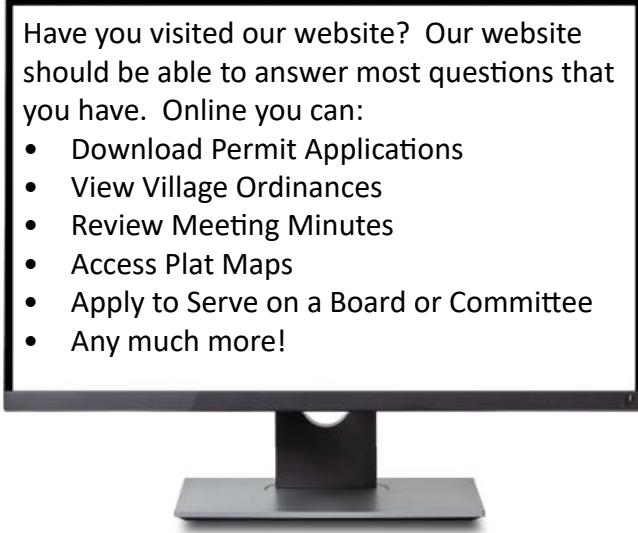




2022 Village of Lake Isabella Summer Taxes are due by September 15th. Please stop by the Village Hall or visit our website to submit your payment.



Have you visited our website? Our website should be able to answer most questions that you have. Online you can:

- Download Permit Applications
- View Village Ordinances
- Review Meeting Minutes
- Access Plat Maps
- Apply to Serve on a Board or Committee
- Any much more!

## Have Questions About the Ballot Proposals?

You're Invited to attend any of the scheduled community meetings at the Village Hall this fall to learn more and have your questions answered.

- September 15th 9 AM
- September 15th 7 PM
- September 27th 10 AM
- September 27th 6 PM
- October 25th 6 PM
- October 27th 6 PM

Additional information specific to the Recreation Improvements Bond proposal is also available from the homepage of our website at: [www.lakeisabellami.org](http://www.lakeisabellami.org).



## Village of Lake Isabella Autumn Newsletter

### 2022 Election Information

When voters in the Village of Lake Isabella go to the polls this November 8th there will be three items on the ballot related to the Village. The first will be the election of four members of the Village Council. The deadline to file to be a candidate on the November ballot passed in late July.

Voters will also be asked to consider two different proposals funded by an increased millage rate. The first proposal would levy 0.3333 Mills over three years to continue our current coverage agreement with the Isabella County Sheriff's Department.

In late 2021, the Village Council approved a one-year agreement with the Isabella County Sheriff's Department to act as a pilot program to gauge the impact of dedicated police coverage for the community.

The second proposal on the November ballot, if approved, would authorize the sale of bonds to fund two major projects in the community. If approved, funds would be used for specific recreation improvements such as non-motorized trails and a dog park. In addition to these improvements, funds would also be used to begin work on the joint lake bottom restoration plan that the Village and LIPOA have developed.

The Village and LIPOA have identified three projects to restore the lake and river for the community to enjoy, improve water quality downstream and ensure the reservoir continues to fulfill its role in flood mitigation.

The proposed lake bottom restoration plan provides a unique opportunity for the Village and LIPOA to act in partnership to address a critical issue in the community. Serious discussion and planning between the two organizations began in late summer of 2021.

In order to assure transparency in the work pursued, the two organizations have approved an agreement that outlines the roles and responsibilities of each organization in the joint effort. The agreement also creates the framework for how funds would be used if the bond sale is approved, with 50% to 60% going towards lake bottom restoration work.

### Bond Proposal FAQ

**Q. Why does the community need more funding for recreation and lake maintenance?**

A. While the Lake Isabella Property Owners Association (LIPOA) maintains several private parks, the Village currently has no public parks, trails or recreation facilities for residential use. These additional recreation amenities would be in addition to those offered by the LIPOA, and would not compete with any of their parks, or allow public access to the lake. The Village's involvement into these specific areas allows the community to see grant funding to help offset the cost of the project. As a private entity, the LIPOA is not eligible to seek most of the funding opportunities available to the Village.

As for the lake, sediment and siltation are major issues. The most recent large-scale dredging activity occurred in the late 1990s before the Village was incorporated. The overall impact on water quality from continued sediment inflows from upstream and invasive aquatic species, such as Eurasian milfoil and zebra mussels, has reached a tipping point where additional lake management measures are both desired and needed.

**Q. Will this make the lake public?**

A. According to the Michigan Lakes and Streams Association, Lake Isabella is considered public water, but it has no public access points. Only members of LIPOA may use the boat launch sites. The public can only access the lake by canoeing, kayaking, paddle boarding or boating upriver.

Approving the proposal will not change the restrictive nature of the LIPOA parks. Only members of LIPOA will still be able to use the parks.

**Q. Can I be certain funds will be used as intended?**

A. This funding for these projects requires the consent of the community in the form of a public bond issue. The ballot wording restricts the use of the funds. The funds may not legally be used for any purpose outside of the limited scope approved by the voters.

The Village's brush dump is currently open at no charge, please take brush to the back pile, leaves and yard waste may be left in paper bags at the bins near the driveway, please no grass clippings.

The Planning Commission meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7 PM

The Village Council meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 PM

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## Thank You Fireworks Supporters!

The Village would like to acknowledge and thank everyone who donated towards this year's successful Independence Day weekend fireworks show, THANK YOU!

Little Flower Barn  
Out-a-Bounds  
Rowe PSC  
LIPOA

The Pines Golf Course  
VanderVelde Sales & Service  
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Marianne Clone

**Nottawa-Sherman Twps.  
Fire Department**  
**Deerfield Twp.  
Fire Department**  
**Isabella County  
Sheriff's Department**

## Sheriff Patrol Millage Ballot Language

Shall the Village of Lake Isabella levy a new, additional millage of up to 0.33 mills (\$0.33 per thousand dollars of taxable value) for a period of 3 years (2023 through 2025, inclusive) for the purpose of funding law enforcement and road patrol services in the Village by the Isabella County Sheriff's Office, which is estimated to raise \$32,075 in the first year of the levy, and shall the Village of Lake Isabella be authorized to levy said millage?

If approved, the maximum annual increase to your property taxes (based on Taxable Value) would be:

Year	Est. Millage	\$50k Taxable	\$100k Taxable
2023	0.3333	\$16.67	\$33.33
2024	0.3333	\$16.67	\$33.33
2025	0.3333	\$16.67	\$33.33
<b>Ave.</b>	<b>0.3333</b>	<b>\$16.67</b>	<b>\$33.33</b>

This year's General Election will be held on November 8th. Registered voters in the Village of Lake Isabella will be voting at their respective Township Hall.  
Polls are open from 7 AM until 8 PM.

NOVEMBER 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 <b>VOTE</b>	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

Did you know that you can watch Village Council and Planning Commission meetings live online? The Village began streaming meetings and linking to the most recent meetings on our website earlier this year.

The streaming option will appear as a notice on the front page of our website. Meetings are streamed as a webinar through the Zoom platform. The most recent recordings are also available to be streamed via our YouTube channel from the Meeting Minutes page on our website.

## Recreation Improvements Proposal Ballot Language

Shall the Village of Lake Isabella, Isabella County, Michigan, borrow the principal amount of not to exceed \$2,280,000 and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds for all or a portion of that amount in one or more series payable over not to exceed eleven years from the date of issue of each series for the purpose of designing, acquiring and constructing recreation improvements, including, without limitation, non-motorized trails, a dog park, and dredging and other improvements to Lake Isabella, together with all work and equipment necessary or incidental to these improvements, and other recreation improvements determined by the Village?

The estimated millage to be levied in the first year of levy is 2.7452 mills (\$2.75 for each \$1,000 of taxable value) and the estimated simple average annual millage rate required to retire the bonds is 2.75 mills (\$2.75 for each \$1,000 of taxable value).

If approved, the estimated annual increase to your property taxes (based on Taxable Value) would be:

Year	Est. Millage	\$50k Taxable	\$100k Taxable
2023	0.0000	\$0.00	\$0.00
2024	2.7452	\$137.26	\$274.52
2025	2.7083	\$135.42	\$270.83
2026	2.7196	\$135.98	\$271.96
2027	2.7233	\$136.17	\$272.33
2028	2.7207	\$136.04	\$272.07
2029	2.7121	\$135.61	\$271.21
2030	2.7453	\$137.27	\$274.53
2031	2.7212	\$136.06	\$272.12
2032	2.7738	\$138.69	\$277.38
2033	2.7461	\$137.31	\$274.61
<b>Ave.</b>	<b>2.7316</b>	<b>\$136.58</b>	<b>\$273.16</b>



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