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Township Introduces 2016 Capital Ordinance *No Need to Borrow Funds for Routine Purchases for 2016*

Hillsborough Township introduced the 2016 Capital Ordinance for the routine purchases as part of the Township's 'no debt, pay as you go' capital plan.

"Maintaining a watchful eye over the finances of the Township, has been the standard of this Township Committee and as such there will be no borrowing for routine capital purchases or improvements for 2016," stated Deputy Mayor Carl Suraci, Chair and Liaison to the Finance Committee during the introduction of the Ordinance.

"The \$388,583 capital plan is based on the recommendations of the Capital Planning Committee and is for those items recommended as high in priority by the Capital Planning Committee," reported Committeeman Greg Burchette, Liaison to the Capital Planning Committee.

"By operating in a 'pay as you go' plan, ultimately this saves taxpayer money by not incurring interest expense in future years through bonding for these purchases," added Deputy Mayor Suraci.

The items included in the plan are related to health and public safety. The renovations to the Municipal Playground are much needed as the wood structure has weathered over time and is in need of replacement. The replacement of wooden guide rails are required as the current rails no longer meet the state requirements. There are remaining ADA Accessibility requirements that need to be addressed at the All-Inclusive Park at

AVM. The items for the Department of Public works are to replace aging equipment. The two defibrillators for the Police Department are to replace existing ones. The Skate Park ramps at AVM are replacements for current ramps.

“Road paving for 2016 will be funded by a combination of grants and prior year capital allocations and therefore was not added to this year’s Capital Plan,” added Deputy Mayor Suraci.

The potential list of roadways to be paved for 2016 include Longfield Drive and Wythe Circle, which have had the paving portion of the project completed. Triangle Road is slated to go out to bid tomorrow. New Amwell Road Phase 1, which is from Route 206 to Taurus Drive is being partially funded through a Local Aid grant. Winding Way, Spring Valley Road and Euclid Avenue will be paved as part of the completion of the sewer project.

This Capital Ordinance maintains the Township’s “pay as you go” plan and therefore does not incur future debt for the Township.

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