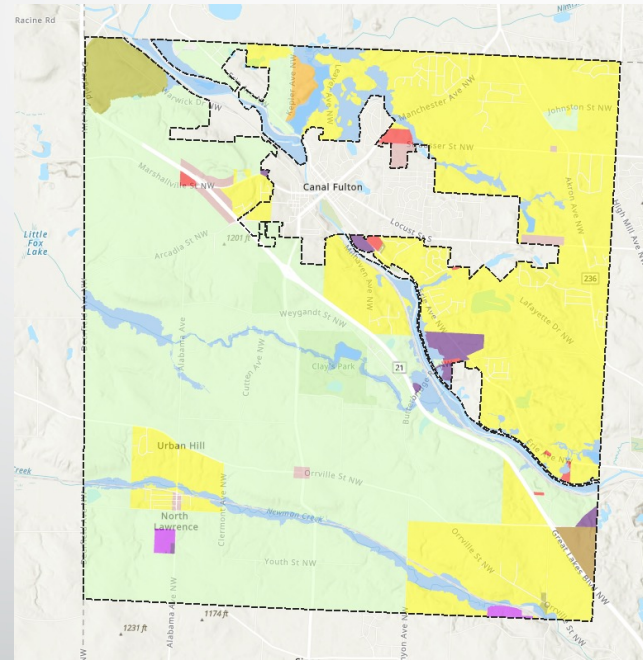


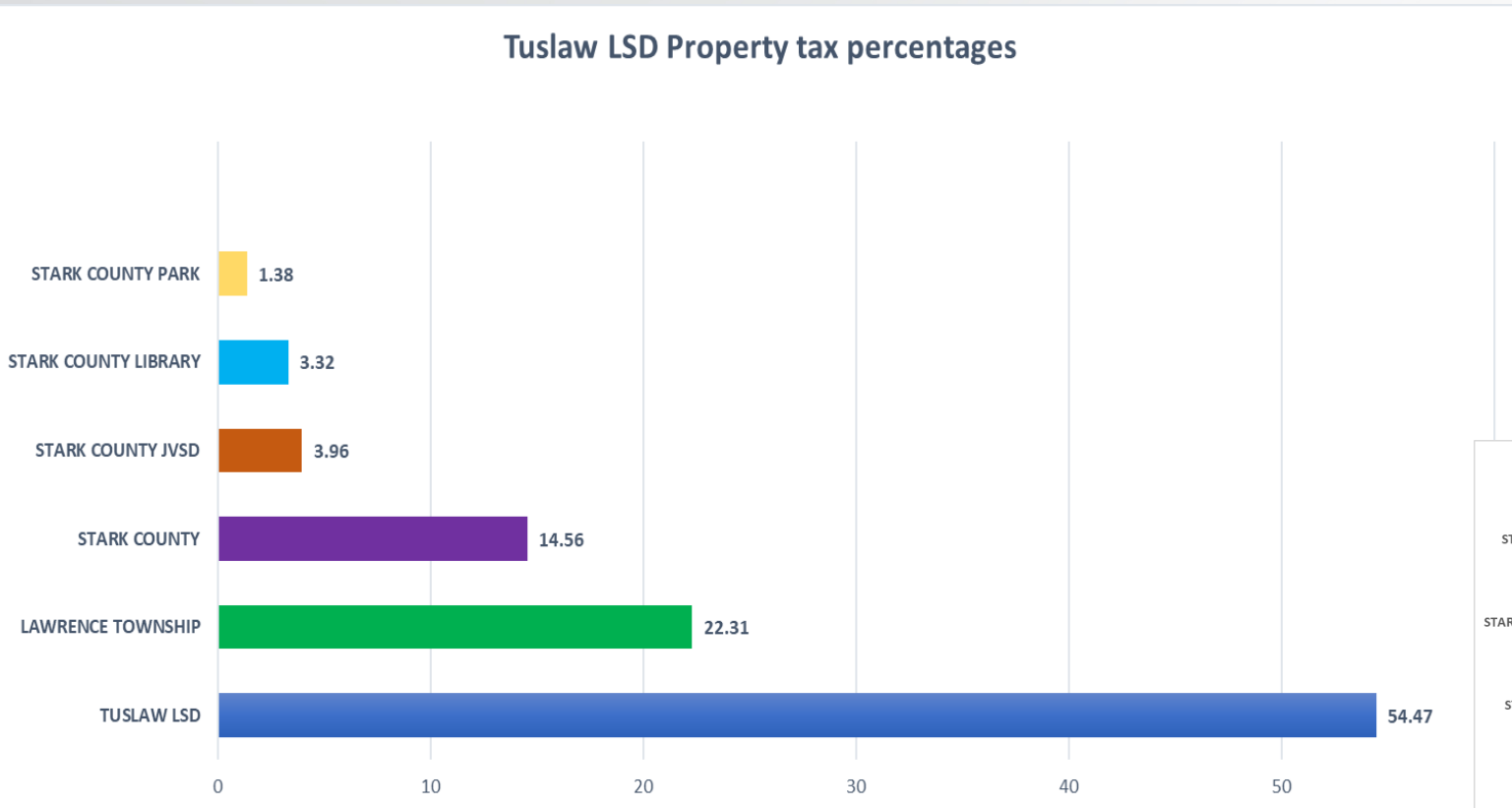
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Sept 2023

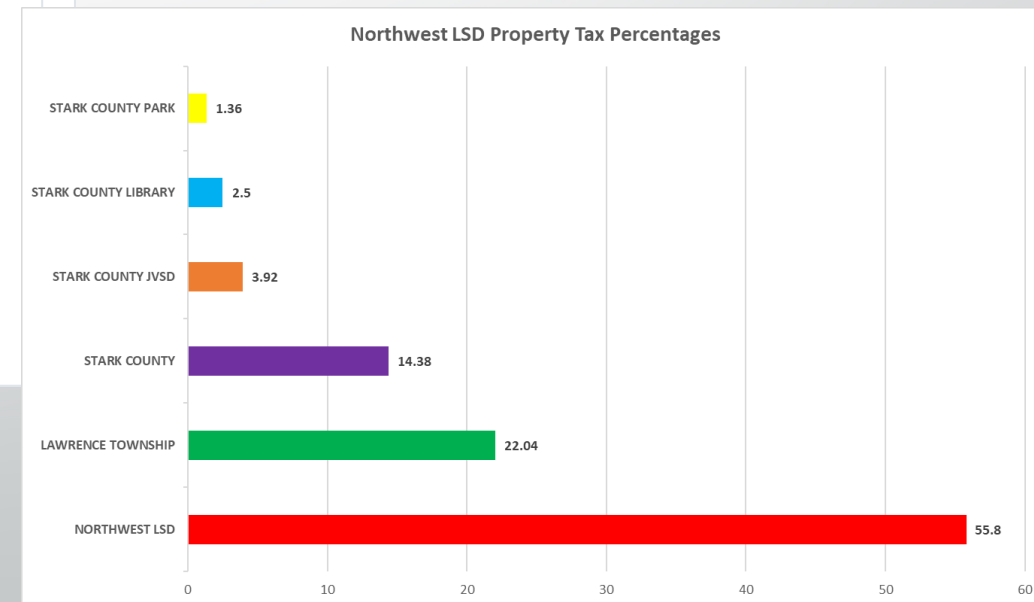


Township funding comes from property taxes.

Tuslaw LSD Property tax percentages



Northwest LSD Property Tax Percentages



How are the taxes distributed?

In 2022 for every dollar Stark County received in property tax:

Voted Millage

Road District - 1.76 cents

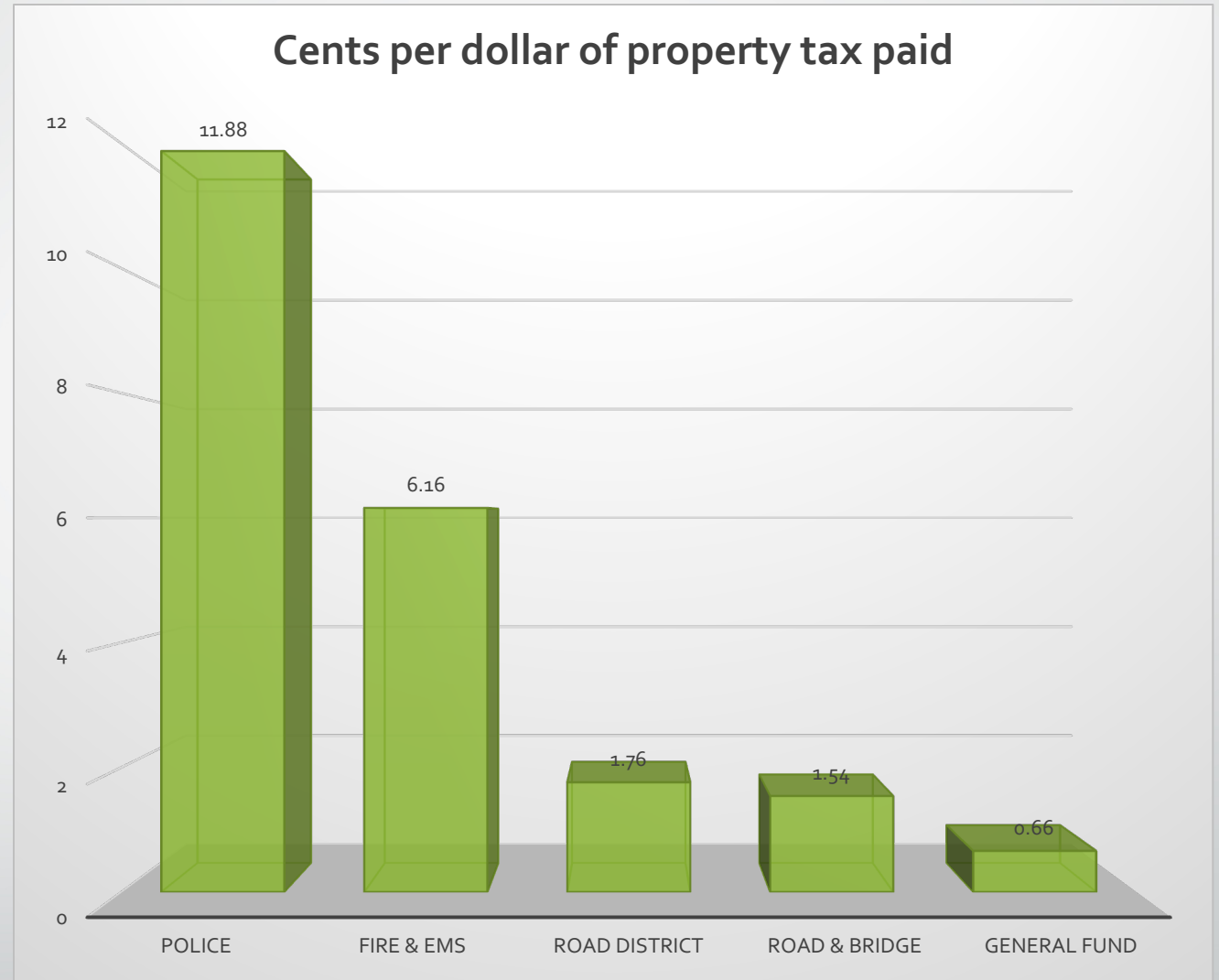
Police District – 11.88 cents

Fire District – 6.16 cents

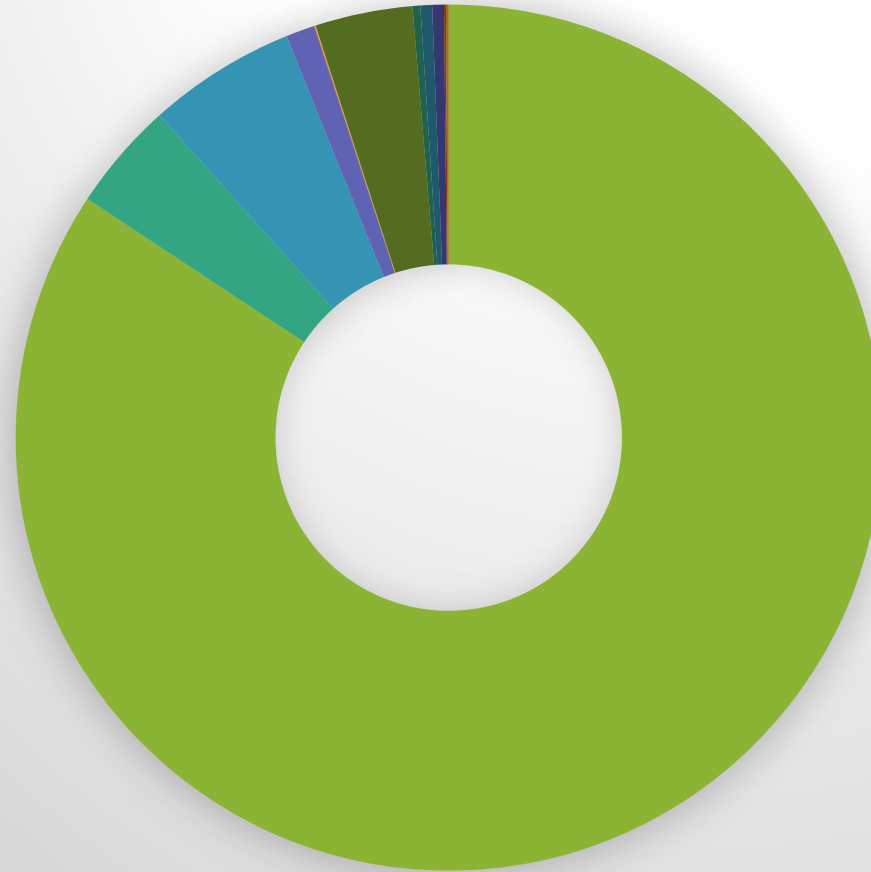
Unvoted millage

Road & Bridge – 1.54 cents

General Fund – .66 cents



Township Budget – 2023 Estimated



- Levies - 84.3%
- Motor Vehicle Tax - 4%
- Gas Tax - 5.5%
- Zoning Fees - 1.1%
- Public Revenue - .03%
- Enforcement & Education - .03%
- EMS Billing - 3.64%
- Lighting Assessment - .3%
- OVI Grant - .44%
- Park Fund - .44%
- Tornado Siren - .07%
- One Ohio - .1%

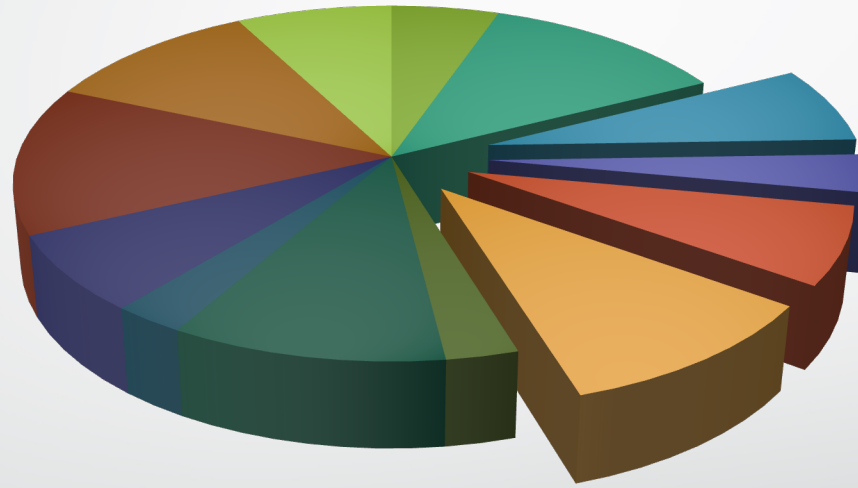
Township Funds

- Township accounting and budgets are based on funds.
- Each fund has a specific purpose and moneys can only be used for qualified purposes.
- Each funding source (taxes, levies, grants, etc) is placed in a fund.
- The ballot identifies where levy revenue will be used.
- The general fund is the only fund that can transfer money to other funds.
- City of Canal Fulton residents do not vote on or pay township property levies.

Fund	Income Sources
General Fund	Inside milage
Police	Levies
Fire	Levies
Road	Levies
Road & Bridge	Inside milage
Motor Vehicle Tax	license plates
Gasoline Tax	Gasoline taxes
Zoning	Fees & General Fund
Park	Fees & General Fund
Law Enforcement & Education	Fines
EMS Grant, OVI, FEMA Traffic, ARPA	Grants
Lighting District	Assessments
Ambulance & EMS	Transport Billing
OneOhio	Opiod Settlement
Tornado Sirens	Grant & General Fund

Township Tax Budget

Lawrence Township Tax Budget (2023 Estimated)



General Fund

Road & Bridge

Road Levy (1mil)

Fire Levy (.5mil)

Fire Levy (1mil)

Police Levy (1.5mil)

Fire Levy (.5mil)

Fire Levy (1.9mil)

Fire Levy (.5mil)

Police Levy (1.5mil)

Police Levy (2.5mil)

Police Levy (2mil)

Police Levy (1.25mil)

Renewal vs. Replacement

Levy revenues are determined by a milage based on property tax values.

Road (1.4mil expired, 1.65 new)

The county auditor certifies the total value when the levy is placed on the ballot. That total value does not increase with time or property value increases.

A levy renewal will generate the same total value effectively reducing the milage since property values rise.

A levy replacement recalculates the total value based on current property appraisals.

This essentially adjusts for inflation.

Total increase of \$87.14 /year per 100k valuation or \$7.26/ month

Renewal vs Replacement (per 100k valuation)



Police Fund

Our Police Department operates 24/7 with 11 full-time employees including Chief Brown and two sergeants.

Services include:

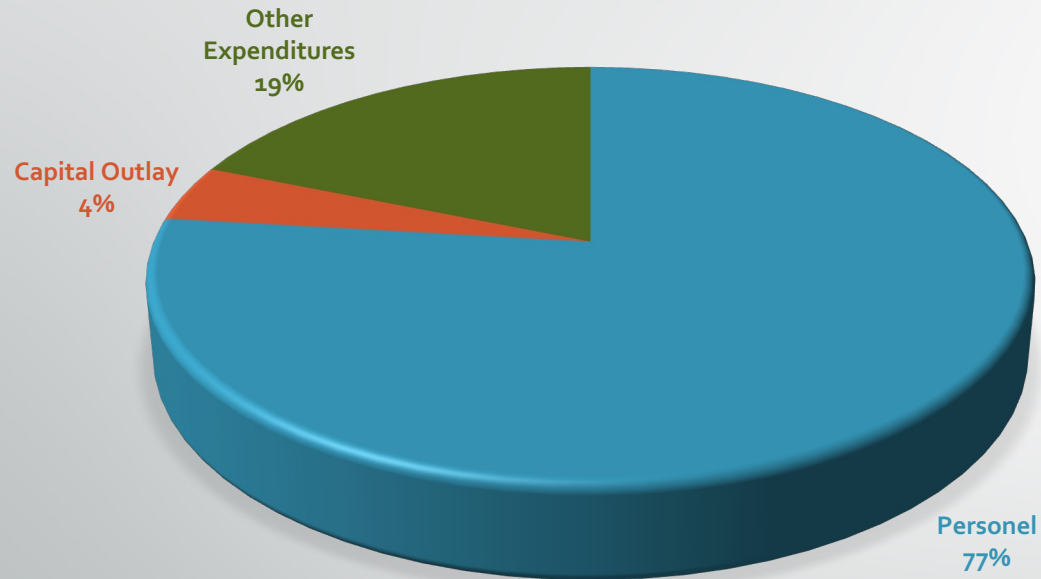
- Crime investigations
 - Patrol
 - Traffic safety
- Vacation checks & extra patrols
 - Vehicle lock outs
 - Drug task force
- Lost and found (including pets & pet chips)
 - drug disposal
 - fingerprinting

Current levy was originally passed to allow the department to move to all full time staffing due to increasing difficulty finding part-time officers. This situation has only become worse over the last four years.

Other expenditures include:

- Dispatching costs
- Vehicle fuel & Maintenance
- Technology related expenses
- Training, qualifying, & range costs
- Uniform & gear costs not covered by grants
 - Radio & communication costs
- Hiring & training costs not covered elsewhere

POLICE (2022 ACTUAL)



Provides funding for services contracted to North Lawrence VFD as well as funding our township fire department.

NLVFD provides primary service coverage to areas south of Weygandt Ave.

Lawrence Township Fire Department operates under a "living together" agreement with the City of Canal Fulton. Sharing the station, staffing, and administrative costs between the departments.

The fire department's core functions are:

- emergency medical response
- fire suppression
- hazardous materials response
- fire prevention, and education

Staffing includes only one full-time Asst Chief. All other 55 staff members are part-time. Staffing currently allows for four EMT/Medics per shift allowing two calls to be ran simultaneously.

LTFD has seen a 105% increase in calls in 10 years.

2012: 876 incidents

2022: 1,795 incidents

Majority of calls are medical in nature.

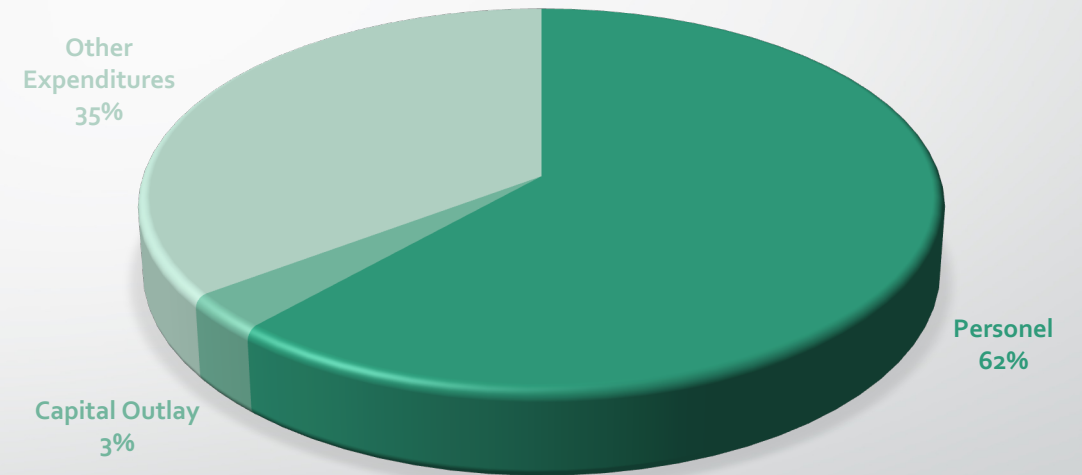
Similar to the PD, demand (especially for Paramedics) exceeds the number of people coming into the field creating an increasingly competitive hiring and retention environment.

Other expenditures include:

- Dispatching & billing costs
- Technology related expenses
- Uniform & gear costs not covered by grants
- Equipment testing & maintenance costs
- Radio & communication costs
- Hiring & training costs not covered elsewhere

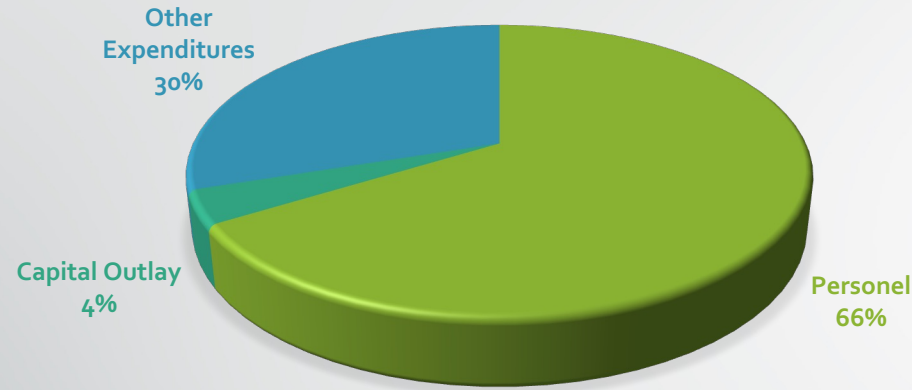
Fire Fund

FIRE (2022 ACTUAL)



Road Department

COMBINED ROAD, ROAD & BRIDGE (2022 ACTUAL)



Road District	2022	2021	Difference
Expenditures			
Personnel	\$ 96,909	\$ 110,526	
Capital	\$ -	\$ 71,700	
Material	\$ 65,349	\$ 164,869	
Supplies&Equipment	\$ 45,987	\$ 66,881	
Total	\$ 208,245	\$ 413,977	\$ (205,732)

	2021	2022	Increase
Resurfacing Cost/mile	\$ 14,996	\$ 23,177	55%
#8 Gravel (per ton)	\$ 13	\$ 22	69%
MC-3000 (tar/gal)	\$ 3	\$ 5	54%
Slag (per ton)	\$ 40	\$ 57	43%

Road department currently has 3 full-time and 1 part-time staff. Dept previously had 4 full-time and 1 part-time.

Responsible for maintaining 57 miles of roadway

Road Dept services include:

- Road Maintenance – patching, paving and resurfacing roads
 - Snow & ice removal
- Tree removal – from roadways during storms, road sightline obstructions, and tree trimming along roadways
 - Road culvert and catch basin cleanouts, repair and replacement
 - Mowing roadsides to keep roads free of obstructions and sightline clearance
 - Ditching and berming to keep the water flowing off the roadway
 - Vehicle maintenance – servicing and repairs to equipment
- Road signs – replacing signs that have been damaged or stolen – includes stop signs, road signs, and street signs
 - Guardrail repair

Prior to 2022 our road district was funded by two tax levies, one of which expired. We are asking for a replacement of the sole remaining road levy, as well as a “new” levy to replace the one that expired in 2021.

The road district lost \$348,000 /year in both 2022 and 2023 based on a 1.4 mil replacement levy.

Our township roads are chip and seal, they will continue to wear and deteriorate if they are not resurfaced on a regular schedule. We should be resurfacing a minimum of 12 miles per year to keep our roads in good shape. Given current restraints we made necessary repairs but have not resurfaced a single mile of road in 2022 or 2023.

Each plow route in the winter takes 5 hours, approx. 3 to salt only. This only gets longer in the event of illness or other issues. This has an impact on everyone who lives or travels through our township in the winter.

Key takeaways

- Costs are rising across the board. Levy replacements are necessary to maintain current service levels.
- National shortage of police officers and EMT/Paramedics will make hiring and retention a primary concern in the Police and Fire Departments.
- Loss of the prior road levy and sharp increases in material prices have seriously reduced road maintenance and service levels. Failure to pass proposed funding will further impact current road services as well as long term road quality.
- Trustees, Fiscal officer, department heads, and staff all understand the financial pressure residents and their families are experiencing. We do not take these levy requests lightly.
- Levy funds are used only for the purposes on the ballot and will go directly into supporting our communities Roads, Police, & Fire/EMS.

Where do I find more information?

This presentation and township information: <https://lawrencetwp-oh.org/>

Tax statements & property valuation information: https://www.starkcountyohio.gov/government/offices/auditor/real_estate/index.php

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