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2019 BUDGET ADOPTED WITH NO TAX INCREASE

The Board of Supervisor's voted unanimously to approve the 2019 East Fallowfield Township Budget at their regular meeting held on December 11, 2018. No tax increase was included in the 2019 budget. "The millage rate will remain at 3 mills, while maintaining all services," said Township Manager Scott Swichar.

The balanced 2019 General Fund Budget totals \$3,739,610.

The Township will allocate \$315,800 to the ambulance service and two volunteer fire companies, Modena Fire Company and Westwood Fire Company that serve East Fallowfield Township. This amount is derived from the Real Estate Fire/EMS tax and provides funds for operating and capital expenditures related to ambulance and fire protection.

The budget allocates \$273,252 for capital improvements, which includes the maintenance/resurfacing of municipal roads, equipment and vehicle purchases such as two new police vehicles, and construction of a new restroom facility at the Township's community park. The Township received a \$125,000 grant from DCED's Greenways, Recreation, and Trails program earlier in the year that will provide funding for the restrooms.

The 2019 Trash Fee will increase from \$210 to \$275 per dwelling unit. "The rate increase is a direct result of increased costs to process recycling and trash, and increased collection fees," said Swichar. Swichar noted that "the trash fee had remained at the same rate for the past five years; however, the new trash fee is still one of the lowest in the area and many other nearby communities are paying much higher rates." "This increase would allow the trash service to become self-sufficient rather than being subsidized by the General Fund," said Swichar.

Swichar also announced that a series of improvements to the trash collection service would begin on January 1. "Residents will now be able to set out an unlimited amount of recyclable materials for collection and each resident will also receive a brand-new larger recycling container to help make it easier to recycle," said Swichar. The new recycling carts are 96 gallons to replace the smaller 64-gallon bins. In the past, residents could only get rid of recycling that would fit inside their recycling container.

The 2019 Budget is available on the Township's website: www.eastfallowfield.org. East Fallowfield Township Manager, Scott Swichar thanked the staff for their hard work in preparing the 2019 Budget.

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