

TOWNSHIP NEIGHBORS NETWORK (TNN)

3RD ANNUAL TRI-TOWNSHIP FISCAL COMPARISON

Elk Rapids, Milton and Torch Lake Townships -- FY 2012-13

TNN Forecasts Townships spent \$2.82 million last year

	Elk Rapids	Milton	Torch Lake	Grand Total
OVERHEAD EXPENSE	\$249,185	\$436,652	\$272,555	\$958,392
Overhead % of Total Expense	33%	49%	49%	44%
Taxation Related	36,214	110,928	89,080	236,222
Elected Officials	60,297	94,507	59,710	214,514
Building Related	50,667	84,365	61,777	196,809
Gen Admin & Personnel	45,053	110,299	36,083	191,435
Professional Support	49,834	24,849	16,435	91,118
Discretionary Expenses	7,121	11,703	9,469	28,294
PUBLIC SAFETY AND SERVICE	\$505,033	\$446,964	\$281,775	\$1,233,772
Safety & Service % of Total	67%	50%	51%	56%
EMS-Ambulance	351,352	66,000	213,798	631,150
Fire	95,731	139,234	38,939	273,904
Roads, Parks, Environment	57,950	241,730*	29,038	328,717
* Milton spent \$161,000 for Roads only				
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$754,218	\$883,616	\$554,330	\$2,192,163
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	\$70,664	\$29,744	\$525,947	\$626,354
Mortgage Payment			451,214	451,214
Equip-Cap Expense-EMS	46,185		40,204	86,389
Equip-Cap Expense-Fire	24,479	29,744	34,529	88,751
GRAND TOTAL	\$824,882	\$913,360	\$1,080,277	\$2,818,517

Goal for next year is to Freeze Townships' Spending.

Shift \$\$ from Overhead to Public Safety and Public Service

CITIZENS' PUBLIC INPUT

Budget Meetings; FY 2013-14

Elk Rapids Township
Milton Township,
Torch Lake Township

March 26, 7 PM
 March 25, 6 PM
 March 23, 9 AM

ER Government Center
 Milton Township Hall
 TL Township Hall

Cut overhead from 49% to 33% in Milton & Torch Lake Townships.

Public Safety, Roads, Parks and Environment should have larger share as in Elk Rapids Township with lowest overhead at 33%. Applause for Milton for re-surfacing more roads.

Freeze elected officials pay; 20% co-pay for medical in Milton.

Freeze is the only option as current officials cannot have their pay cut under State law. TNN believes benefits reductions are on the table.

Cut millage to offset the 2.4% tax hike allowed by State formula.

Townships hiked property taxes 28% over 10 years without a vote of the people. Elected Officials have not used their power to cut millage rates.

Reduce funds balances for General, Fire and EMS/Ambulance.

Trust funds balances should not exceed 25% of annual expense; applause for Torch Lake Township which paid down its mortgage.

Townships should make more data-driven decisions based on measured performance. Commit to practical results that directly benefit taxpayers, not just measure dollars spent.

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