



# 2023 Tax Rate Request (This form must be completed and submitted on or before September 30, 2023)

## MILLAGE REQUEST REPORT TO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

This form is issued under authority of MCL Sections 211.24e, 211.34 and 211.34d. Filing is mandatory. Penalty applies.

Carefully read the instructions on page 2.

County(ies) Where the Local Government Unit Levies Taxes  
**BENZIE COUNTY**

2023 Taxable Value of ALL Properties in the Unit as of 5-22-2023  
**216,404,256**

Local Government Unit Requesting Millage Levy  
**CRYSTAL LAKE TOWNSHIP**

For LOCAL School Districts: 2023 Taxable Value excluding Principal Residence, Qualified Agricultural, Qualified Forest, Industrial Personal and Commercial Personal Properties.

This form must be completed for each unit of government for which a property tax is levied. Penalty for non-filing is provided under MCL Sec 211.119. The following tax rates have been authorized for levy on the 2023 tax roll.

(1) Source	(2) Purpose of Millage	(3) Date of Election	(4) Original Millage Authorized by Election Charter, etc.	(5)** 2022 Millage Rate Permanently Reduced by MCL 211.34d "Headlee"	(6) 2023 Current Year "Headlee" Millage Reduction Fraction	(7) 2023 Millage Rate Permanently Reduced by MCL 211.34d "Headlee"	(8) Sec. 211.34 Truth in Assessing or Equalization Millage Rollback Fraction	(9) Maximum Allowable Millage Levy*	(10) Millage Requested to be Levied July 1	(11) Millage Requested to be Levied Dec. 1	(12) Expiration Date of Millage Authorized
Fix Alloc	Operating	08-1982	1.21	.6795	1.000	.6795	1.000	.6795		.5000	
X-Voted	Road Imp	11-2019	1.00	.9694	1.000	.9694	1.000	.9694		.9694	12-2024
Spec Assmt	Fire	08-1990	.6500	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	.6500		.6500	Annual
<b>Total:</b>									<b>2.2989</b>		

Prepared by **Amy Ferris** Telephone Number **(231) 352-9791** Title of Preparer **Twp Supervisor** Date **Sept 1, 2023**

**CERTIFICATION:** As the representatives for the local government unit named above, we certify that these requested tax levy rates have been reduced, if necessary to comply with the state constitution (Article 9, Section 31), and that the requested levy rates have also been reduced, if necessary, to comply with MCL Sections 211.24e, 211.34 and, for LOCAL school districts which levy a Supplemental (Hold Harmless) Millage, 380.121(13).

<input type="checkbox"/> Clerk	Signature	Print Name	Date
<input type="checkbox"/> Secretary	<i>Judith VanMeter</i>	Judith VanMeter	9-13-23
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chairperson <i>Superior</i>	Signature	Print Name	Date
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> President	<i>Amy Ferris</i>	AMY FERRIS	09-01-2023

\* Under Truth in Taxation, MCL Section 211.24e, the governing body may decide to levy a rate which will not exceed the maximum authorized rate allowed in column 9. The requirements of MCL 211.24e must be met prior to levying an operating levy which is larger than the base tax rate but not larger than the rate in column 9.

**\*\* IMPORTANT:** See instructions on page 2 regarding where to find the millage rate used in column (5).

Local School District Use Only. Complete if requesting millage to be levied. See STC Bulletin 2 of 2023 for instructions on completing this section.	Rate
Total School District Operating Rates to be Levied (HH/Supp and NH Oper ONLY)	
For Principal Residence, Qualified Ag., Qualified Forest and Industrial Personal	
For Commercial Personal	
For all Other	

# Crystal Lake Township

## Public Budget Hearing

1651 Frankfort Highway, Frankfort MI 49635

March 21, 2023

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### 2023-24 General Appropriations Act and Budget Resolution presentation

Ferris presented the 2023-24 General Appropriations Act and Budget Resolution. She noted there was a typo in Section 4—"MCL" not "MCLA." Figures had to be adjusted in Section 7 to reflect the adjustments made to the General Fund Budget—100-253-000 Treasurer changed from \$35,500 to \$36,500; 100-700-000 Community and Economic Development from \$32,000 to \$34,000.

Popp shared information from a 2021-2022 General Fund report, noting the net income under the PTAF Revenue & Applicable Expenditures section and year-end surplus. Revenues in this section cover expenses for the Board of Review, Treasurer, and Assessing costs.

Popp discussed general fund revenues, specifically the millage rate for township operations and felt it could be reduced, easily adjusting it as long as it doesn't exceed the recommended Headlee Millage Reduction Fraction. Budgeted expenditures would still be covered with the lowered rate. Nielsen said it would be reasonable to consider a token decrease in the millage. Ferris noted this to be a great idea but wanted to wait until the Board members had a chance to go over the millage figures, possibly implementing new rate in 2024-25 General Appropriations Act and Budget Resolution instead.

Popp noted with a new millage for township operations of 0.5000 and a possible taxable value of \$205,000,000, our tax revenue would still be over \$100,000. General Fund balance is currently nearing \$1,000,000 as shown in the General Fund Statement of Assets.

Ferris moved to accept the 2023-24 General Appropriations Act and Budget Resolution including amendments to Sections 4 and 7. Popp seconded. Roll call: Popp, no; Ferris, yes; VanMeter, no; Nielsen, no; Northway, yes. Motion failed.

With further discussion of Section 5—Estimated Revenues, a suggested change to the millage rate for township operations was made, lowering it from 0.6795 to 0.5000.

Popp moved to approve the 2023-24 General Appropriations Act and Budget Resolution including amendments to Sections 4, 5, and 7, with the maintenance of the Fire/First Responders millage rate of 0.6500, Road Maintenance rate of 0.9694 minus Headlee, and General Fund rate of 0.5000. Nielsen supported. Roll call: Northway, yes; Nielsen, yes; Ferris, no; Popp, yes; VanMeter, yes. Motion was approved.

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