

Road & Bridge Levy Taxes in Montville Township

Residents often consider their property taxes to be very high but may not realize the number of services those tax dollars provide. The following breakdown offers an explanation detailing total property taxes paid and the portions allocated for roads.

General Property Tax Information:

- All townships in Ohio provide services to residents based on levies that have been approved by voters, and taxes are collected based on the approved millage. Per the Ohio Revised Code (ORC), townships in Ohio are not permitted to charge a resident an income tax like cities are allowed to do.
- Property Taxes are initially based on the actual purchase price of the property/home.
- Taxes can be adjusted annually by the state and/or county auditor based on the comparatives in the area. Since some properties have not sold for years, the values are adjusted periodically for inflation.
- A specific tax distribution for a property in Montville Township can be obtained from the Medina County Auditor's website by searching for the property and clicking on the *Tax Distribution* link. The distribution shows the actual tax paid, the mills, the allocation amount and the percentage of the voter-approved levies.

Example – 2022 Property Tax - Per the Medina County Auditor's website:

The following example is based on a property located in Montville Township in the Medina City School District valued at \$300,000. (Tax rates vary based on which of the three school districts a property is located.)

- In 2022, residential property taxes would be \$5,855 annually for a home valued at \$300,000.
- The \$5,855 in taxes would be distributed to the county, applicable school district, county career center, township, library and the county park district based on the levies approved by voters.

Amount	Recipient	% of Total Tax
\$ 722	Medina County	12.33%
\$ 3,781	Medina City School District	64.57%
\$ 194	Medina County JVSD	3.31%
\$ 907	Montville Township	15.50%
\$ 173	Medina County Library District	2.96%
\$ 78	Medina County Park District	1.34%

Breakdown of \$907 annual property taxes received by Montville Township in the above example:

- \$87 collected from the 2017 Road & Bridge "Levy" can only be used for repair and maintenance of roads, ditches and culverts. Per the ORC, the levy cannot be used for township wages or equipment. Wages and equipment are funded by the Road and Bridge "Fund" that is supported by the General Fund.
- The General Fund balance of \$820 provides police, fire and ambulance services, as well as maintains the township's properties and equipment, cemeteries (one active and three non-active), three parks (Whitetail, Cobblestone and Blue Heron) and basic utilities, such as electricity for street lights.

Road Maintenance in 2022 and in the Past:

- After five attempts, the 1 mill Road & Bridge Levy passed in 2017 for the first time.
- In 2022, the Road & Bridge Levy is supposed to collect \$433,700 to help fund repairs on 53.796 miles of roads.
- Road repairs are evaluated annually in conjunction with a road inspection with the Medina County Highway Engineer.
- Based on 2021 expenses, asphalt repairs cost on average \$135,000 per mile.
 - In 2021, resurfacing and repairs for 2.01 miles of Poe Road cost \$281,471.48
- Heavily traveled roads, such as Poe, Guilford, Paradise and Ridgewood, are repaved first.
- Per a resolution, Medina County assumes responsibility for some roads, such as River Styx and Tower, in order to maximize the efficiency of snowplowing patterns.
- Subdivision roads, which have less traffic, are repaired as funds become available and heavily traveled roads have been repaired.
- The plan is to eventually repair every road if the Road & Bridge Levy continues to be approved.