

COVENTRY TOWNSHIP GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT ISSUES - NOV. 8, 2011

POLICE ISSUE 7

WHAT IS ISSUE 7?

- **ISSUE 7** is a 2.5 mill, 5-year Renewal Levy for Police Protection provided by the Summit County Sheriff.
- This renewal Levy will not result in any new taxes for residents.

WHY IS IT NEEDED?

- **ISSUE 7**, if passed, will continue to pay for the current policing contract with the Summit County Sheriff's Office, which primarily provides for only one Deputy 24/7.
- **The County was forced to implement additional charges for services due to the first reduction in Local Government Funds.** In 2009, it was necessary to reduce our deputy coverage to pay for the additional costs of police dispatching. Prior to this, the County did not charge the Township for dispatching services.
- **We are also losing revenues due to the reduction in property valuations.** This Levy is currently providing \$622,694 annually. In 2012, it is estimated that that this amount will be reduced to \$583,404, which will result in a loss of revenues of at least \$39,320 annually.
- **ISSUE 7** is the only existing police levy the Township has for its current policing contract. In 2010, the Patrol deputies took on the added responsibility of investigating 90% of all criminal cases within Coventry.
- **Increased crime in Coventry Township.** Since 2008, we have had a steady increase in most types of higher profile crimes such as burglary and assault. In 2010, there were 201 arrests in our Township, relative to the City of Green that had 208. The City of Green has 14,754 *more* residents than Coventry Township.



POLICE ISSUE 8

WHAT IS ISSUE 8?

- **ISSUE 8** is a **NEW** 1.00 mill, 5-year Levy that will provide for additional police coverage.
- **ISSUE 8** will cost the taxpayer of a \$100,000 home \$30.63 annually or \$2.55 per month. If passed, this Levy would be effective tax year 2011, first due in 2012.

WHY IS IT NEEDED?

- **ISSUE 8**, if passed, will provide for the addition of a sergeant and additional deputy coverage to our existing contract.
- **We are unable to increase our police protection** under our existing Levy based on the revenues we currently receive. This new Levy is estimated to provide \$233,361 annually.
- **ISSUE 8 will help to reduce the number of crimes in Coventry Township.** Additional coverage will allow the deputy to respond proactively, rather than reactively to crimes occurring in our Township and will help solve crimes faster.

ROAD ISSUE 9

WHAT IS ISSUE 9?

- **ISSUE 9** is a replacement of an existing 1.00 mill Levy and a .50 mill increase for the general construction, reconstruction, resurfacing and repair of streets and roads in the Township.
- This Levy was first put on the ballot in 1992 and has been passed as a renewal since that time. Currently this Levy only provides \$134,644 annually.
- This replacement and increase will cost the owner of a \$100,000 home an additional \$31.30 annually or \$2.61 per month.
- **ISSUE 9**, if passed would be effective tax year 2012, with its first collection in 2013.

WHY IS IT NEEDED?

- **ISSUE 9**, if passed, will enable the Township to continue its current road maintenance programs including the chip and seal program. A reduction in the annual chip and seal program will cause a faster deterioration of our roads.
- **Increasing costs** for salt, hot mix, fuel and oil used for chip and seal have made it increasingly difficult to continue with the current road maintenance program.
- **Severe weather conditions** have caused numerous road and drainage issues, adding to the need for increased road maintenance funding.
- **ISSUE 9** will provide approximately \$215,398 more annually to cover the rising costs of the road maintenance program.
- **As of October 2011**, the cost for road salt alone is already at \$63,641 versus \$31,379 spent in 2009.

ISSUE 7 Ballot Language:

PROPOSED TAX LEVY (RENEWAL)
COVENTRY TOWNSHIP

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Coventry Township for the purpose of providing police protection at a rate not exceeding 2.5 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 25 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 5 years, commencing in 2012, first due in calendar year 2013.

FOR THE TAX LEVY
AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

ISSUE 8 Ballot Language:

PROPOSED TAX LEVY (ADDITIONAL)
COVENTRY TOWNSHIP

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

An additional tax for the benefit of Coventry Township for the purpose of providing the addition of a sergeant and additional deputy coverage to the existing police protection at a rate not exceeding 1 mill for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 10 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 5 years, commencing in 2011, first due in calendar year 2012.

FOR THE TAX LEVY
AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

ISSUE 9 Ballot Language:

PROPOSED TAX LEVY
(REPLACEMENT AND INCREASE)
COVENTRY TOWNSHIP

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A replacement of 1 mill of an existing levy and an increase of 0.5 mill to constitute a tax for the benefit of Coventry Township for the purpose of general construction, reconstruction, resurfacing, and repair of streets, roads and bridges at a rate not exceeding 1.5 mills for each one dollar of valuation, for 5 years, commencing in 2012, first due in calendar year 2013.

FOR THE TAX LEVY
AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

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