

# Township of Napoleon Jackson County, Michigan

## **RESOLUTION APPROVING BALLOT LANGUAGE FOR POLICE AND FIRE OPERATIONS MILLAGE #1 AND FIRE DEPARTMENT APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND HOUSING MILLAGE #2**

WHEREAS, Napoleon Township's Police and Fire Departments perform vital services protecting the lives and property of Napoleon Township citizens; and,

WHEREAS, for many years it has been possible to deliver these services drawing only on General Operating Fund revenues, without asking citizens to approve police or fire millages, by utilizing primarily part time and volunteer police and fire staff; and,

WHEREAS, the job market has changed such that qualified part time and volunteer police and fire personnel are no longer available in sufficient numbers to staff Napoleon's Police and Fire Departments; and,

WHEREAS, Napoleon's fire engines and firefighting equipment have aged to the point where replacement is necessary; and,

WHEREAS, the cost of fire engines and firefighting equipment has increased dramatically in recent years, with the current cost of a new fire engine being up to \$650,000; and,

WHEREAS, a Police and Fire Millage Citizen's Committee was formed to evaluate the need for additional funding and examine the feasibility of proposing to the citizens of Napoleon Township that additional funding for Police and Fire be provided through approval of a millage; and,

WHEREAS, the Committee unanimously recommended to the Board of Trustees that approval of millage funding be requested from the voters of Napoleon Township with two separate millages, one of 2.25 mills for police and fire operations for 5 years and one of .75 mill for fire apparatus, equipment and housing for 20 years.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of Napoleon Township, Jackson County, Michigan approves the following millage ballot question language for two (2) separate proposals, and directs the Township Clerk to submit Millage #1 for placement on the August, 2019 ballot and Millage #2 for placement on the May, 2020 ballot.

# Millage #1

Napoleon Township

Police and Fire Departments Operating Millage

Shall Napoleon Township be authorized to levy a millage against all real and personal property within Napoleon Township, Jackson County, Michigan not to exceed 2.25 mills of state taxable value, for a period of 5 Years, beginning November 30, 2019, with 1 mill to be used exclusively for Napoleon Township Police Department Operation and 1.25 mills to be used exclusively for Napoleon Township Fire Department Operation. If approved, the estimated revenue that will be collected in the first year will be approximately \$508,217.

# Millage #2

Napoleon Township

Fire Department Apparatus, Equipment and Housing Millage

Shall Napoleon Township be authorized to levy a millage against all real and personal property within Napoleon Township, Jackson County, Michigan not to exceed .75 mills of state taxable value, for a period of 20 Years, beginning November 30, 2020, for Napoleon Township Fire Department Apparatus, Equipment and Housing. If approved, the estimated revenue that will be collected in the first year will be approximately \$169,406.

The foregoing resolution offered by board member: Anita Graham

Supported by board member: Lori Bacon

Upon a roll call vote, the following voted:

Aye: Anita Graham, Julie Wilson, Lori Bacon, Dan Wymer, John Hummer

No: - None -

Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

Dan Wymer 9 April 2019

Dan Wymer, Napoleon Township Supervisor

Date

John Hummer 4/9/2019

John Hummer, Napoleon Township Clerk

Date