

Proposed King Cemetery Tax Levy, Washington Township, May 5th Ballot

Background

Washington Township holds the sole responsibility for the care and upkeep of King Cemetery. This includes maintaining the grounds, roads, and tombstones. However, the township is limited by legal restrictions regarding which funds may be allocated to King Cemetery.

Purpose of the Levy

The levy is proposed to relieve the financial burden associated with maintaining the cemetery. The funds will help ensure proper care of the grounds, roads, and tombstones within King Cemetery.

Details of the Levy

An additional tax for the benefit of Washington Township, unincorporated area, for the purpose of maintenance of the township cemetery, King Cemetery that the county auditor estimates will collect \$16,880 annually, at a rate not exceeding 0.2 mill for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$7 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's market value, for 5 years, commencing in 2027, first due in calendar year 2028.

Veterans Graves

King Cemetery is the final resting place for approximately 183 veterans, including those who served in the Civil War. Many of these veterans' tombstones require significant maintenance, such as resetting due to subsidence over time. The levy will support the ongoing care of these important historical markers, which include graves from the Civil War, War of 1812, World War I, World War II, and other periods.

General Commitment

Washington Township is committed to ensuring the proper maintenance and preservation of all tombstones within King Cemetery.