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Hillsborough Township Moves Forward on Roadway Infrastructure Improvements *Accelerated Paving Plan Proposed*

Hillsborough Township took the first step Tuesday evening at the Township Committee meeting to secure funding for various roadway improvements. An ordinance was introduced to appropriate \$8,500,000 for township wide road improvements. The total bond issuance is of \$8,075,000 will be utilized to finance the project. The Township maintains AA+ rating, yielding a favorable borrowing environment.

Roadway improvement projects are now more costly than in the past a result of mandated ADA requirements and NJDEP Storm Water Regulations. These mandates account for between 6-10% increase in project costs. The ADA requirements include handicap ramps to provide better access and mobility for our handicapped residents. The Storm Water catch basins retrofits meet the NJDEP requirements and also provide a sustainable component, which the Township is Sustainable Jersey Silver Certified.

“The Township maintains a 5 year roadway plan,” commented Mayor Gloria McCauley during the introduction of the ordinance. She went on to explain that historically over the past 10 years 14 roadways comprising 20.33 miles have been repaved. In addition, the Township performs an extensive chip sealing program which enhances the longevity of the roadways; over 20 miles of Township road ways have been chip sealed over the past 10 years.

“The aging infrastructure of our Township needs to be addressed, which has been further compromised by the severe weather with increased snow and freezing temperatures that have taken their toll on our roadways. As a result, it is in the best interest of the Township to pursue funding for these improvement,” stated Mayor McCauley.

“The Township’s annual commitment to road reconstruction has averaged \$330,000 over the past eleven (11) years through a combination of NJDOT Grants and Township funding. By bonding for this amount, the Township will pave roadways that would have taken over 25 years at the current spending level,” added Mayor McCauley.

“Furthermore, the Township will continue to maintain communication with the County and State to address roads that are not within the Township’s jurisdiction,” stated the Mayor.

“By borrowing these funds, it is expected that the Township will be able to resurface the roads at today’s costs for time and materials and avoid paying future increases in costs due to inflation and further deterioration of the Township’s roads which would cost more to repair,” concluded Mayor McCauley.

The public hearing for this ordinance will be held on Tuesday, September 11, 2018.

About NJDEP: NJDEP (New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection) began a role to manage natural resources and solve pollution problems in 1970. . In what started with about 1,400 employees in five divisions, NJDEP now has a staff of approximately 2,900 and is a leader in the country for its pollution prevention efforts and innovative environmental management strategies.

About NJ ADA Compliance: (Americans with Disabilities Act) It is the policy of the Department of Human Services to provide reasonable accommodation based on the provisions of the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination and the Americans with Disabilities Act and the interpretive regulations. The NJLAD provides that: “Unless it can be clearly shown that a person’s disability would prevent such person from performing a particular job, it is an unlawful employment practice to deny to an otherwise qualified person with a disability the opportunity to obtain or maintain employment, or to advance in position in his job, solely because such person is a person with a disability or because such person is accompanied by a service or guide dog.”

About NJDOT: The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) is the agency responsible for transportation issues and policy in New Jersey, such as maintaining and operating the State's highway and public road system, planning and developing transportation policy and assisting with rail, freight and intermodal transportation issues. It is headed by the Commissioner of Transportation.

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