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Mike,

Thank you for taking the time to speak with us last week about a potential settlement that involves a consent judgment, under which the Township would agree not to levy in excess of 0.2375 mills during the 10-year term absent a future election and Headlee rollbacks, and under which the parties would agree that a millage not to exceed 0.2375 mills could take effect.

We've spoken with the Village and are countering with a proposal that, in our view, allows the Township to capture the millage; ensures that the will of the voters is accurately reflected; and will insulate all parties from future litigation. We would propose a stipulated consent judgment along the following lines:

- The parties agree that the Township shall levy and capture mills not in excess of 0.2375 mills between now and May 4, 2027;
- The parties agree that the Village of Sparta Downtown Development Authority ("Village DDA") shall capture a portion of the millage revenue between now and May 4, 2027;
- The ballot question with the correct language shall be put to the voters at the May 2027 election (removing the Village DDA and including the correct "not to exceed" language), and the Library Board shall take the requisite actions needed to allow for such tax capture in accordance with MCL 125.4203(3);
- If the ballot question passes, the Township shall continue to levy and capture mills not in excess of 0.2375.
- If the ballot question does not pass, then the mills levied shall be returned as a credit.

In addition to the above, we would propose a non-disparagement clause as part of any settlement agreement to prevent future vitriolic press releases from the Township.

Please let us know if you would like to discuss. Thanks,

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