor

2016-17 TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WAKEFIELD, MICHIGAN GOGEBIC COUNTY

We, the undersigned, comprising the Township Board of the Township of Wakefield, Michigan; herby recommend to the electors of said Township, the following sums of money be raised for Township and Highway purposes for the ensuing year beginning April 1, 2016 to wit:

GENERAL FUND

RENAISSANCE ZONE INDUSTRIAL PARK

In accordance with Uniform Budget and Accounting Act, P.A.621 of 1978 and effective April 1, 1980.

TOWNSHIP BOARD TOWNSHIP OF WAKFIELD WAKEFIELD, MICHIGAN

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JIM SPENCER

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STATE EQUALIZED VALUATION: \$34,286,633

TAXABLE VALUE: \$25,532,368 MILLAGE TOTAL: 4.5497 mills

Dated this 1st day of March, 2016

WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS 2016-17

REVENUES

No increase in quarterly rates for garbage collection or building permit fees for our residents.

Categories of revenue fine-tuned to be similar to past history.

Millage rate set at 4.5497 mills.

Interest Income remains flat due to low interest rates.

State Revenue sharing increased by 2.6%.

EXPENDITURES

Categories of expenditures fine tuned to be similar to past history and **reduced** to save money.

Health and Life insurance continues to be eliminated for all officers and board members saving up to \$100,000.

No Salary Increases of (cost of living 0%) for Board Members, appointed boards and employees.

Salaries for Treasurer, Clerk, and Supervisor include use of vehicle for local travel.

Per Diems held at same levels as last year for all appointed boards and elected board. Education budgets continue to emphasize training for board members, appointed boards and employees to increase efficiencies.

Compensation for Board Members attending workshops and meetings limited to an average of two meetings per month.

Public Works category funded at \$10,000 for total patcher materials around the township.

No extra roadside mowing this year prior to July 4th. Mowing will be done according to the Road Commission schedule.

Fire number address signs will be purchased and installed on the remaining residents in the township costing approximately \$6,000

Spring Cleanup funded up to \$3,000 Spring cleanup to be two days.

Reflects cost of full audit which is required every two years.

Contracts for services from the City of Wakefield held at 0 %.