

Fire protection renewal levy approved in Caesarscreek

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CAESARSCREEK TOWNSHIP — Caesarscreek Township approved its 1.5 mill fire and EMS renewal levy in Tuesday night's election.

When polls closed, it was an unofficial 344 to 124 vote to approve the renewal levy listed as Issue 17 on the ballot. According to Greene County Board of Elections, 73.5 percent of registered voters chose to approve the renewal.

Fiscal Officer Jim Randall said all funds from this five-year levy go to fire protection and emergency services provided by Xenia Township.

Issue 17, providing \$43,100 annually, generates 40 percent of the needed funds to pay the contract with the Xenia Township Fire Department. A second levy provides the remaining funds. Randall said the two levies are renewed alternating years.

He also said it was essential for this year's renewal to pass. If it had not passed, Randall said within one year, Caesarscreek would not have had enough money to pay the fire protection contract.

"We've not had a fire levy ever fail there," Randall said. "It kind of has to pass in order for us to keep having fire protection."

The levy costs a homeowner approximately \$35.39 per year for every \$100,000 of home value, but as a renewal, the levy will demand no additional money from residents.

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