

## Final Thoughts...

*Asking residents to increase property taxes anytime, let alone during these challenging economic times, is difficult.*

*However, with state revenue sharing cuts and decreased property tax revenue, we simply do not have the ability to maintain our public safety departments solely from the General Fund. As citizens it is time to decide what service levels we want and whether we are willing to pay to maintain them.*

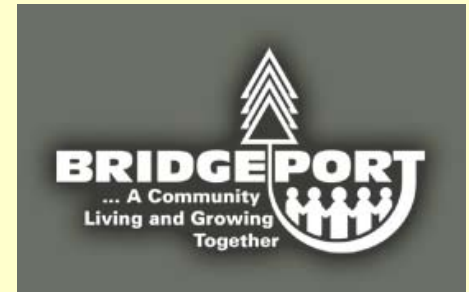
*You are encouraged to attend one or more public forums. We also invite you to contact the fire and police departments directly for answers to your questions and concerns. Our website [www.bridgeportmi.org](http://www.bridgeportmi.org) also contains information that you may find beneficial. Click on the [Public Safety Millage](#) link.*

*We appreciate you taking time to educate yourself about this important issue, and hope that you agree that public safety is an important part of our community, and is worth investing in. Stay safe!*



**IMPORTANT PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION ENCLOSED**

## Important Information about the November 2<sup>nd</sup> Public Safety Ballot Question!



### Contact Information

Governmental Center 777-0940  
Rose Licht - Manager

Fire Department 777-2400  
Patrick Nelson - Chief

Police Department 777-2800  
AJ Navidonski - Chief

Website: [www.bridgeportmi.org](http://www.bridgeportmi.org)  
Click on [Public Safety Millage](#)

# Public Forum Info.

On November 2<sup>nd</sup>, you will be asked to vote on several important issues. One very important issue is a 2.5 mil property tax increase for public safety.

Bridgeport Township has historically been able to fund our police and fire department, parks and recreation department, and other services solely from the General Fund. However, with significant cuts to State Revenue Sharing and decreases in property tax revenue, the Township General Fund can no longer fully fund all services.

The Township has made significant cuts to all departments and has reduced staffing levels where feasible. Expenditures are scrutinized by the Manager and must be justified by the requesting department. We also continue to seek out revenue opportunities to offset these lost revenues.

As difficult an issue as this is, it is time for the citizens of Bridgeport to decide the level of services they wish the Township to provide and maintain. The Township Board of Trustees is placing this question before our voters on November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Please take time to attend one or more public forums. These forums will be informative and provide you with sound information from which to make your decision on November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Thank you!

# Forum Schedule

Forums are scheduled for 1 hour. You are also encouraged to visit us on the web at [www.bridgeportmi.org](http://www.bridgeportmi.org). You may also contact our fire and police departments directly.

Date: Monday 10/11  
 Time: 7pm  
 Location: First Baptist Church. 2400 King Rd

Date: Tuesday 10/12  
 Time: 9am  
 Location: Township Hall Board Room 6206 Dixie Hwy

Date: 10/12  
 Time: 7pm  
 Location: Messiah Missionary Church 2615 Williamson

Date: Thursday 10/14  
 Time: 7pm  
 Location: Calvary Community Church 2895 E Moore

Date: Wednesday 10/20  
 Time: 7pm  
 Location: St Christopher's Church 3945 Williamson

Date: Thursday 10/21  
 Time: 7pm  
 Location: Bridgeport Library 3399 Williamson

Date: Monday 10/25  
 Time: 7pm  
 Location: Assumption Church 7877 Bell

Date: Tuesday 10/26  
 Time: 9am  
 Location: Township Hall Board Room 6206 Dixie Hwy

Date: Wednesday 10/27  
 Time: 7pm  
 Location: St Mark's Church 3060 Williamson

Date: Thursday 10/28  
 Time: 7pm  
 Location: United Pentecostal Church 6740 Dixie Hwy

## Forum Agenda

- Why the Millage is needed.
- Fire Department Discussion.
- Police Department Discussion.
- How the Millage will be used.
- Oversight Committee.
- Questions and Answers.

## How much will a 2.5 mil property tax increase cost me?

<i>Taxable Value</i>	<i>Amount you will pay per year</i>
\$20,000	\$50/year or \$4.16/month
\$30,000	\$75/year or \$6.25/month
\$40,000	\$100/year or \$8.33/month
\$50,000	\$125/year or \$10.41/month
\$60,000	\$150/year or \$12.50/month
\$70,000	\$175/year or \$14.58/month
\$80,000	\$200/year or \$16.66/month
\$90,000	\$225/year or \$18.75/month
\$100,000	\$250/year or \$20.83/month

### *Where do I find my taxable value?*

Your taxable value can be found on your Tax Bill, Notice of Assessment, or you can contact the Assessor's office at 777-0940. The assessor's office can also provide you with an estimate of the amount the millage will cost you per year.