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To All Beulah Registered Voters:

The purpose of this communication is to provide information on the Village of Beulah Millage Proposal that will be on the ballot for the November 7, 2023 election. It is not intended to advocate for either a "Yes" or a "No" vote on the issue.

On July 19, 2023, the Village entered into an Administrative Consent Order (ACO) with the State of Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) Water Resources Division. This Agreement can be found at <https://www.villageofbeulah.net/2023-sewer-project>, and requires major improvements to Beulah's Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF). Gosling Czubak Engineering Sciences, Inc., the Village's engineering firm, has estimated the cost of these improvements to be between \$10,000,000 and \$12,000,000. We are currently seeking a combination of loans and grants for this project.

User fees (sewer bill revenue) pay for the costs of operating the wastewater system and are anticipated to be utilized for repaying the loans for the improvements over an expected term of 30 years. Relying on user fees alone to repay this debt could result in a very significant increase in those user fees. The additional revenue generated by the subject millage request would reduce the impact on user fees.

Until construction bids are awarded and loans and grants are secured, we will not know the total cost of the project or the repayment terms of the loan(s). The proposed date for putting the project out for bid is December 15, 2024. It will be sometime after that date that we will be able to make informed decisions on user fees and revenues from the proposed millage increase.

The requested millage is sometimes referred to as a Headlee Override. More information on this may be found at https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/what_is_a_headlee_override or any other authoritative source.

The millage proposal on the November 7th ballot asks the voters to approve an increase in the Village's millage rate to restore it to the original 12.5 mills that the Village was authorized to levy before the millage rate was reduced by the Headlee Amendment rollbacks. The proposal on the November 7th ballot will read as follows:

Village of Beulah Millage Proposal

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Village of Beulah be increased by 4.6136 mills (\$4.61 per thousand dollars of taxable value) for a period of thirty (30) years, from 2024 through 2053, as new additional millage in excess of the limitation imposed by Michigan Compiled Laws section 211.34d, to restore Village Charter millage authorization previously approved by the electors as reduced by operation of the Headlee amendment, to provide funds for general operating purposes? It is estimated that 4.6136 mills would raise approximately \$202,000 when first levied in 2024.

Yes

No

This increase in the millage rate will cost a property owner the amount below, based on the taxable value of their property:

Market Value	Taxable Value	Additional Tax (per year)	Additional Tax (per month)
\$300,000	\$150,000	\$692	\$58
\$500,000	\$250,000	\$1,153	\$96
\$750,000	\$375,000	\$1,730	\$144
\$1,000,000	\$500,000	\$2,307	\$192

We simply ask that you fully inform yourselves before you vote on this important issue. If you have any questions, please contact either Jeri VanDePerre (231-492-4405) (president@villageofbeulah.net) or Dan Hook (248-496-5003) (dhook@villageofbeulah.net).


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