

**TOWNSHIP OF SCIO WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN
RESOLUTION #2023-37**

**RESOLUTION TO CALL FOR AN ANNUAL HEARING TO CONSIDER
PROPOSED EXPENSES FOR FIRE SERVICES**

At a Regular Meeting of the Township Board of Scio Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan, held at the Scio Township Hall, 827 N Zeeb Road, in said Township, on September 12, 2023, at 7:00 pm.

Members Present: Hathaway, Flintoft, Brazeau, Kerry, Knol, Reiser

Members Absent: Palmer

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Trustee Reiser and supported by Trustee Brazeau.

WHEREAS, the Township has determined that providing fire protection is in the best interest of the public health, safety, and welfare of the Township residents; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Township Police and Fire Protection Act, Act 33 of 1951, a township may provide that the cost of purchasing and housing equipment and general operations for fire protection may be defrayed by special assessment; and

WHEREAS, on May 9, 2023, the Township Board tentatively established the Special Assessment District and on June 13, 2023, held the required Public Hearing;

WHEREAS, on August 8, 2023, the Township Board provided a hearing for any objections to the Special Assessment District being created;

WHEREAS, on August 8, 2023, the Township Board set three proposed Special Assessment District tax rolls to be assessed in 2023 and in the amounts of 1.35 mill, 3.75 mill, and .75 mills, and on September 12, 2023, those tax rolls were confirmed by the Township Board;

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2023 the Scio Township electorate will decide on the Operating Question authorizing up to 3.75 mill, and the Capital Question authorizing up to .75 mill, and approval would replace the currently authorized 1.35 mill; and

WHEREAS, the Township Police and Fire Protection Act, Act 33 of 1951, requires that the township board, shall annually hold a hearing on the estimated costs and expenses of police and fire protection and on the distribution of the levy.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Township Board fixes 7:00 pm on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at the Scio Township Hall located at 827 North Zeeb Road, Ann Arbor, Michigan, as the time, date, and consider proposed expenses from the special assessment, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Township Board shall also set the millage rate(s) for the special assessment district based on the proposed expenses, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the December 1, 2023, assessment is recognized as revenue in Fiscal Year 2024; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Township Clerk is hereby directed to cause a notice of such hearing to be published twice, the first publication being at least ten (10) days before the time of the hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the district, and to cause notice of said hearing to be mailed by first class mail to each owner or party in interest in property in the special assessment district whose name appears upon the last tax assessment records of the Township, at least ten (10) days before the date of such hearing, and,

AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT, said notice shall be in substantially the following form:

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PROPOSED EXPENSES FOR FIRE SERVICES BY THE
TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SCIO TOWNSHIP

TO: ALL OWNERS OF OR PARTIES WITH AN INTEREST IN PROPERTY IN SCIO TOWNSHIP, WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Township Board of Scio Township has declared its intention to provide fire protection through a special assessment and has designated the special assessment district against which the cost of fire protection is to be assessed as all lands within the boundaries of the Township except for lands and premises exempt from the collection of taxes under the General Property Tax Act (PA 206 of 1893).

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board will meet on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Scio Township Hall located at: 827 N. Zeeb Road in said Township, with remote participation, for the purpose of considering the proposed expenses for fire protection to be spent from the special assessment collection, and to set the millage rate for the special assessment district based on the expenses. The December 1st assessment shall be recognized as revenue in Fiscal Year 2024.

An owner or party in interest, or his or her agent may appear in person at the hearing to comment or may file his or her comments by letter and his or her personal appearance shall not be required. Written comments shall be filed with the Township Clerk before the hearing.

This notice complies with MCL 15.261 (Open Meetings Act), MCL 41.724a, MCL 41.801, and MCL 211.741. If necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services can be provided at the meeting to individuals with disabilities, by contacting Clerk Jessica Flintoft at the above address or at (734) 349-9400 in advance of the Hearing.

s/Jessica Flintoft, Clerk Scio Township
734-349-9400

Scio Fire Department
Request for Funding
Special Assessment levied December 1, 2023

If voters adopt both the operating question and the capital question on the November 7, 2023 ballot, the Fire Department will request a public safety special assessment (Public Act 33 of 1951) of **1.4021 mills** from the **operating** assessment. At this rate, the **operating** assessment will generate approximately \$2,280,000 that will be recognized as revenue during the fiscal year ended March 31, 2024. In addition to what has already been funded and budgeted for in FY24, the new **operating** assessment will provide for the following:

1. Hiring 3 additional firefighters - \$330,000
2. 50% deposit on a new water tanker that will be built and delivered in the next 18-24 months - \$400,000
3. Funding the first year of the new Fire Department Capital Plan. This will be set aside and spent in a future year. - \$300,000
4. Building fund balance equal to 9 months of operating expenditures per the Township's minimum fund balance policy. Note: This is necessary to ensure adequate cashflow during the first 9 months of the subsequent fiscal year as we will not levy the FY25 assessment until December 1, 2024 - \$1,250,000

Additionally, Fire Department will request a public safety special assessment (Public Act 33 of 1951) of **0.5 mills** from the **capital** assessment. At this rate, the **capital** assessment will generate approximately \$810,000 that will be recognized as revenue during the fiscal year ended March 31, 2024. In addition to what has already been funded and budgeted for in FY24, the new **capital** assessment will provide for the following:

1. Deposits on a new ladder truck and new water tanker that will be built and delivered in the next 18-24 months - \$410,000
2. Funding to draft construction documents for a new fire station to be constructed on Township owned property on Wagner Rd near Liberty Rd - \$400,000

If either or both of the ballot questions fail on November 7th, the Fire Department will request an assessment equal to **1.3500 mills**, the number previously approved by Township voters. This would generate approximately \$2,194,000. In this situation, the Township would still be able to do items 1-4 above; however, the funding for the Capital Plan would be reduced by the difference in revenue.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

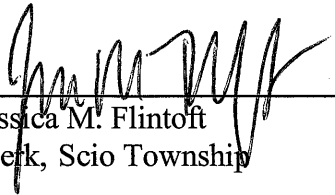
YES: Hathaway, Flintoft, Brazeau, Kerry, Knol, Reiser

NO: None

ABSENT: Palmer

ABSTAIN: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED




Jessica M. Flintoft
Clerk, Scio Township

DATED: September 12, 2023

CERTIFICATE

I, Jessica M. Flintoft, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board of Scio Township, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan, at a Regular Meeting held on September 12, 2023, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.



Jessica M. Flintoft, Clerk
Scio Township

DATED: September 26, 2023