Here are some facts of why the proposed Street Maintenance Levy was placed on the November 6th ballot for voters to consider. Hopefully this helps residents feel informed so that they can make their individual decisions:

• The proposed 1 mil levy could only specifically be used for road, bridge, curb and gutter repairs.

• 1 mil would increase the property taxes on each $100,000 of valuation by $35 per year, which is just under $3 per month.

• Miami Township has 156 miles of roads to maintain. Current funding allows for the repaving of approximately 4 miles per year.

• Current available road funding means Township roads are resurfaced on average every 39 years. In this area of the country, the standard schedule is to repave every 12-20 years, depending on traffic volume.

• There are currently 77 miles of Miami Township roads that are designated as having a Pavement Quality Index score of 50 or worse on a scale of 1-100.

• A portion of the associated concrete curb and gutters are also in need of replacement. The current estimate to resurface the asphalt and replace curb and gutters of just the worst 77 miles of roads is approximately $12,592,000.

• At the current year's funding of $463,000 for our road resurfacing program it would take a little more than 27 years to repave those poor-condition streets and replace curb and gutters. An additional 1 mil would generate an additional $1,173,000 annually. Combining the current funding with the proposed additional funding would allow us to rehab those 77 miles of streets in approximately 8 years rather than 27 years.

• Approximately 22% of property taxes are received by Miami Township. The other, approximately 78% of property taxes are sent to the local school district, Clermont County and other organizations with levies. By law, property taxes collected by the Township for specific purposes such as Fire, EMS, Police, Parks, etc. cannot be used to pay for street repairs. Townships do not collect any income tax from residents so there are fewer alternative funding options.