

Over the past ten years, Ohio's Governor, supported by a majority of the State of Ohio legislators, has continued to cut back the Local Government Fund and eliminated other sources of revenue previously earmarked for supporting township government.

State Local Government Funding distributions to Springfield Township have gone from a high of \$744,418 in 2008 to a low of \$294,274 in 2014. The funding received in 2016 saw a modest improvement coming in at \$326,721. This means a loss of \$417,697 or 56.11% reduction of funding to Springfield Township.

The state totally phased out the tangible personal property tax (replacing it with the Commercial Activity Tax providing zero to townships) and eliminated the estate tax (which was allocated to townships.) These taxes totaled an average of \$502,711 annually to Springfield Township. That is a 100% loss of funding to Springfield Township.

The loss of this funding has cost Springfield Township \$920,408 for the year of 2016 alone. The result of these reductions in state funding is the need to impose a greater tax burden on the local property owners in order to simply maintain services to our citizens.

Springfield Township officials have pledged to provide those services in as cost efficient a manner as possible. We strive to keep expenses low and search for the greatest value of the dollars with which we are entrusted.