

Silvercreek renews fire and safety levy

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SILVERCREEK TOWNSHIP — Silvercreek residents approved Issue 15, a renewal of a 2.3 mill fire and safety levy, Tuesday night.

According to Greene County Board of Elections, Issue 15 passed with an unofficial vote of 790 to 253 at the time polls closed, meaning that 75.74 percent of registered voters have chosen to approve the renewal.

The levy, renewed every five years since 1990, generates \$76,000 annually for the township.

Fiscal Officer Melissa Smith said all funds go to Silvercreek's fire department and EMS, which extends its services to Jamestown.

"That's the majority of the budget for the fire department," Smith said.

The funds provided by the levy go specifically to purchase equipment, make permanent improvements and pay part-time employees. Homeowners pay \$28.71 per year for every \$100,000 of home value under this levy, and as a renewal, residents can expect no increase in cost.

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