

## VOTE FOR ISSUE 7 SAGAMORE HILLS TOWNSHIP POLICE LEVY



## **Proposed Tax Levy (Replacement) 6.0 Mills**

Dear Sagamore Hills Township Residents,

On the May 6, 2025 ballot, Sagamore Hills Township seeks your support of Issue 7, a replacement of the existing 6 mill Police Levy. The current 6 mill levy is the **only levy** that supports the Sagamore Hills Township Police Department. <u>It was passed thirteen years ago</u> and despite the market value of our homes increasing since 2012, the existing levy still generates the same amount it did thirteen years ago.

In 2025, these factors have limited the collection to an **effective rate of merely \$133.32** per \$100,000 of appraised value. Issue 7 will <u>restore the original collection rate</u>—\$210.00 per \$100,000 of appraised value. As a result of this difference, **we are missing out on** \$76.68 per year per \$100,000 of appraised value for our **much-needed police protection**.

We are already paying \$133.32 per \$100,000 of appraised value, consistent with the current levy from 2012. Issue 7 would increase that number by \$76.68 per \$100,000 of appraised value to match the original collection rate—\$210.00 per \$100,000 of appraised value. We are publishing this letter because we want to make one thing clear to residents: the replacement levy is **NOT an increase of \$210.00** per \$100,000 of appraised value as stated on the ballot. It is an increase of only \$76.68 per \$100,000—the difference between the effective rate we pay in 2025 and the original rate from 2012. Ohio law requires that the ballot list the replacement levy as a total cost of \$210.00 per \$100,000 of appraised value, when, in fact, it is an increase of \$76.68 per \$100,000 of appraised value, merely matching the rate from thirteen years ago.

Sagamore Hills Township has always been fiscally responsible with its tax revenue, actively seeking grants to supplement and remove the burden from our taxpayers when possible. Just last month, Police Chief David Hayes commended Detective Victoria Miavitz for obtaining a \$13,000 grant that purchased ten new body cameras for our police department. We must pass Issue 7, a replacement of the existing 6 mill Police Levy to continue to provide high quality police services that protect our community.

We ask for your continued support of Sagamore Hills Township Police Department by voting for Issue 7, the 6.0 Mill Replacement Police Levy.

## Thank You for VOTING YES ON ISSUE 7 on May 6, 2025!

All the Elected Officials of Sagamore Hills Township:

David DePasquale

Trustee

John Zaccardelli

Trustee

Paul Schweikert

Trustee

Laura Steimle

Fiscal Officer