

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD
OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING BALLOT LANGUAGE AND HEARING DATES FOR
POSSIBLE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS SPECIAL ASSESSMENT**

RECITALS:

1. State of Michigan Public Act Number 33 of 1951, as amended, MCL 41.801 (“Act”), allows townships to raise money for police and fire departments by special assessment and provides for township boards to submit the question of doing so to the voters at an election.

2. Subject to voter approval and the hearings required by the Act, the Township Board of Trustees ("Township Board") has tentatively determined that the special assessment authority under the Act should be exercised for a period of 12 years commencing with the levy of an assessment on the December 2018 tax bills to raise money for the 2019 Police and Fire Department budgets.

3. The annual special assessment allowed under the Act may be levied on the taxable value of all real property in the Township that is not exempt from property taxes, with the maximum annual special assessment levy under consideration by the Township Board being 2.95 mills which would be \$2.95 per \$1,000.00 of taxable value.

4. The Township Board wants to submit the question of raising money for the Police and Fire Departments by special assessment to the voters at the Tuesday, August 7, 2018, Primary Election and to schedule the hearings under the Act that are required to levy a special assessment on the December 2018 tax bills.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Township Board approves the following ballot question language ("Ballot Proposal") for placement on the Tuesday, August 7, 2018, Primary Election ballot.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FOR POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS

Should the Charter Township of Waterford raise money to equip, maintain, and operate the Township Police and Fire Departments by annual special assessment levies of up to 2.95 mills (\$2.95 per \$1,000.00 of taxable value) on all real property in the Township that is not exempt from property taxes, for a period of 12 years, with the levies to be from 2018 to 2029 to provide funding for the 2019 to 2030 calendar years, and the first 0.425 mills levied in any year dedicated and only usable for the purchase of equipment for the Police and/or Fire Departments? If approved and fully levied in December 2018, the estimated revenue from this special assessment collected in the first year would be \$6,024,610.00.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that a Town Hall meeting to provide information about and an opportunity for the public to address the Ballot Proposal and proposed special assessment

shall be held during a Special Town Hall Meeting on Wednesday, May 2, 2018, that begins at 6:00 PM.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk shall not submit the approved ballot language to the County Clerk for placement on the August 7, 2018, Primary Election ballot until after the Town Hall meeting.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that if the voters approve the Ballot Proposal, on Monday, August 27, 2018, during the regular public meeting that begins at 6:00 PM, the Township Board will hold a hearing on:

1. An estimate of and any objections to the costs and expenses to operate, maintain and equip the Township Police and Fire Departments for the 2019 calendar/budget year, with that estimate to be on file with the Township Clerk's office and available for public inspection on or before August 22, 2018.
2. On the question of and to hear objections to the creation of a Police and Fire Special Assessment District consisting of all real property in the Township that is not exempt from property taxes.
3. The amount of a special assessment to be levied on the December 2018 Tax Bills against real property in any Special Assessment District created, in an amount up to 2.95 mills, to defray the costs and expenses of equipping, maintaining, and operating the Police and Fire Departments in the 2019 calendar/budget year.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that after the August 27, 2018, hearing described in this Resolution, the Township Board will decide whether to create a special assessment district, the boundaries of any district created, and the amount of any special assessment to be levied on the December 2018 Tax Bills.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that if the voters approve the Ballot Proposal and the Township Board creates a special assessment district and determines to levy a special assessment on the December 2018 Tax Bills, an additional hearing will be held by the Township Board on Monday, September 24, 2018, during the regular meeting that begins at 6:00 PM, to hear objections to the Township's proposed distribution of that levy for Police and Fire Department expenses in 2019.

Motion made by _____ . Seconded by _____ .

The roll call vote on the Motion to adopt this Resolution was as follows:

AYES:

NAYES:

ABSENT:

Based on the roll call vote, the Supervisor declared this Resolution adopted.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Charter Township of Waterford Board of Trustees by the roll call vote indicated at a regular meeting of the Board on March 26, 2018.

Charter Township of Waterford

Date

Sue Camilleri, Township Clerk