

# *HARTLAND TOWNSHIP FIRE MILLAGE PROPOSAL*

Hartland Township is asking Hartland Township residents for a new fire millage to replace the current 18-year-old one. Hartland residents passed a 1.97-mill fire millage in 2002, which was originally renewed for 10 years and is not set to expire until the end of 2021. The millage renewal passed in 2002 was the first time the Township tried a 10-year millage. Economic slowdowns and a recession have reduced millage return projections as *Headlee Amendment* rollbacks have limited the millage down to 1.81-mills.

Hartland Township Board of Trustees passed a resolution to put a fire millage request on the November ballot a year early. On the ballot, residents will see a request of 2.06-mills for 5-years to replace the existing 1.81 millage. The proposed .25-mill increase will result in an increase of \$31.25 annually for a home valued at \$250,000.

Each respective community in the Hartland Deerfield Fire Authority is required to fund their allocation of financial obligation independent of the other community. The proposed millage applies only to the Hartland Township Community as Deerfield Township has a current fire millage in place. If the new millage passes, it will not become effective until 2021, and will replace the current one, which will then be vacated at the end of 2020. There will be no overlapping of taxpayer dollars.

*The .25 mill/5-year tax increase would result in an increase of \$31.25 annually to a home valued at \$250,000*

## **Township**

### **Hartland Township Fire Millage Proposal**

Shall the tax limitation on all taxable property within Hartland Township, Livingston County, Michigan, be increased and the Township be authorized to levy annually a new additional millage in an amount not to exceed 2.06 mills (\$2.06 on each \$1,000 of taxable value), for five (5) years, 2021 to 2025 inclusive, to provide funds for operating, equipping, constructing and purchasing for the Hartland Deerfield Fire Authority or for any other purpose authorized by law for fire service purposes? The estimate of the revenue the Township will collect in the first year of levy (2021) if the millage is approved is approximately \$1,545,000.

**Yes**

**No**