

# Village of Brooklyn

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## ELECTION DAY: NOVEMBER 8, 2016

The following proposal will appear on the ballot for registered voters in the Village of Brooklyn:

### VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN

#### Headlee Override Millage Proposal

Shall the Village of Brooklyn authorize a "Headlee Override" so that the current limitation, reduced by Section 31 of Article IX of the State Constitution of 1963, on the amount of Village taxes that may be levied against all taxable property by the Village of Brooklyn, Jackson County, Michigan, dedicated to streets may be increased as follows:

- 1.3449 mills (\$1.3449 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for highway and street purposes, restoring the millage rate for this purpose from the present 3.6551 mills to 5.00 mills (from \$3.6551 per \$1,000 of taxable value to \$5.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and raising an estimated \$48,559 in new revenue in the first year of the levy and each year thereafter?

Yes [ ]

No [ ]

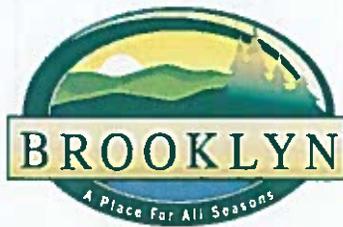
**Example:** A house & property with a market value of \$150,000 (Taxable Value = \$75,000) currently pays \$274.13 in street taxes (\$75,000 X .0036551). Restoration of the street millage to 5.0000 mills would increase the street tax by \$100.87 (\$75,000 X .0013449) for a total of \$375.00 per year dedicated to street maintenance (\$75,000 X .00500).

#### DID YOU KNOW:

- ⇒ The Village of Brooklyn maintains 8.65 miles of streets, excluding Main Street and Wamplers Lake Road.?
- ⇒ During an expected life of 20 years, each 1/2 mile of Village street will require \$157,000 in maintenance?
- ⇒ By State statute, the Village may assess a maximum of 5.0000 mills for streets?
- ⇒ The Village of Brooklyn's original dedicated street millage of 5.0 mills extended back to the early 1970's?
- ⇒ Since passage of the Headlee Amendment in 1978, the Village's street millage has been reduced by 27%?
- ⇒ Property values had never declined prior to the Great Recession of 2008, but declined through 2015?
- ⇒ Between 2009 and 2015, Village property values declined by an average of 10.4%?
- ⇒ Cumulative revenue loss for the Village from 2009 through 2016 is estimated at \$267,287?
- ⇒ The average household reduction in taxes in 2016 compared to 2008 is estimated at \$185.80?
- ⇒ The average household increase in street taxes from the ballot proposal (above) is estimated at \$79.03?

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# Fall 2016 Village Newsletter

**LEAF PICK-UP BEGINS OCTOBER 17 THROUGH EARLY DECEMBER**

**PERMIT FEE HOLIDAY: April 1—May 15, 2017**

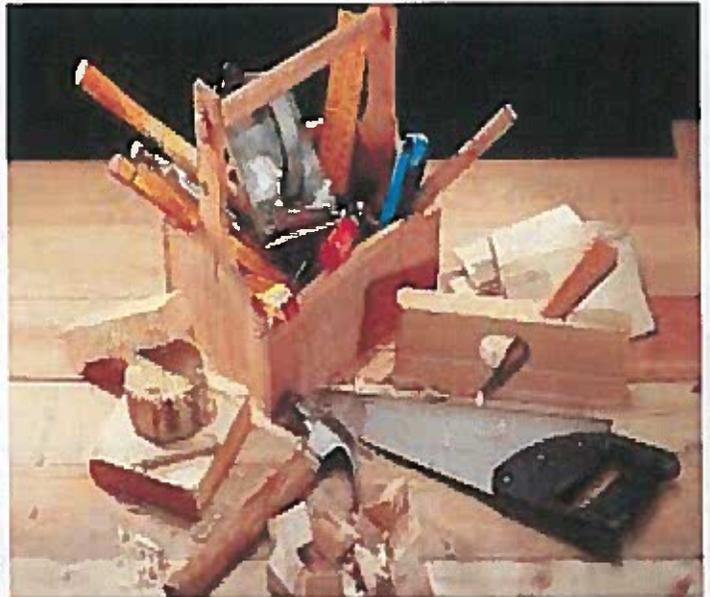
Continuing the success of the first Permit Fee Holiday last spring, the Village may again waive certain building permit and inspection fees for a limited time during 2017. Owners of residential and commercial properties within the Village may apply to have fees waived for certain property improvements. Eligible minor projects would pertain to building, electrical, plumbing and mechanical improvements to existing structures only. Permits and inspections are still required. New building construction and significant rehabilitation would not be eligible if a plan review or pre-construction inspections are determined to be necessary. Examples of eligible projects include, but are not limited to the following:

- Window/door replacement
- Decks
- Kitchen/bath remodel
- Fences
- Sign replacement (commercial properties only)
- Reroofing
- Electrical upgrade
- Furnace replacement

Property owners must contact the Village Office to

determine eligibility of projects and to apply for required permits. The following conditions apply:

- Applications must be received prior to the start of work.
- Permits and inspections are still required.
- Permit request forms must be received at the Village Office between April 1– May 15, 2017.
- Projects must be completed by October 31, 2017 or fees will be reinstated



**BUILDING DEPARTMENT:** The Village of Brooklyn administers all construction permits and inspections (building, electrical, mechanical and plumbing). Permit applications may be obtained at [www.villageofbrooklyn.com](http://www.villageofbrooklyn.com) or at the Village Office . Inquiries about construction permits, such as when they are required, should be directed to the Village Office. (517-592-2591)

**WITCHES (LADIES) NIGHT' OUT**—October 20th, 5:30 p.m.—

8:00 p.m. For more details, go to the DDA Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/Downtown-Brooklyn-81134275497/](http://www.facebook.com/Downtown-Brooklyn-81134275497/) or email [dda@villageofbrooklyn.com](mailto:dda@villageofbrooklyn.com)