

FIRE & E.M.S.

WHAT IS ISSUE 23?

- **Issue 23** is a **Fire and EMS 6.25 Mills Replacement Levy** (which is a .5 mil decrease) that expires at the end of 2024.
- **Issue 23** if approved will continue to provide support for Fire and EMS operating costs including vehicle replacement and repairs, equipment replacement and repairs, salaries, benefits, training, fire gear, supplies and smaller capital equipment replacements.



HOW DOES COVENTRY FIRE/EMS WORK TO REDUCE THE TAX BURDEN?

- Our Fire and EMS costs are offset by resident and non-resident ambulance and emergency service collection (billing), with **no out of pocket costs to our residents**.
- We obtain as many grants as possible to stretch your tax dollars. Over the life of this last levy, we collected 1.4 million dollars in grant funds to pay for staffing, equipment and training costs.
- Our current mutual aid agreements with neighboring departments are allowing us to replace a 28 year old ladder truck with a heavy rescue pumper, for a savings to the taxpayers of approximately 1.3 million dollars.

WHY IS ISSUE 23 NEEDED?

- 2025 is the last collection year for this existing levy.
- The current levy represents approximately 57% of our operating costs—those costs have nearly doubled since the inception of this levy (pre-COVID).
- SAFER Grant funding expired last February, which resulted in a loss of \$330,000 annually (three full-time Fire-Medic positions). Our budget has had to recoup that loss—this levy will allow us to keep our current staffing.

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WHAT WILL ISSUE 23 COST IF IT IS APPROVED?

THE COST OF ISSUE 23

HOME VALUE	ANNUAL COST	DAILY COST
\$100,000	\$220.00	60 ¢
\$120,000	\$330.00	90 ¢
\$150,000	\$440.00	\$1.20



Official Ballot Language - Proposed Tax Levy - Replacement and Decrease

Coventry Township - Proposed Tax Levy (Replacement and Decrease)

A replacement of a portion of an existing levy being a reduction of .5 mill to constitute a tax for the benefit of Coventry Township for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, appliances, buildings, or sites therefor, or sources of water supply and materials therefor, or the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire alarm telegraph, or the payment of permanent part-time or volunteer firefighters, including the payment of the firefighters employers contribution required under section 742.34 of the revised code, or to purchase ambulance equipment, or to provide ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by the fire department that the county fiscal officer estimates will collect \$2,409,000 annually at a rate not exceeding 6.25 mills for each \$1, of taxable value, which amounts to \$220 for each \$100,000 of the county fiscal officer's appraised value, for 5 years, commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026.

FOR THE TAX LEVY
AGAINST THE TAX LEVY