

Sharon Township Fire Levy

Public Meetings

The Township is holding three additional public sessions before taking action regarding the request by the City of Worthington to increase the Fire District Tax. This issue could be placed on the May 2023 ballot. Please join us to learn more about this potential tax adjustment to cover fire services and to provide public comment.

When: January 18 (6:30pm); January 25 (6:30pm); and January 27th (7:00am)

Where: Sharon Township Hall- 95 E. Wilson Bridge Road (enter back door)

Who: Unincorporated Township & Village of Riverlea residents impacted

Summary of City Request:

“Sharon Township and Worthington have a long history of very high quality and professional fire and emergency medical services. The high standard was set when Sharon Township operated the service, and the City has worked hard to maintain and enhance the service quality.

In 1993, the City of Worthington and Sharon Township entered into a Joint Agreement to transfer the provision of fire and emergency medical services from the Township to the City. The City and Township also approved a Contract for Fire and Emergency Medical Services, effective January 1, 1994, that details the provision of the service.

As determined in the Joint Agreement and the Contract, the Township pays for fire and EMS services provided by the City through the Township Fire District, which includes the entire unincorporated area of the Township and the Village of Riverlea. The Contract for Fire and Emergency Medical Services describes the payment for services and details the process for increasing the amount paid by the Township. Pursuant to the Contract, the City of Worthington is seeking an increase to the amount of \$1,010,000.”

As a point of reference, approximately \$143,750 is collected currently under the current fire levy.