

**Lawrence Township Special Meeting
July 20, 2016**

Present: Spenner, Thompson, Tinker, Reynnells, Stroud

Also Present: Attorney Mark DuBay, Brien Heckman, Adam Bancroft

Meeting called to order at 5:30pm

Attorney DuBay presented proposed ballot language for the November 2016 General Election to raise the general operating and road milages back up to 1.0 mills. Motion by Reynnells, 2nd by Stroud to approve the resolution as amended to fix a typo. Roll call vote. Motion carried.

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING BALLOT PROPOSALS TO
OVERRIDE MILLAGE TAX RATE REDUCTIONS CAUSED BY
HEADLEE ROLLBACK COMPUTATIONS**

WHEREAS, a truth-in-taxation public hearing is necessary to increase the operating tax millage rate and the road millage rate, a hearing having been scheduled for Thursday, August 11, 2016, at 6:30 p.m.; and,

WHEREAS, Lawrence Township desires to increase its operating tax millage rate to a full one mill as authorized by law and further desires to renew and increase its road millage rate to a full one mill; and,

WHEREAS, a vote of the people is required before either the operating or road millage tax rates are increased;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP BOARD HEREBY RESOLVES to place the following two proposals on the Ballot for vote at the November 2016 election:

**TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE
ROAD MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL**

This proposal is a renewal or continuation of the previous millage authorized by voters for road improvements and road maintenance:

Shall the previously voted increase of 1.0000 mills (\$1.0000 per \$1,000 of taxable value), limited by or fixed under Article IX Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution, as reduced by the required millage rollback which last resulted in a levy of .9779 mills (\$.9779 per \$1,000 of taxable value) on all real and personal property in Lawrence Township, Van Buren County, Michigan, which expired in December 2015, be renewed and increased by 0.0221 mills (\$.0221 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of three (3) years commencing in tax year 2016-2019 inclusive for the purpose of providing funds for road improvements and maintenance within the township? It is anticipated that the total revenue collected by Lawrence Township as a result of this proposal will be \$104,776.88 in the first year of the levy.

YES

NO

**TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE
ALLOCATED MILLAGE PROPOSAL**

This proposal would increase the township's millage authorized and allocated by law for township operations which has been reduced by Headlee and MCL 211.34 rollback computations:

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Shall the 1.0000 mills (\$1.0000 per \$1000 of taxable value) authorized and allocated by law for township operations, limited by or fixed under Article IX Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution, as reduced by the required millage rollback which last resulted in a levy of .6736 mills (\$.6736 per \$1,000 of taxable value) on all real and personal property in Lawrence Township, Van Buren County, Michigan, which is levied without expiration, be increased by 0.3264 mills (\$.3264 per \$1,000 of taxable value), commencing in tax year 2016 inclusive for the purpose of providing funds for operation of township services within the township? It is anticipated that the total revenue collected by Lawrence Township as a result of this proposal will be \$104,776.88 in the first year of the levy.

YES

NO


Resolution offered by Reynnells and supported by Stroud.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: Tinker, Stroud, Spenner, Reynnells, Thompson
No: _____

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED:

I hereby certify the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Lawrence Township Board of Trustees, County of Van Buren, Michigan, at a special meeting held on July 20, 2016.

Date: 7/20/16


Kim Thompson, Lawrence Township Clerk

The Board interviewed two candidates for the Township Attorney replacement of Mark DuBay, who is retiring after many years of dedicated and expert service to the township. After the interviews were completed, the board discussed and a motion was made by Tinker, supported by Reynnells, to hire Brien Heckman effective immediately as our attorney to represent the Township. The terms will be at-will at a rate of \$85 per hour with \$35 for support staff with a signed Letter of Understanding as drafted by Atty. DuBay. Roll call vote. All aye. Motion carried.

With no further business to attend to, a motion to adjourn was made by Reynnells, 2nd by Stroud. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Special Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Attest,

Kim Thompson, Clerk

Donna Spenner, Supervisor