



Fife Lake Area Emergency Services Authority
134 Morgan St, P.O. Box 216 Fife Lake MI 49633



Fife Lake Springfield Fire Department



Request for Capital Millage Information Sheet

Who: Fife Lake and Springfield Taxpayers

What: Capital millage to help fund the Fife Lake Springfield Fire Department long-term

Our Mission for The Millage:

The Fife Lake Springfield Fire Department has been fortunate to have an operational millage which has met many of our daily and long-term needs.

However, to better prepare for the future of the department

— and our services to our community — we *need* a **long-term solution**.

In being fiscally responsible with our current millage and other forms of funding, we have managed to:

- Educate, research, and develop our fire program
- Provide training materials, drills, equipment, and other necessities for firefighters and those in training
- Maintain fire engine, fire station, and equipment
- Efficiently run our department

Why do we need this millage, then?

Though we have been careful and frugal, some of our equipment is outdated, worn, or nearing expiration.

The capital millage will be dedicated to the following:

- **Replacing equipment that is outdated, worn, or otherwise unsafe or unusable** — we want to show up to our service runs safely and with safe and working gear.
- **Alleviating some of the funding from the operational millage** — this way, we can put our operational millage to use providing some training, fire safety, and fire prevention.
- **Helping better prepare for future costs**, such as to fix utilities, cover our building rent, fuel for the fire engines, and insurance.

In short, this millage will help to ensure we do not have to make tough decisions about cutting out one expense to fund another — we are mindful about our spending, and not one dollar is spent without careful consideration.

How Will This Affect You, The Taxpayer?

The operational millage will remain the same. This new Capital millage will cost you just \$50 a year for a Home Taxable Value of \$50,000.

The following table better demonstrates how the millage will affect you on a personal level:



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Reference Example	
Taxable Value	Cost Per year 1.00 mills
30,000	\$ 30.00
50,000	\$ 50.00
70,000	\$ 70.00
90,000	\$ 90.00
130,000	\$ 130.00
150,000	\$ 150.00

What Can You Do?

When you need a first responder, we always show up as soon as possible and ready to serve you. Help us serve you better by meeting some of our most crucial operating needs by supporting the millage.

How Can You Get More Information?

Interested in learning more or have questions on the millage request?

You have two options:

1. Attend a board meeting. This is your first line of defense to make your voice heard on the matter — one way or the other.
2. You may also call Fire Department Chief, Scott Tinker (231) 570-2509.

Fire Authority Board Meetings

When: 2nd Monday of each month, 6:00 pm
Where: 134 Morgan Street, Fife Lake MI 49633

Fire Department Meetings

When: Every Wednesday, 6:30 pm
Where: 134 Morgan Street, Fife Lake MI 49633