

Naperville Township Press Release – February 14, 2017

Naperville Township Authorizes Display of Tentative Budgets for FY2017-2018

On February 14, 2017, the Naperville Township Board of Trustees authorized the display of the tentative fiscal year 2017-2018 budget and appropriation ordinances for the Naperville Township and the Naperville Township Road District. The ordinances are required to be available for public inspection at least 30 days before the final action which is scheduled for public hearings on April 5, 2017 at 6 pm at the Naperville Township Office, 139 Water St., Naperville. Copies will be available at the Naperville Township Office, Naperville Township Road District, Nichol's Public Library and Aurora Public Library-Eola Branch, and also on the Township website www.NapervilleTownship.com. The new fiscal year begins April 1, 2017.

The tentative Township budget fulfills a goal set last August by Township Supervisor Rachel Ossyra to monetize sustainable savings for Township property taxpayers. Last November, the Naperville Township Board unanimously approved the 2016 Township Tax Levy Ordinance for \$1,745,400, a reduction of \$200,000, or 10.3%, from the prior year's levy of \$1,945,400. The tentative Township Budget & Appropriation is for \$2,000,300, a reduction of \$225,652 or 10.1%, from last year's budget & appropriation ordinance of \$2,225,952.

The reduction is due to sustainable savings in elected official and personnel costs and continued modernization efforts focused on technology and best practice implementation to reduce administrative costs while providing excellent services for residents. Ossyra stated, "I have worked closely with Township Assessor Warren Dixon III to improve transparency, grow partnerships and create efficiencies that allow us to identify and budget sustainable savings that lead to property tax reduction through a permanent reduction of the tax levy." We will seek to expand on this collaborative model, benchmark best practices and eliminate duplication to deliver more value to our residents and taxpayers.

The tentative fiscal year 2017-2018 Road District Budget & Appropriation is for \$1,903,605, which is \$171,400 less than the reduced budget of \$2,075,005 for the prior fiscal year approved by Ossyra, Trustee Kerry Malm and former Trustee Janice Anderson in a 3-2 vote last May. Ossyra advised "As a result of the Board's fiscally responsible action and other local efforts, new collaborative partnerships have been formed with Lisle Township, and the Road Districts are working on longer term agreements that should provide lasting efficiencies and property tax savings while providing excellent service."

Approved for release by Rachel Ossyra, February 14, 2017.