

VILLAGE OF STOCKBRIDGE
RESOLUTION NUMBER 2023-02-27.001
(Enacted February 27, 2023)

RESOLUTION APPROVING VILLAGE OF
STOCKBRIDGE RAISING OF A GENERAL PROPERTY TAX
SUM FOR CEMETERY MAINTAINANCE OF .75 MILS
PER MCL 69.4

WHEREAS, the Village of Stockbridge owns and operates Oaklawn Cemetery at 360 South Williams Street, Stockbridge, Michigan and maintains a Cemetery Fund.

WHEREAS, the Cemetery has to be maintained and the cost of maintenance exceeds the Village revenues generated from the sale of cemetery plots and is thus being funded, in large part, by the Village's General Fund to the tune of between \$20,000.00 and \$26,000.00 +/- per year.

WHEREAS, the Village has tried unsuccessfully for years to manage the cost of cemetery maintenance so that the General Fund is not supporting the cemetery with little success.

WHEREAS, the Village cannot afford to continue to contribute \$20,000.00 to \$26,000.00 from the General Fund to cemetery maintenance every year.

WHEREAS, as a result of lack of sufficient funds for the maintenance of the cemetery, the Village has not been able to adequately build the Cemetery's Perpetual Care Fund for the future support of Oaklawn Cemetery when all unsold cemetery plots are sold and there is no new revenue coming into the cemetery fund.

WHEREAS, a general law village, such as the Village of Stockbridge, may for the purpose of maintaining the cemetery raise by general tax a sum not exceeding in any one (1) year 1/10 of 1% of the taxable value of the property in the village, per MCL 69.4.

WHEREAS, the Village has determined that a mileage of .75 mils would meet the statutory requirement of MCL 69.4 for a general tax on all real property to support the maintenance of the cemetery.

THEREFORE, THE VILLAGE OF STOCKBRIDGE RESOLVES that pursuant to MCL 69.4 it will assess an additional .75 mil general tax on all real property in the Village for the limited purpose of maintaining the Village's Oaklawn Cemetery, which shall be deposited into the cemetery fund.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Moved by: Howlett
Seconded by: Cattell

Yeas: Dyer, Mullins, Cattell, Howlett, Ogden
Nays: Fairbotham, Morehouse
Absent: None

Adopted at the special Meeting of the Stockbridge Village Council on February 27, 2023.



Jill Ogden, Village President

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the above is a true and complete copy of Resolution No. 2023-02.27.001 adopted by the Village Council at a Special Meeting held on February 27, 2022.



Cindy Reames, Acting Village Clerk

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