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I am pleased to present the 2021 Fiscal Year Budget

The 2021 budget continues our investment in core local government services emphasizing the following focus areas: public safety, sewer and water, leisure services, community development and efficient government operations.

I am confident that this budget will continue to lay the foundation to ensure that Chesterfield Township remains a community of choice for residents and businesses to locate.

As presented 2021 Overall Budget Highlights:

Retains AA- Bond Rating

Continues our sustainable Top of Class employee related benefit and legacy cost model:

1. The Township has made many changes over the past few years that will continue into 2021, this includes transitioning to self-funding Health Care. This control of healthcare costs reduced annual medical expenses by over 1.4 million dollars.
2. Our 3.69 employee count per 1,000 population served, compares favorably with neighboring full-service municipalities (avg 4.01) as we realign an effective government with a growing community.
3. Our pension health according to the State of Michigan is in the top 25% of all municipalities.
4. Other Post Employee Benefit (OPEB) funding at 86.57% is also Top of Class.

Emphasis on team member education and training will continue into 2021, building on last year's 1,817 training hours with numerous alternative delivery programs and a strong reinvestment in our most valuable organizational assets, our employees.

Moving forward, the 2021 budget includes funding for a full time Technology Coordinator and the reduction of three Executive positions. I believe this change recognizes a balanced revision of the service demands of today and prepares us for tomorrow.

Public Safety 2021 Highlights:

I am requesting funds for implementation of a new Chesterfield Township Police Department Traffic Safety Division including all necessary staffing, and equipment for this service enhancement.

This budget also includes funds for a new heavy rescue truck for the Chesterfield Township Fire Department. The New Heavy Rescue Vehicle is the last major fire rescue vehicle that needs updating when complete, The Chesterfield Township Fire Department will not need a substantial heavy equipment purchase for over a decade pursuant to our long-term Capital Improvement plan.

The 2021 budget also includes funds for the initial design and feasibility for the refurbishing or repurposing of Fire Station # 2 (Jefferson Avenue). This investment coupled with the substantial total renovation of Fire Station # 1 (22 Mile Road) and the steady improvements to Fire Station # 3 (23 Mile Road) and our Police Department will mark the end of the years long goal of updating and modernizing all Public Safety Facilities.

As in my prior year budget proposals we continue to emphasize employee training and providing all necessary tools and technical equipment investments for our best-in-class Public Safety model.

Public Works (Water and Sewer):

My proposed 2021 Budget continues to focus on investing and upgrading the Chesterfield Township Municipal Sanitary Sewer and Water systems. The 2021 request continues our annual investment in cleaning, televising and rehabilitation of our Sanitary Sewer System along with maintaining our Chesterfield Water System. We will continue to expand our GIS network and continue technology upgrades to ensure our water rates remain lowest in the region by providing our best-practice service model. The budget request includes planning and implementation for several critical 'larger' infrastructure projects pursuant to our Water and Sewer Master Plans along with our Capital Improvement Plan.

- 23 Mile Water Main – Phase 1 (Construction)
- 23 Mile Water Main – Phase 2 (Design)
- Jefferson Avenue Watermain – Phase 1 (Design)
- Colonial Club Sanitary Sewer Choke Point remediation (Design)
- Peggy Lane / Short Ct. Water Main (Design)
- Completion of the 23 Mile & Gratiot Meter Pit
- Completion of the 23 Mile Rd. Emergency Water Main Repair at Fish Creek
- Decommission of the Telstar Lift Station

The Water and Sewer Department budget request also includes vehicle and equipment upgrades, the most substantial is the replacement of the 8-yard dump truck and the 20-year-old Multi-Purpose Water and Sewer Vehicle.

Township Park, Property and Pedestrian Path Improvements:

The proposed budget includes substantial investments in multiple Chesterfield Township properties along with emphasis on improving our Non-Motorized path network and pedestrian safety. Below is a list of some of the major maintenance and upgrades included in this budget request.

- Brandenburg Park Shoreline Implementation
- Brandenburg Park Tennis and Sport Court Improvements
- Brandenburg Park Building renovations and upgrades
- Chesterfield Municipal Complex Bridge and Parking Lot Rehabilitation
- Non-Motorized Path Extension Jefferson Ave from the Salt River Bridge to Sutton
- Non-Motorized 23 Mile Road Gap Project
- Outdoor Senior Center Park Project in coordination with CBDG program

I am proud of the Township leadership for their tireless effort and work to ensure that Chesterfield Township remains a great place be.

Thank you,



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