

Please see the proposal language as it will appear on the ballot on November 6, 2018

FIRE STATION AND EQUIPMENT BOND PROPOSAL

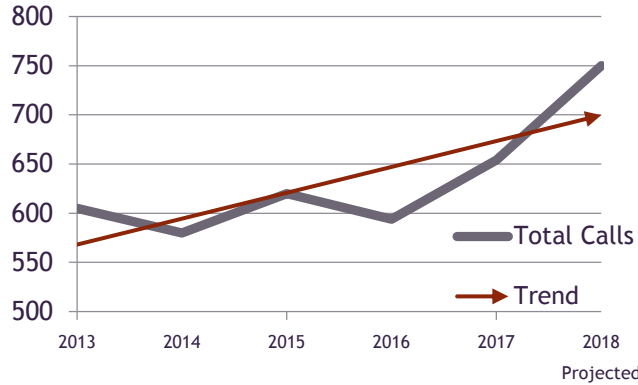
Shall the City of Cedar Springs, Kent County, Michigan, borrow the principal amount of not to exceed \$3,115,000 and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds for all or a portion of that amount in one or more series payable over not to exceed 15 years from the date of issue of each series to pay the cost of designing, acquiring, constructing, furnishing, and equipping a new fire station, and acquisition and improvement of the site of the building, acquisition of fire equipment, apparatus and vehicles, and other related expenses and improvements?

The estimated millage to be levied in the first year of levy is 3.455363 mills (\$3.455363 for each \$1,000 of taxable value) and the estimated simple average annual millage rate required to retire the bonds is 3.4290 mills (\$3.4290 for each \$1,000 of taxable value).

YES

NO

Yearly Calls



Linear trend data shows that the number of calls per year is increasing at a rate of approximately 26 calls per year.



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2018 Cedar Springs Fire Station Bond Proposal



NORTH ELEVATION 2
SCALE: 3/32" = 1'-0"



WEST ELEVATION 1
SCALE: 3/32" = 1'-0"

The Cedar Springs City Council recently approved placing a fire station bond proposal on the November 6th, 2018 election ballot. Additional information is available at www.cityofcedarsprings.org

CEDAR SPRINGS FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Cedar Springs Fire Department (CSFD) serves approximately 5,600 people encompassing 16 square miles. Volunteers have worked to protect the lives and property of the community. The Fire Department has grown significantly as the community has had a higher need for fire and medical services. There are 17 on call Paid Volunteer Firefighters. These men and women volunteer hundreds of hours of time to be prepared for and risk their own personal safety to protect their neighbors.

The CSFD responds to approximately 500 Medical calls, 60 Fires calls, and 50 assist calls each year.

WHY IS A NEW FIRE STATION NEEDED?

Over the years, the Fire Station has evolved to meet the changing need of the community. The current building is 40 years old and is at the end of its projected life.

The current building is too small for the fire department's current needs making it necessary to store fire department equipment off site at another location. The current station also does not meet many of the safety requirements that are standard in all fire stations now such as a decontamination room for firepersons to use after fighting a fire.

WHY MOVE THE FIRE STATION?

The current location creates a number of significant safety and traffic concerns and challenges. The Heart of Cedar Springs is fast becoming the busiest area in the City with concerts, fun-runs and celebrations. The City has had several requests seeking to close Maple St, during such events. Closing street access during these events prevents proper access to safety equipment and slows response time.

ESTIMATED COST

The proposed millage rate to cover the cost of the bond is 3.4290 mills (\$3.4290 for each \$1,000 of taxable value). To find out the additional cost on your summer taxes you would take the taxable value of your home and multiply it by 3.4290 for every \$1000 in value. The average taxable value of a home in Cedar Springs is \$50,000 so you would multiply 50 times 3.4290 to equal \$171.45. This would cost the average homeowner \$14.29 per month.

WHY DOES THE FIRE STATION COST SO MUCH?

A fire station building is required by State and Federal laws to meet rigorous requirements. Those requirements are in place to ensure the longevity of the building and to safeguard the building as a place of refuge in the event of a disaster.

The building is also being proposed to serve a growing community and for 50 years into the future so it does include extra storage areas within it for future adaptation to other needs. The proposed cost also includes the tearing down of the old library building and the creation of a new public parking lot.

Costs have significantly been offset by the generous donations by various community members.

