

IMRF Referendum Information Sheet
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- In the June 28, 2022 primary election, the citizens of Durand will be asked to vote on an IMRF property tax levy.
- This levy will cover the Durand's Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund employer contribution of \$42,578.95.
- The additional tax is 0.2318% of the equalized assessed value of taxable property.
- This would be about \$77.26 on a \$100,000 property.
- This is the same type of levy already used by Durand School District #322, Winnebago County Govt and Winnebago Forest Preserve district.
- This would free up money in the general fund that the Durand currently uses to pay IMRF.
- The Mayor and Board of Trustees intend to use the freed funds to benefit the community.
- The Village plans to install and maintain free WIFI in Saelens park.
- Host community events such as
 - Prescription drop-off
 - Electronic waste collection
 - Paint collection
 - Community paper shredding event
- Breaking ground this spring is the Center Square Streetscape project. With that project will be increased maintenance responsibilities for our public works department.
- The Village will be maintaining the sidewalks and planters on the Square and Center park.
- After a cost analysis of contracting sidewalk snow removal on the Square and watering/plant maintenance for installed planters, the annual cost would have been about \$72,000. The *proposed wage cost* of another employee for public works is about ~~\$52,000~~ \$41,600.
- Having another full time public works employee will also make the department more efficient and allow the ability for more in-house projects.
- A 2nd full-time police officer is also needed for improved police coverage as the Village complies with the new training and reporting requirements of the SAFE-T act passed by the State in 2021. With crime numbers in Rockford, County and State ticking up, the Mayor and Board thought it would be wise to have a full-time officer (*proposed wage \$52,000*) in addition to the Chief of Police and part-time officers.
- In addition to the points stated above the Village is planning to install a sidewalk/multi-use path connecting Otter Creek subdivision to the main part of town.
- The Village hopes you take this into consideration when you go to the polls on June 28, 2022

Thank You,
Mayor Hoffman and the Board of Trustees