



Fire and EMS Levy

SEPTEMBER 8, 2022

Levy Facts

- ▶ On ballot November 8, 2022
- ▶ 5 mills – Continuing
- ▶ Estimated revenue generated \$645,000 annually

Cost to Homeowner (Estimated)

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| ▶ Appraised Value of Home | \$150,000 | \$300,000 |
| ▶ Assessed Value (35%) | 52,500 | 105,000 |
| ▶ Annual Cost | \$262.50 | \$525.00 |

What's the Need?

- ▶ Difficult to get enough volunteers in today's society
- ▶ Struggling to get part-time staff
 - ▶ Competing with larger departments that can offer more \$ and hours
- ▶ Increased chance of units unable to respond
- ▶ Same small group of people covering a lot of hours
- ▶ Chief covering some open shifts
- ▶ Without proper on-site staffing, response times are increasing
- ▶ Could become a safety issue
- ▶ Also operating at a current deficit of approx. \$100,000 per year

Proposed Solution

- ▶ New design: 4 staff at station 24/7
 - ▶ Chief would be a working Chief and available as a 5th person filling in as needed
- ▶ 24 hour shifts
 - ▶ 24 hours on, 48 hours off
- ▶ Levy would support 3 additional full-time hires and the part-time staff to fulfill the new staffing model
- ▶ Would have 5 full-time staff including the Chief
- ▶ Volunteers will still be utilized for additional coverage

Use of Levy Funds (Estimates)

- ▶ \$645,000 generated annually
- ▶ Majority used for additional salary and benefits
- ▶ \$100,000 used to offset the current annual deficit
- ▶ Small % used for uniforms, bunker gear, and to counter inflation

Nestle Purina

- ▶ Nestle Purina – Joint Economic Development District (JEDD)
 - ▶ Design Within Reach as well
 - ▶ Since 2021 has generated over \$325,000 in revenue for the Township
 - ▶ Will fluctuate with plant staffing
 - ▶ Helps to cover Fire Department annual deficit and other projects
- ▶ Nestle Purina School Agreement
 - ▶ Over time School District will receive PILOT payments (payment in lieu of taxes) to help offset the abated tax

Ballot Wording

- ▶ Previous concern over uses listed (example: underwater rescue)
- ▶ Standard language from the Ohio Revised Code
- ▶ Discussed with Board of Elections twice
- ▶ Broader language allows for more flexibility in future years, if needed
- ▶ THANK YOU --- QUESTIONS