



EMS/Fire/Township Service and Facilities

Ballot Proposals Fact Sheet

Overview

- Voters in Green Lake Township will be asked on **November 7, 2017** to decide on three millage proposals that would fund emergency services and the construction and renovation of township facilities including fire and EMS facilities. The proposals include:
 - 1.93 mils renewal for 8 years for current emergency services including ambulance, fire and EMS services that was approved by voters in 2014. (\$642,040 annually)
 - 1 mil increase for 9 years to fund the addition of Advanced Life Support (ALS) to EMS services. (\$332,663 annually)
 - .75 mil increase for 15 years to fund bonding for a new emergency services facility and renovations to the township municipal building. (Total bonding amount would not exceed \$2,995,000)
- Following years of planning and thought, the township board approved moving forward with the proposals on a 6-1 vote on August 9, 2017. (*See Township website for Master Plan document*)
- While there are three separate proposals, they are in many ways linked:
 - The existing fire hall is inadequate to meet the space and equipment needs required for ALS services, necessitating the construction of a new emergency services facility. Among other requirements, a training room is needed and sleeping quarters must be provided for 24/7 staffing.
 - The existing Township municipal building is out of compliance with state, local and federal standards
- The proposals are based in part on recommendations from a township Fire/Emergency Services Operations report the board adopted in 2016.
 - The study stated that the current fire station, originally constructed in the 1960s, is “inadequate for the needs of a modern-day fire and EMS department.”
 - The report also recommends upgrading the existing Basic Life Support (BLS) services to Advanced Life Support (ALS).
- One mil is equal to \$1 per \$1,000 of taxable property value. The approximate annual cost to an average homeowner in the township would be as follows*:
 - 1.93 mil renewal - \$123
 - 1 mil increase for ALS - \$65
 - .75 mil increase for facility construction/renovations - \$48.75
 - Total: \$236.75/year or \$19/month (net increase of \$113.75 per year or \$9.48 per month)

**Based on the average taxable value of homes in the township of approximately \$65,000. Taxable value is one half the cash value of the property- so in this example, a property with a taxable value of \$65,000 would be a property worth \$130,000.*