

Clermont Chamber of Commerce

Government Affairs Council

2018 Levy Questions for

Miami Township Streets, Roads and Bridges Levy

1. Name of levy sponsor and primary contact:

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2. Type of levy and general description of need for levy:

The proposed levy is a 1 mil continuous levy that will be used to fund the repaving, replacement and safety improvements to the Township's streets, bridges, curbs and gutters and storm water culverts.

Our annual contracted repaving budget is funded by the revenue from Permissive Motor Vehicle Tax and Motor Vehicle License Tax. Those revenues have been flat for a few years.

Miami Township is responsible for the maintenance of over 156 miles of streets and the volume increases every year. For perspective, that is approximately 25 miles for than the next highest community of Union Township and the same street miles as the communities of Milford, Batavia Township and Pierce Townships combined. A common concern voiced by residents for several years has been that the funds available for street resurfacing are not enough to keep up with the aging volume of streets. The number of streets resurfaced has averaged a little more than four miles annually. This means that we are on a pace to resurface each street approximately every 39 years. The standard in this part of the country, depending on the volume of traffic, is to resurface every 12 to 20 years. We are reminded by residents of several neighborhoods constructed over 30 years ago that they are original homeowners who have never seen their streets repaved and are in poor condition.

The annual budgets for contracted street resurfacing have been as follows:

2015: \$399,450

2016: \$310,000

2017: \$510,877

2018: \$463,000

The Township commissioned an engineering company to record and evaluate the condition of every street and curb and gutter for which we are responsible. This study last fall concluded that on a scale of 1-100, the average Pavement Quality Index of a Township street is 52 and 52% of the Township's roads provide acceptable performance (fair or good) and 48% of the roads are in need of rehabilitation (failed or poor).

Some representatives of a couple of HOA's approached the Township with their concerns of the amount of annual street repaving, analyzed the budget and determined that there is insufficient funding for a community of our size. They have led several discussions to encourage determining if the majority of residents would support providing additional street resurfacing funds.

Of the property taxes paid in Miami Township only 1.7% goes to the road maintenance fund which also pays for snow removal and road salt, storm water improvements, tree removal, mowing of side ditches and other items. We are going to purchase \$177,000 of road salt this winter. (over 60% of property taxes go to the respective school districts; 17% goes the County and library and JVS; 19% goes to police and Fire & EMS.)

With a growing sense of urgency to improve the situation, the Township commissioned a public opinion research company to determine resident attitude towards road conditions and possible support for potential road levies. The survey reached 400 registered voters. 85.7% of those surveyed responded that they somewhat agree or strongly agree that the Township Trustees should devote more money to pay for road maintenance and improvement. When asked if they were voting on a ballot measure that would increase property taxes slightly if they knew that it would go directly to fund road improvements, 44.7% responded they would support up to \$35 additional taxes, 17.9% stated they would support paying \$35-\$75 more, and 8.5% responded they would support paying an additional \$75-\$125 more. Thus, 71% stated they would support paying slightly higher property taxes if used specifically for this purpose.

There are currently 77 miles of Miami Township roads in Miami Township that are designated as having a Pavement Quality Index score of 50 or worse on a scale of 1-100. A portion of the associated concrete curb and gutters are also in need of replacement. The current estimate to resurface the asphalt and replace curb and gutters is approximately \$12,592,000.

At the current year's funding of \$463,000 for our road resurfacing program it would take a little more than 27 years to repave those streets and replace curb and gutters. An additional 1 mil would generate an additional \$1,173,000 annually. Combining the current funding with the proposed additional funding would allow us to rehab those 77 miles of streets in approximately 8 years rather than 27 years. This is the basis for a recommendation for the voters to consider a 1 mil levy.

3. Number of residents and/or businesses served each of the past years and projected for the next five years:

The Township's population in 2010 was 42,055 residents. The current population is estimated to be 44,253. Every resident uses Township streets every day. It is estimated nationally that homes generate 9.5 vehicle trips per day. With over 15,000 residences, that means that our households generate over 142,000 vehicle trips per day in the Township.

Based on the one or two additional businesses that we gain each month, the current estimated number of businesses is 1,280. Five years from now the number of total businesses is estimated to be 1,370. Businesses rely on having dependable roadways for the arrival of their employees, the receipt of materials in in some instances of the curb appeal for clients or customers.

With new commercial activity occurring at I-275 and the 28 interchange; the SR 131 corridor and the Branch Hill Guinea corridor, it is likely that the number of businesses will be even higher.

4. Total number of employees the past five years and projected the next five years:

The Service Department has not added positions in over a decade and in fact has two vacancies that were created during the recession that have still gone unfilled.

Service Department last 5 years

2014- 9 full time, supplemented w/part time & seasonal

2015- 9 full time, supplemented w/part time & seasonal

2016- 9 full time, supplemented w/part time & seasonal

2017- 9 full time, supplemented w/part time & seasonal

2018- 9 full time, supplemented w/part time & seasonal

* Had 11 fulltime until 2010 & 10 fulltime until 2011

Service Department proposed next 5 years

2019-9 full time, supplemented w/part time & seasonal

2020-9 full time, supplemented w/part time & seasonal

2021-9 full time, supplemented w/part time & seasonal

2022-9 full time, supplemented w/part time & seasonal

2023-9 full time, supplemented w/part time & seasonal

5. Total expenses for each of the past five years and projected for the next five years:

Please see the attached spreadsheet

6. When was your last levy request? How much was requested and did it pass?

Miami Township has not requested a levy for street repaving. The last levy of any kind was in 2015 for Fire & EMS and Police. It is critical to remember that local government operates with restricted funds, meaning that it is not permissible to spend revenue for any other purpose for which it was approved.

7. Please list specific belt-tightening measures instituted since your last levy request:

Two full-time positions in the Service Department have remained vacant since 2011.

We continuously look for ways to share expensive pieces of equipment with our neighbors so that we do not have duplicate purchases of specialized equipment.

Unfortunately, another savings measure is to put less than the optimal thickness of pavement on the annual repaving specifications and also to mill and pave streets but avoid full depth repairs.

8. Please provide the current operating millage and how that translates into dollars per \$100,000 of home value:

The Township currently has a total of 1.4 effective inside mills it collects for all service department functions. That current millage equates to approximately \$49 per \$100,000 of home value.

9. New operating millage and what percentage increase and dollars per \$100,000 increase from current millage.

The proposed 1 mil Streets, Roads and Bridges levy would result in a new increased cost of approximately \$35.00 for each \$100,000 of assessed value.

10. Other – any additional considerations.

Gasoline tax revenue and Motor Vehicle Registration revenue have flattened off for the last few years.

The recent \$5 increase to motor vehicle registrations added by Clermont County will be retained by the County for maintaining County roads and townships do not have the ability to place an additional surcharge to increase revenue. It should also be noted that since townships also are not permitted to have an income tax, they are forced to ask the voters to decide to increase revenue via property taxes.

Annual Revenue

	Actual							Forecasted				
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022		
Motor Vehicle License Tax (ORC 4501.04: distribution based on two road miles of 156,052)	57,275	57,802	55,049	60,992	60,647	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000		
Gas Tax (ORC 5735.051)	276,871	281,110	282,783	281,317	283,458	280,000	282,000	280,000	280,000	280,000		
Permissive Motor Vehicle Tax (ORC 4504.18 (\$5) + 30% of 4504.15 (\$1.50): distribution based on number of motor vehicle registrations). Permissive tax levies are currently at the max allowed for Miami Township.	348,930	356,942	370,921	369,522	366,716	365,000	365,000	365,000	365,000	365,000		

Expenditures

	Actual							Forecasted				
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022		
Motor Vehicle License Fund (dedicated to annual paving)	55,000	52,494	70,000	-	114,336	63,000	63,000	60,000	60,000	60,000		
Gas Tax Fund (used for salt/brine)	160,010	813,791	389,988	199,963	168,036	236,100	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000		
Road & Bridge Fund (used for other service dept related operating and capital expenditures)	1,409,488	1,432,777	1,494,501	1,508,784	1,394,393	2,171,100	1,950,000	1,675,000	1,683,375	1,691,792		
Permissive MVR Fund (dedicated to annual paving)	468,037	452,825	340,000	310,582	483,000	386,320	400,000	365,000	365,000	365,000		
Total Twp Expenditures*	32,758,525	36,524,705	35,962,901	37,716,772	41,068,443	40,779,970	40,461,802	40,770,000	40,973,850	41,178,719		

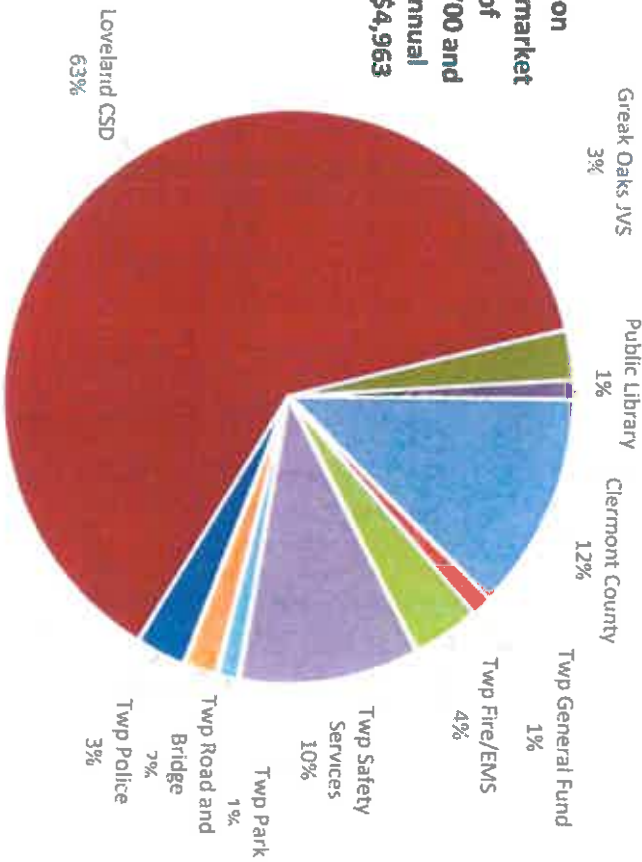
*Includes transfers, all levy funds, all Special Assessment funds

Clermont County
 Miami Township, Loveland City School District
 Paxton Woods Example

Tax Year 2017 Collection Year	2018
Approx. Market Value	221,700
times 35%	0.35
Assessed Value	77,600
times Gross Tax Rate	0.12354
Gross Tax	9,586.70
times reduction factor	0.418914287
Reduction Amount	4,016.01
Effective Tax	5,570.70
Less Owner Occupancy Credit	(121.59)
Less Non Business Credit	(486.38)
Net Annual Tax	4,962.72
Net Semi-Annual Tax	2,481.36

Based on
 home market
 value of
\$221,700 and
 total annual
 tax of **\$4,963**

Property Tax Breakdown:
 Miami Township, Loveland City School District:



Before UUL and NB Credit

Clermont County	606.44	12.22%	680.96	12.22%
Twp General Fund	55.30	1.11%		
Twp Fire/EMS	191.29	3.85%		
Twp Safety Services	514.79	10.37%		
Twp Park	62.65	1.26%		
Twp Road and Bridge	96.78	1.95%		
Twp Police	143.65	2.89%		
Total Miami Township	1,064.50	21.45%	1,194.87	21.45%
Loveland CSD	3,097.73	62.42%	3,477.33	62.42%
Greek Oaks JVS	140.45	2.83%	157.48	2.83%
Public Library	53.60	1.08%	60.06	1.08%
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