Additional 3.0 Mill, 5 Year Property Tax Levy
For Public Safety Services
Levy Specifics

- Generates $501,000 per year
- Cost a Property Owner $8.75 per month/ $105 per year for each $100,000 in property valuation
Levy Purposes

• **Reduce the structural deficit** caused by the reduction of revenue from the State of Ohio and investment interest
  – City receives $256,000 less state revenue per year than in 2010
  – Investment interest is $137,000 less than in 2007

• Current structural deficit averages $300,000 per year in the 5 year forecast
Levy Purposes

• Add **1 full-time firefighter** to current staffing
  – Allows for 2 full-time firefighters on each shift
  – Estimated annual cost = $130,000

• Add **1 full-time police officer** to current staff
  – Allows for the creation of a school resource officer position requested by the schools
  – Estimated annual cost = $85,000

• Designate funds for **downtown improvements**
  – Estimated annual earmark = $25,000
Other Financial Considerations

• Bellbrook does **not** have a municipal income tax

• **Water rates** have **not** been increased since 2011
  – If rates had been increased just 2% per year, the average water customer would be paying **$40 more** per year

• **Waste collection rates** have decrease from **$17 per month in 2011 to $13 per month in 2017**
  – **Annual savings of $48 per year**
Other Financial Considerations

• Current property taxes are $561 per year for all municipal services (police, fire, zoning, property maintenance, street improvements, storm water improvements, museum)
  – Property tax rates for the City have not changed since the replacement police levy was passed in 2011

• No additional property tax levies have been passed by the City since 2009 (2.0 mill fire levy)
Other Financial Considerations

• Police and fire dispatch was consolidated with Sugarcreek Township, Xenia and Greene County saving $125,000 annually
Community Impacts

• Keep local safety services high quality and up to date
• Invest in safety equipment, personnel and community programs to sustain our low crime rate and emergency response times
• Maintain the quality of life for our residents
• Protect property values
• Attract businesses and visitors to downtown Bellbrook