

Financial Information about the General Fund and Issue 6

1 Jefferson Township is seeking an additional 2.0 mill levy for 5 years to fund current expenses for township services.

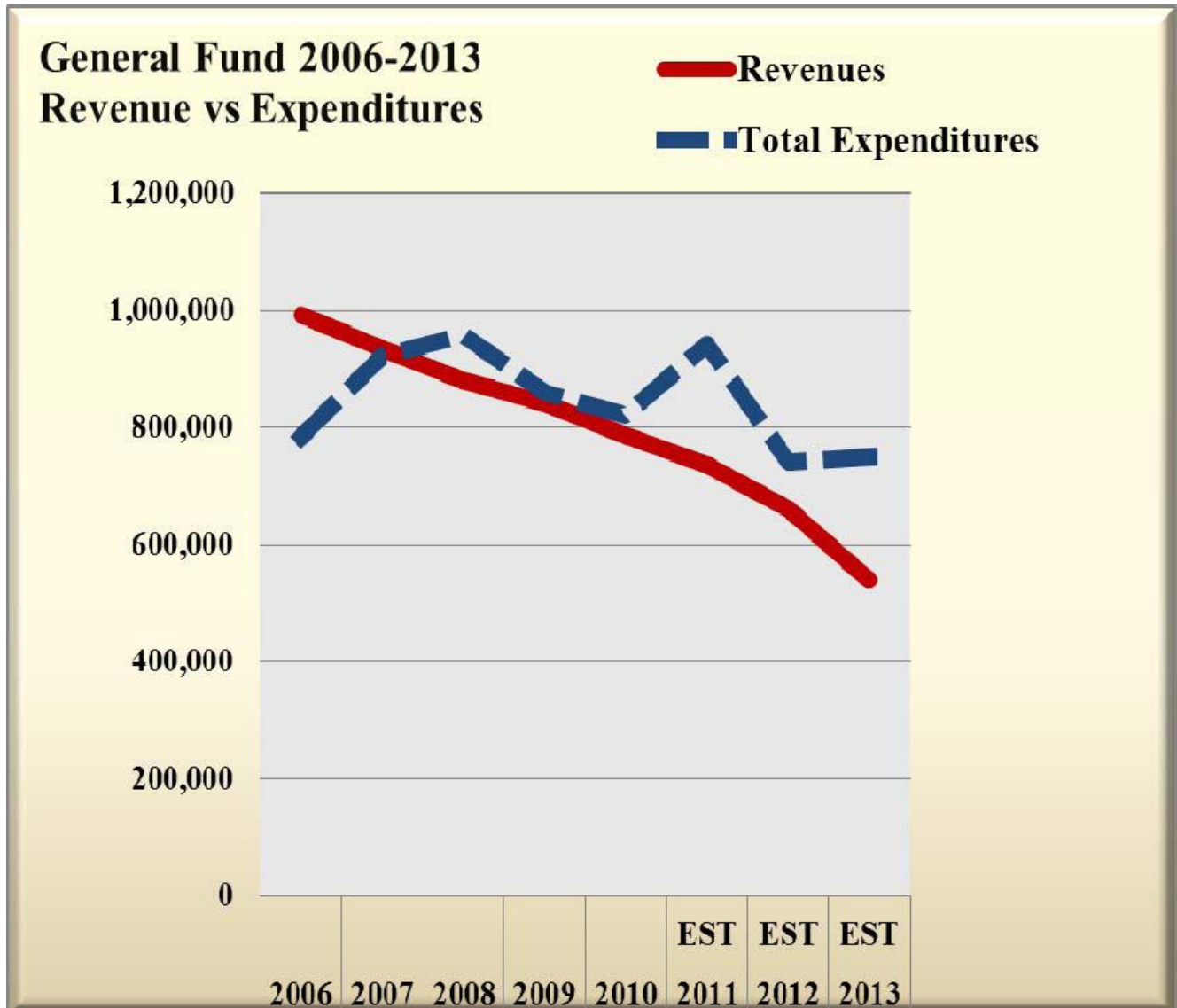
- Cost to owner-occupant of a \$100,000 home: \$61.25/year (\$5.10/ month, or 17¢/day).
- Levy would generate \$975,106 to replace lost revenue, maintain general operations, and repair roads.

How much will the levy cost? Annual cost to owner of an owner-occupied home (including 12 1/2% rollback & homestead exemptions)

Current Expenses	MARKET VALUE				
	<u>\$100,000</u>	<u>\$200,000</u>	<u>\$300,000</u>	<u>\$400,000</u>	<u>\$500,000</u>
Per year	\$61.25	\$122.50	\$183.75	\$245.00	\$306.25
Per month	\$ 5.10	\$ 10.21	\$ 15.31	\$ 20.42	\$ 25.52
Per day	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.34	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.67	\$ 0.84

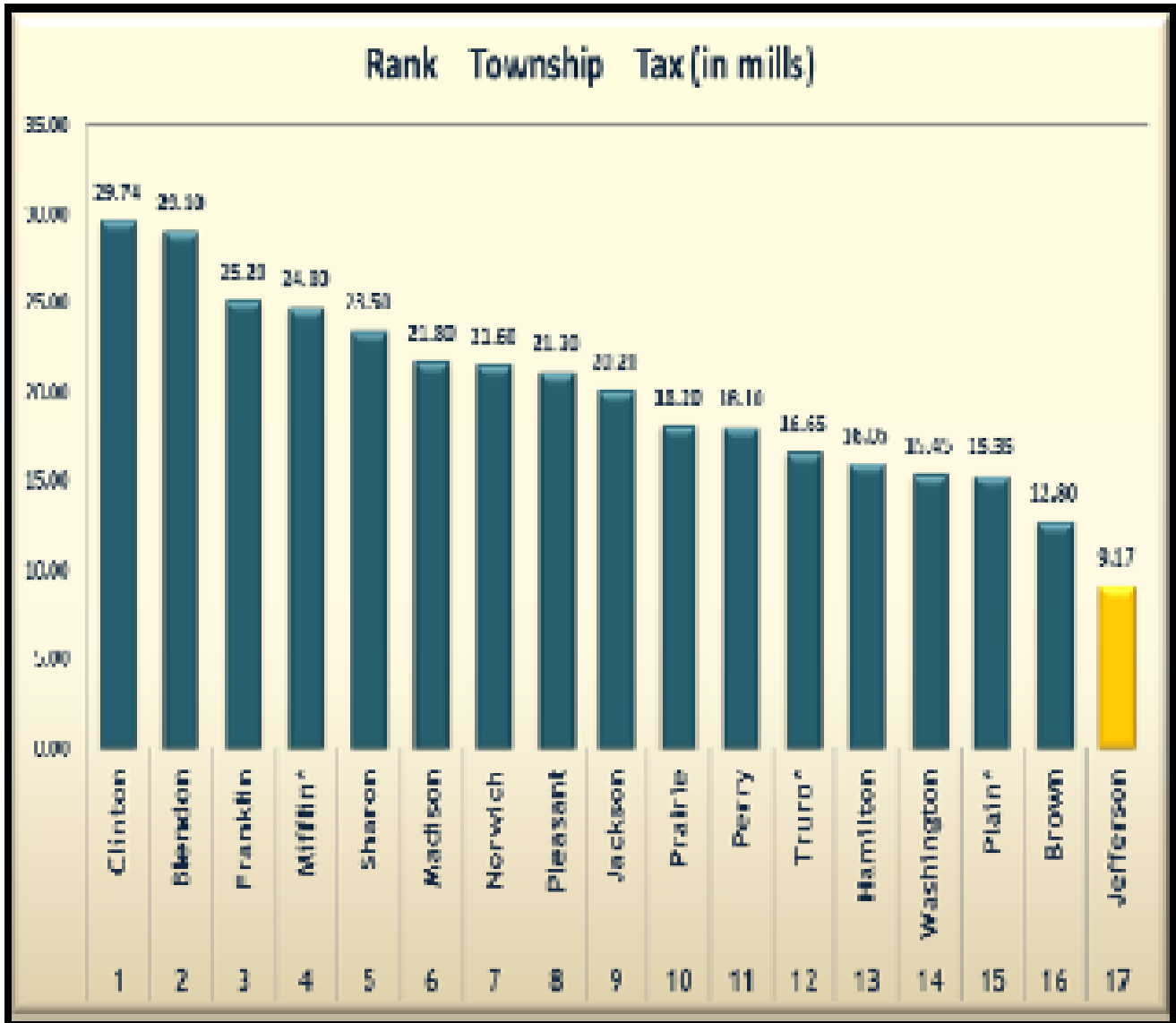
2 Jefferson Township is losing almost half its General Fund revenue.

- Overall revenue is falling 44 percent—from \$992,300 (in 2006) to a projected \$540,700 (in 2013).
- Available resources were \$1.8 million in 2007 and are projected to fall to \$675,000 in 2013.
- Fees and interest income together have plummeted already by more than \$400,000 since 1996.
- State reimbursements and estate taxes, which average more than \$100,000 a year, will be eliminated in 2013.
- The state is cutting the township’s \$126,000 Local Government Fund distribution by 25% in 2011, 37.5% in 2012, and 50% in 2013. The distribution had been certified at \$126,000 for 2011.



3 Jefferson Township has the lowest tax rate for township services in Franklin County. The 2 mill levy will not change that fact.

- Current tax rate of 9.17 mills is more than 3 mills below the next lowest Brown Township, 10 below the average township, and 20 mills below the highest Clinton Township.



1 mill = 10 cents / \$100 valuation Represents total township millage in unincorporated areas only. Jefferson Township mills in: Reynoldsburg = 8.92 mills Gahanna = 9.54 mills Columbus (Licking Heights LDS only) = 9.09 mills.

* townships that border Jefferson (Mifflin, Truro, Plain)

4 Jefferson Township's low millage rate has required conservative spending.

- Employees already share in the cost of their health care and will pay into their pensions regardless whether Senate Bill 5 becomes effective.
- Jefferson Township has not filled vacancies caused by attrition.
- Budget practices have allowed the township to draw into its reserve funds generated during time of good economic growth to sustain operations as long as possible without a tax increase.

5 Population more than doubled in 10 years, swelling demands for services without added funds.

- Between 2000 and 2010, Jefferson Township's population has grown from 4,599 to 10,234 in the unincorporated areas (and from 5,322 to 10,972 overall.)
- During the same time, 13 of the other 16 Franklin County townships lost population in their unincorporated areas.
- The average unincorporated population of townships is 5,572, or about half of Jefferson's total.

6 Jefferson Township is #2 in miles of road to maintain.

- Jefferson Township has 46 miles of road, up from 13 in 1996.
- The average township has 21 miles of road.
- Neighboring Mifflin, Plain and Truro townships have a combined 24 miles of road.
- Jefferson Township has fewer dollars to spend per mile of road than the average township.

7 Passage of the levy would enable the township to continue township services.

- **Public Safety Support Services**—providing staff for administrative and other non-emergency operations for Fire, EMS, and Sheriff services.
- **Roads**—repairs to roads and drainage systems and snow removal.
- **Parks and Recreation**—facility maintenance and community events.
- **Cemetery Operations**—burials, sale of lots, maintenance and lawn care.
- **Developmental Services**—designed to protect property values and uphold community standards—building and zoning code enforcement, nuisance abatement, and rights-of-way permitting.
...expand road repair, reconstruction, and cemetery services.
- **Roads**—by leveraging local tax dollars as local match to seek transportation grants to fund a backlog of deferred maintenance on deteriorating roads and drains.
- **Cemeteries**—Township cemeteries are full or near capacity. A portion of the funds would be used to seek land to make more gravesites available to families.

8 If the levy fails the township will have to reduce or eliminate basic services.

- The township will not have the money to maintain trucks, tractors, and associated equipment, limiting the ability to patch roads that continue to deteriorate, which may cause more wear and tear on residents' and emergency response vehicles.
- Snow removal will be reduced.
- Cemetery mowing will be reduced.
- Parks maintenance and community events may be eliminated.
- Some or all parks will close due to lack of maintenance.
- Jefferson Township's ability to maintain zoning and building standards may be limited.