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Dear Resident,

There is an advisory referendum question on the April 4, 2023, Consolidated Election Ballot.

The State of Illinois passed a law that requires the Village to replace lead service water lines. This unfunded mandate requires the Village to do this work within 15 years. Many older communities throughout the region are facing this same funding dilemma.

In Schiller Park, it is estimated that at least 25% of service lines to single family homes are made of lead and need to be replaced. This will be a tremendous expense for the Village. The Village is seeking to obtain low interest loans from the State of Illinois to help defray this cost. Without Village assistance in remediation, a homeowner with a lead service water line may be responsible for the entire cost or the replacement of the lead service water line when selling their home. This could cost an estimated \$10,000.

It is important to note that owners of non-single-family residences (i.e. multi-family, commercial, and industrial) have income to offset the various costs of this mandate. Therefore, the Village is only asking single-family property owners to help partially fund the lead service line replacement costs for single-family residences to repay the low interest loans.

Your answer will help the Village determine how to pay for the replacement of lead service water lines for single-family residences throughout the Village. The Village believes residents have the right to voice their opinion so the following question is being asked:

“Shall the Village of Schiller Park, Cook County, Illinois charge five dollars a month on each single-family residence water bill to partially fund infrastructure and lead service line replacement costs throughout the Village?” YES or NO

Maintaining our infrastructure in the highest state of good repair keeps our community attractive, safe, stable, and inviting. The Village hopes you will review this important advisory question as it will address infrastructure maintenance as well as a critical public health issue. Please enter your response on the April 4 ballot, so that the Village may gauge public opinion on this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Public Works Department  
Village of Schiller Park