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### **Township's tax rates reduced for fourth consecutive fiscal year**

*Macomb Township, Mich.* – For the fourth fiscal year in a row, Macomb Township residents will see lower tax rates beginning July 1, 2024, after the Township Board of Trustees approved the 2024-2025 fiscal year budget during the June 12, 2024, meeting. The new budget includes tax reductions for law enforcement and a scheduled elimination of the firefighter pension tax. Yet, the Township will be adding a firefighter and sheriff's deputy, plus investing a record amount into roads and sidewalks, as well as several upgrades to the Township's parks system.

What will help continue the tax decrease is the proposed fire department operations millage on the August 6th ballot. If voters approve this proposal, the total combined Township property taxes will be reduced by 6.5% from 2020.

"We are able to reduce the firefighter pension tax to zero if voters approve the renewal of the fire department operations millage this August because the pensions are now fully funded," said Macomb Township Treasurer Leon Drolet.

"I don't know of any government anywhere else that has been reducing taxes like Macomb Township. We know how badly inflation has hurt residents, so we dig deeper to give residents the very best value possible for services," said Drolet continued.

Over the past four years, the Township has focused on reducing costs for residents while maintaining the high value services we currently offer, and the upcoming fiscal year will be no exception. The upcoming fiscal year includes over \$6 million budgeted for road upgrades and over \$1.4 million for sidewalks installations along main roads, the most ever spent in the Township's history.

"We're adding an additional sheriff's deputy to the night patrol, a new full-time firefighter, investing a record amount of money into the Township's roads and sidewalks along with \$3 million into parks and recreation upgrades. This board is proving every day that top tier municipal services can be had for a reasonable cost," said Macomb Township Supervisor Frank Viviano.

"Tax cuts are great for our residents, but the quality of services is just as important. I'm proud that this budget funds significant improvements to the Township's parks in addition to infrastructure," said Macomb Township Clerk Kristi Pozzi.



Over the next year, Pitchford Park will get multiple pavilions by the playscape available for reservations and Waldenburg Park will get a brand new playscape to replace the aging one that is currently there. On top of this, portable lighting will make its way to Town Center Park for the youth sports teams that play and practice there, and Macomb Corners Park will get a new toddler playscape, batting tunnels and renovated restrooms.

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