

STATE OF INDIANA
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE
Room 1058, IGCN – 100 North Senate
Indianapolis, IN 46204

IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST)
OF MIDDLE TOWNSHIP,)
HENDRICKS COUNTY, FOR AN) **A23-012**
EXCESS LEVY DUE TO)
THREE-YEAR GROWTH)

On November 17, 2023, the Department of Local Government Finance (“Department”) issued an order denying a three-year growth excess levy appeal by the Middle Township, Hendricks County (“Township”). Subsequently, on January 2, 2024, the Township submitted a request for reconsideration on the basis of the additional information. This order amends and revises the November 17, 2023, order as follows.

The Township’s additional information included statements of the following capital and operational needs of the Pittsboro Fire Department:

- The Township plans to build and open a new fire station which will cost “between \$2,000,000-\$2,300,000 in staffing.”
- The Township plans to convert the Chief and Assistant Chief positions from part-time to full-time roles.
- The following capital needs:
 - Remodeling of an existing fire station.
 - Medic truck refurbishment.
 - Purchase of a ladder truck.
 - Engine replacement.

The Department reiterates that the Township requested an excess levy of \$233,661. The amount that it qualified for under the statutory formula is \$459,081, and the Township advertised on the Form 3 an amount of \$435,826.

The Department is hesitant to approve an excess levy for one-time capital purchases such as those represented by the Township. However, the Township has demonstrated increasing operating needs attributed to the opening of a new fire station and the transition of part-time positions to full-time.

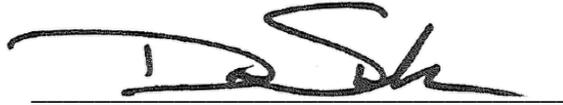
After a review of the petition, the Department, following Ind. Code §§ 6-1.1-18.5-12 and 13, and in consideration of all evidence provided, finds as follows:

APPROVED:

The Township's excess levy appeal is approved in the amount of **\$233,661**. This figure reflects the amount for which the Township qualifies under the statutory three-year growth formula and does not exceed the amount which the Township advertised and petitioned the Department. This is a one-time, permanent increase.

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WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL of this Department on this 4 day of January, 2024.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Shackle', is written over a horizontal line.

Daniel Shackle, Commissioner