

In order to address a concern raised on Facebook by a resident

To give the residents an explanation on the Fire Equipment Fund that had an excess of \$108,199 at the end of the fiscal year of March 31, 2026. The ending balance in the fund was \$416,169 which includes taxes that were just collected for 2026-27 budget year that started April 1, 2026. Baroda Township has purchased two trucks in the last 10 years. The last truck Commercial Loan was paid off in 2022. We will be needing another new truck in a few years which will require Baroda Township to possibly take out another commercial loan at high interest rates. Baroda Township is just planning ahead for the next purchase and hopefully can avoid another commercial loan.

The Police Millage Fund closed out the year with \$39,183 with an ending balance of \$416,162. The balance of \$416,162 are the taxes collected to pay for fiscal year starting on April 1, 2026 thru March 31, 2027. The reality of this issues is the Baroda Lake Police Department 2026 Budget is projected to be \$1,816,291.17 at this time of which Baroda Township will provide about \$440,000. The contract with Baroda Lake Police Department indicates that Baroda's Contribution needs to cover the percent of Police calls tied to Baroda Township & Baroda Village which varies from 29% to 35%. At the present contribution rate Baroda Township will contribute with our primary millage at 24.3% which necessitates the need for a second millage to try to approach about \$635,000 to fulfill our contract obligations with Baroda Lake Police Department. Baroda Lake Police Department provides 24/7 coverage for Baroda Township and Baroda Village.