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**EDWARDSVILLE TOWNSHIP APPROVES FY 2016-2017 BUDGET REDUCTION**

***Supervisor Frank Miles presents 11% reduction in appropriations***

**Edwardsville, Illinois – May 9, 2016.** Edwardsville Township Supervisor Frank Miles today announced that the Board of Trustees of Edwardsville Township approved their FY2016-2017 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance with an overall 11% reduction in spending as compared to FY2015-2016.

Supervisor Miles said, “This budget outlines spending for the Town Fund, IMRF Fund, Social Security Fund, GA Fund and the Capital Development Fund, which was recommended two years ago by the Township’s Financial Services Committee.”

The General Town Fund Budget, includes the costs to operate the Assessor’s office in the amount of \$198,510.00 and includes the operation of Township Park which has a budget of \$167,750.00 which includes salaries of Township Park maintenance staff and equipment and building maintenance and development. The Budget also includes elected official’s salaries, most of which have been reduced by half, office salaries and health insurance, general insurance – liability, unemployment, work comp; equipment maintenance and improvement, and community projects in the park and elsewhere.

“We were able to reduce the appropriations for the General Town Fund by 15% overall,” said Supervisor Miles. “These reduction were realized by sharing services with our Road District and lower insurance cost by renegotiating our current insurance contracts.”

“Per the Financial Reserve Policy, we are transferring \$60,000 from the Town Fund to the Capital Development Fund for the purpose of specific capital improvement projects,” said Supervisor Miles. “We anticipate spending nearly all of this fund for park capital improvements including the renovation of Restroom 2 and the A7 Corsair on display in the Park. We must also continue our American with Disability Act improvements which include concrete sidewalks to our facilities.”

The Township’s IMRF Fund, or retirement fund, is the Township’s contribution to the employee and official pension program. The Trustees, Supervisor, Highway Commissioner and Clerk do not receive pension benefits, nor are covered under any other benefit program.

Supervisor Miles said, “Regarding the General Assistance Fund, the Supervisor has sole responsibility to manage the Township’s General Assistance Fund. This fund includes the monetary assistance given to recipients and administration of the General Assistance and Emergency Assistance programs. The Township has established partnerships and relationships with area agencies and churches to increase the awareness of the General Assistance program and have reached more residents that may qualify. Because of this outreach, we have had to increase this budget by 3%.

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"I am extremely pleased to present this board with a budget that reduces the Township's spending by 11%," said Supervisor Miles. "The execution of the programs and services this budget supports is extremely critical to the residents that rely on the Township."

**Edwardsville Township is comprised of the City of Edwardsville, Village of Glen Carbon and unincorporated areas just outside of these two municipalities. The Township Supervisor's office is located at 300 West Park in Edwardsville and is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Monday and Friday and from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.**

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