



Concord Township, Lake County, Ohio

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Concord Twp. Trustees to Deliberate Request for Estimates from Auditor's Office Regarding Safety Services Levy

Concord Township, Lake County, Ohio –The agenda for the Concord Township Trustee meeting for Wednesday July 19th, 2023 contains resolutions for trustees to send figures to the Lake County Auditor's office for evaluation of placing a replacement levy on the ballot for the fall election on November 7th 2023. The trustees will deliberate the resolutions following a recommendation for additional funding by the township Fiscal Officer.

The recommendation is to evaluate a replacement levy for Safety Services which directly funds both police and fire services in Concord Township. Presently, the amount of funds collected by the levy is not adequate to support the rising cost of these services in Concord Township.

The last levy increase supporting safety forces in Concord was approved by voters seven years ago during the 2016 election. Since then, the demands on both law enforcement as provided by the Lake County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) and Concord Township Fire Department (CTFD) have continued to increase as our community continues to grow.

The current funding for both the policing contract with the Lake County Sheriff Office and the budget for the Concord Township Fire Department via the Safety Forces Levy, 4.0 mils, is inadequate to continue funding these necessary safety forces at the current levels. Trustees will evaluate different levy rates as presented to them by the Fiscal Officer during the township staff meeting on June 26th.

Upon return of collection estimates from the Lake County Auditor's Office, Trustees would deliberate figures for placing a levy on the ballot during their meeting August 2nd, 2023.

About Concord Twp.

Concord Township offers one of the highest quality lifestyles in Lake County with a mix of housing units, golf courses, restaurants and excellent school systems. Located at the crossroads of two major highways, Interstate 90 and State Route 44, Concord Township includes three zip codes and three school districts. It manages 4 parks and also has access to the Greenway Corridor bike and running trails. The community has a vibrant recreation department with many classes and activities for all ages. In addition to our own community, the region offers outstanding entertainment, cultural resources, sports activities and Lake Erie. www.concordtwp.com

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