VILLAGE OF NORTHPORT

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-16

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE BALLOT LANGUAGE FOR A MILLAGE PROPOSITION TO LEVY A 1.24 MILL TAX FOR THE REPLACEMENT AND RECONSTRUCTION OF MILL POND DAM AND TO SUBMIT THE PROPOSITION TO THE ELECTORATE AT THE NOVEMBER 3, 2026 GENERAL ELECTION

WHEREAS, the Village of Northport owns the Mill Pond Dam located on Northport Creek within the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Village has received engineering reports identifying deterioration of the existing structure and recommending substantial repair or replacement of the dam; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council has determined that replacement of the Mill Pond Dam constitutes a public purpose related to public infrastructure, public safety, environmental compliance, and protection of public property; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council has further determined that the cost of reconstructing and replacing the Mill Pond Dam, including engineering, design, permitting, environmental compliance, construction, reconstruction, repair, maintenance, financing costs, legal expenses, and all related improvements, costs, and expenses, requires the authorization of an additional property tax levy; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the General Law Village Act, Michigan General Property tax Act and other applicable law, the electors of the Village of Northport may authorize the levy of a millage to fund Village purposes; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963, the electors may approve a tax levy in excess of the constitutional tax limitation for such purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council desires to submit to the qualified electors of the Village a proposition authorizing the levy of 1.24 mills ($1.24 per $1,000 of taxable value) for a period of twenty (20) years for the purpose of providing funds for the replacement and reconstruction of the Mill Pond Dam and related costs and expenses; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council intends that the revenue generated by the millage be used to secure debt financing for the project and to repay such debt over the term of the levy.

WHEREAS, the Village Council desires to submit the millage proposition to the electors at the November 3, 2026, General Election; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council unanimously adopted Resolution 2026-8 at their Regular Meeting on June 18, 2026, a resolution approving the ballot language for a millage proposition to levy a 0.90 mill tax for the replacement and reconstruction of Mill Pond Dam and to submit the proposition to the electorate at the November 3, 2026 general election; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council intends to rescind the approval of said Resolution 2026-8 after reconsidering the total amount of funds needed for the intended purpose of replacing and reconstructing the Mill Pond Dam and related improvements and replace said Resolution 2026-8 with this Resolution 2026-16;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. Rescission

The Village Council hereby rescinds approval of Resolution 2026-8.

2. Ballot Proposal

The following proposition shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the Village of Northport at the election to be held on November 3, 2026:

VILLAGE OF NORTHPORT
MILL POND DAM REPLACEMENT MILLAGE PROPOSAL

This millage will allow Village of Northport to levy 1.24 mills ($1.24 per $1,000.00) to provide funds for the replacement and reconstruction of Mill Pond Dam and related improvements.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Village of Northport, County of Leelanau, Michigan, be increased by and the Village be authorized to levy a new additional millage in an amount not to exceed 1.24 mills ($1.24 per $1,000 of taxable value) for a period of twenty (20) years, beginning in 2027 and continuing through 2046, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for the reconstruction and replacement of the Mill Pond Dam, including all necessary engineering, design, permitting, environmental compliance, reconstruction, replacement, repair, maintenance, financing costs, legal expenses, and all related improvements, costs, and expenses?

It is estimated that the levy of 1.24 mills would raise approximately $103,524.00 in the first year the millage is levied (2027).

☐ YES

☐ NO

3. Authorization and Direction

The Village Manager and Village Clerk are authorized and directed to take all actions necessary and advisable to place the foregoing proposal before the electors of the Village, including coordination with the Leelanau County Clerk, Leelanau Township Clerk, and other election officials as necessary, and preparation of ballot language, notices, resolutions, filings, and election materials required under Michigan law.

4. Severability

If any portion of this Resolution is determined to be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.

5. Dam Removal
If the Mill Pond Dam Replacement Millage Proposal fails, the Village Council will seek outside funding sources for the purpose of removing the Mill Pond Dam.

Adopted this ___ day of _____, 2026.

YEAS: _____ NAYS: _____ ABSENT: _____ ABSTAIN: _____

CERTIFICATION

I, Joni Scott, Village Clerk for the Village of Northport, County of Leelanau, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Village Council of the Village of Northport during its meeting held on _____, 2026.

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Joni L. Scott, Village Clerk