

# Marysville Township

## Year-end overview

Prepared December 2023; Supervisor Hirsch

I wanted to give a brief review of the current state of Marysville Township, where do we stand. What are our long-term goals, and how do we continue to maintain financial responsibility to make sure we keep Township spending in line with the tax burden we place on the Township residents of Marysville Township.

I wanted to make sure every resident hears and see the **truth** on how the Township is being handled. What the supervisors' goals are, what our future intentions are for controlling inflation, managing the increasing operating and equipment expenses.

I have heard thru rumors, that the Supervisors are being unfair, asking the township employees to work with dated equipment, junk equipment, dilapidated equipment. I wanted to give an overview, as well as explain that the Supervisors are working for all the residents.

I want to make it known that the Township supervisors do not work for the 3 employees, they work for the 647 residences that pay taxes to support living in Marysville Township.

(647 Residents were pulled from 2023 Fire Levy numbers)

Marysville Township Operates with 2 maintenance positions. Bob is Full time, Ron is at 32 hours. We manage and maintain 43.6 miles of road.

- Marysville Township's Annual Levy is \$525,000
- Current Road and Bridge Fund 2022 Expenses for year 2022 \$384,664.30
- Current Debt Marysville Township \$80,000 USDA Loan Building Annual Payment \$15,489, with the township paying and additional yearly payments of \$15,489 for years 2020,2021,2022,2023.
- Current Balance given off latest Cash Flow Statement \_\_\_\_\_
- Levy yearly status for years: 2020, \$500,000, 2021 \$500,000, 2022 \$25,000 increase to \$525,000 Fuel Price was main decider to increase the levy in 2021.
- Proposed 2023 Tax Levy, Supervisor Hirsch will work to keep the levy operating on a positive note, trying to keep the Township aligned with Supervisors goals.

- The Township is sitting very financially stable with year over year savings of +\$100,000 per year. If current Fiscal Responsibility Stayed On Course, we would hope that we set a dollar amount in a newly created CIP savings account, that would be the benchmark that we base the next year's levy off of.
- Current Assets in Liquidity \$200,000 CD, ARP Funds \$53,000+-, Ledger Balance \_\_\_\_\_ ARP Funds to be earmarked by end of 2024 \$53,000+-.
- Year over Year Employee Raises Maintenance: 2020 \$2.00 2021 \$1.75/hr. 2022 \$3.00/hr.
- Clerk Treasurer 2020 \$150/month 2021 \$200/month, 2022 \$200/month
- Assets Purchased since 2020: New Road Drag ARP, New Steamer ARP, Wood Chipper ARP, Excavator ARP, Skidsteer ARP, Equipment Trailer ARP Packer ARP with \$10,000 being returned from resale of old packer to General Fund, CMP shoulder Attachment ARP, Mower ARP, Welder ARP, Plasma Cutter ARP, Jack ARP
- Building Improvements; Concrete and Asphalt Replacement along Aprons, Windows, Crack Fill, Power Flush Toilets, Shop Cleaning ARP, Epoxy Floors ARP, ADA Door Additions

#### Review of Financial and Township Status

- 2018 Expenses \$529,274.62, Income \$417,871.00 Ending Balance **(\$111,403.62)**
- **2018 CD Cashed in to pay expenses** **(\$47,098.22)**
- 2019 Expenses \$558,035.65, Income \$486,949.76 Ending Balance **(\$71,085.89)**
- 2020 Expenses \$445,650.37 Income \$582,652.43 Ending Balance \$137,002.06
- 2021 Expenses \$503,268.04 Income \$690,317.97 Ending Balance \$187,049.93
- 2022 Expenses \$676,249.03 Income \$790,754.66 Ending Balance \$114,505.63
  
- Policy and Ordinance Changes 2021-Present
  - Adopted road standards prepared by Hakanson Anderson Associates, Inc.
  - Adopted resolution 2023-04 Subordinate Service District
  - Adopted resolution 2023-05 Ordinance Regulating Placement of Obstructions
  - Adopted resolution 2023-06 Ordinance Use and Regulation of Right-of-way Management
  - Created new Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for saving money to spend towards the replacement of Equipment, Maintenance, Other Expenses.

Summary:

Year over Year, Since 2021 Marysville Township has operated in the black, where the expenses were less than what the Township received. In 2023, We hope our expenses will still fall below the receipts collected for 2023. Making this the 4<sup>th</sup> year where the Township was able to financially pay all expenses and have cash on hand to add to the savings keeping the township operating in the Black and maintain fiscal responsibility. The Supervisors also strive to keep employee compensation competitive. In the last couple years Supervisors have continued to increase maintenance employees' wages by \$6.75/hour, making Marysville Township employee wages at the top of the pay scale for neighboring Townships in Wright County. As well as increasing Clerk/Treasurer Compensation by \$550/month in the last three calendar years.

The Supervisors have voted to keep their pay stationary and not increase from \$75 per meeting. With no wage increases for Supervisors for meetings for the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive year.

Lastly, the Township has adopted since 2021 several Road Ordinance and Road Standards, implemented policy changes. These standards were put in place for the best interest of Marysville Township.

Avoiding costly expenses and litigation was the Supervisors top priority.

*I want to remind everyone that we were once a Township that did not have the luxury of operating in the black, we now have cash assets on hand to pay all bills each month. We have set aside \$200,000 on a CD for the first time in a long time. We have been able to put money into a CD rather than Cash out our CD to pay bills, because we were once operating at a deficit, and we hope to no return to those days.*

For me as a Supervisor, I will never ask a resident for more money when I haven't done everything to the best of my ability, to be fiscally responsible with the RESIDENTS TAX levy. It again is not MARYSVILLE TOWNSHIPS' money; it is all Taxpayers of Marysville's money.

It has been a pleasure to serve as a Supervisor for Marysville Township for the last three years. I truly appreciate everyone's attendance and input at every meeting.

\*ARP= American Rescue Plan/ CARE Funding

\*Opinions outlined in the review are opinions of Supervisor Hirsch and are not opinions of the other Supervisors; Disclosure 1.

