

# Public Hearing

## Fire Special Assessment

# What is Scio Township asking of voters?

- Capital assessment approval to construct a second fire station (Local question 2)
- Operating question to fund operation of both stations (Local question 1)
  
- Will replace existing assessment-not add to

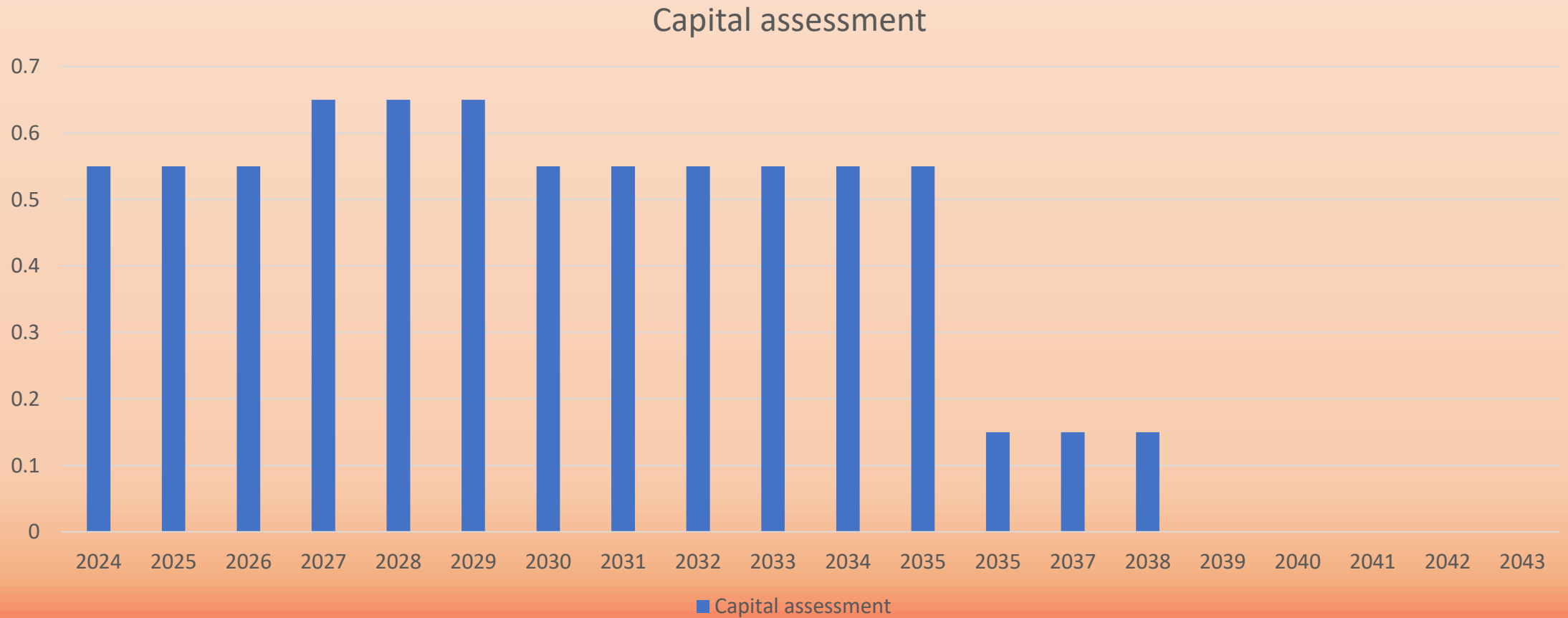


# Capital question

- No more than .75 mills assessment for up to 20 years
- Can only pay for buildings, property, or new vehicles for newly built Fire Stations
- Current estimates are \$10-\$12M for building and vehicles
- Current estimate approximately .55 mill for 12 years



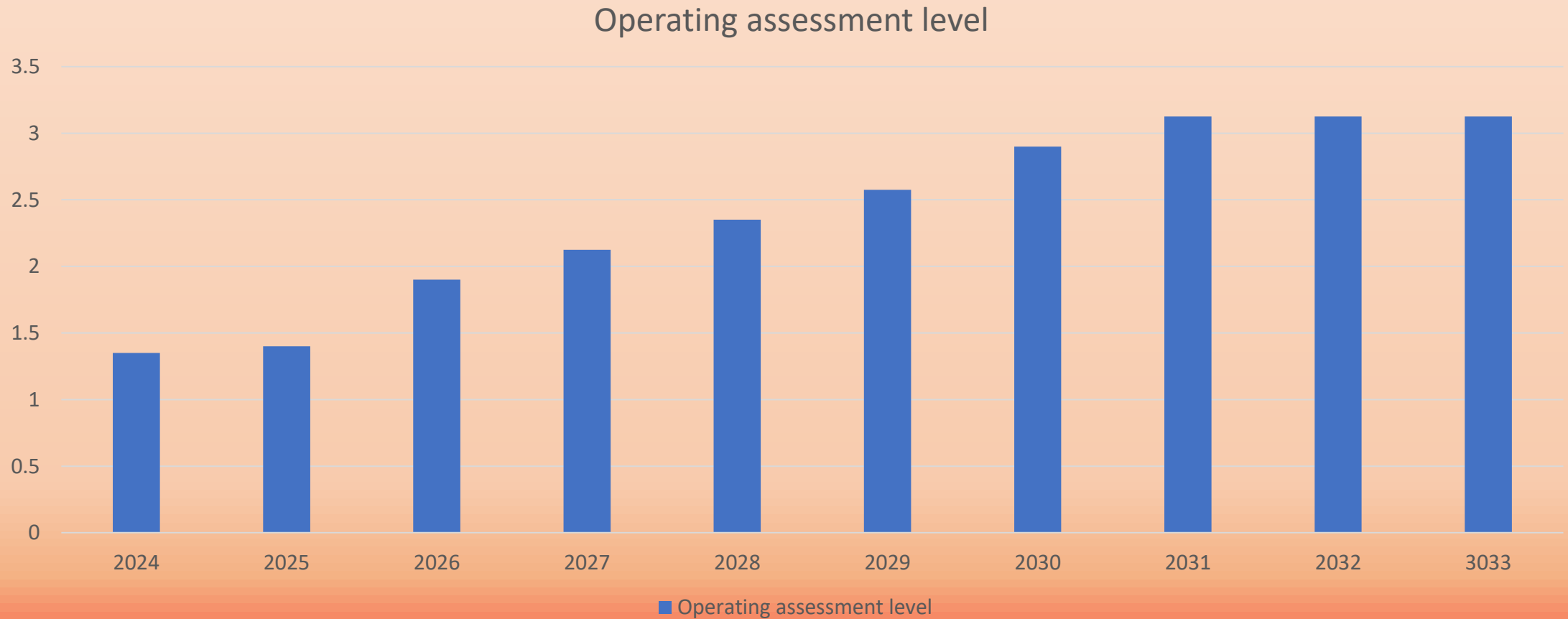
# Capital question would generally remain the same over time (estimate only)



# Operating question

- No more than 3.75 mills for 10 years (replaces current 1.35 mill assessment)
- Would fund operation of 2 fire stations, including personnel, replacement vehicles and equipment
- Would gradually increase over 10 years as a second building is built and staff is added
- A public hearing would occur every year to determine expenses and set the rate

# Operating assessment would gradually increase over time (estimate only)



# Why is Scio Township asking voters to increase fire protection assessment?

- Increase in Township population
  - 18,000 today vs 10,750 in 1990
- Increased in number of calls
  - 1450 in 2022 vs 787 in 2012
- Response times over 6-minute goal
  - Average 10 minutes to far S/E section of Scio



# What do Scio residents have for fire protection now?

- 1 centrally located station on Zeeb Rd
- 3 firefighters on duty 90% of the time



# If approved, what will Scio Residents get?

- Zeeb fire station staffed with a fire engine and Battalion Chief (4 people)-2025
- Fire station constructed on Township owned property on Wagner at Liberty-2026
- Wagner fire station fully staffed with a fire engine and rescue (5 people)-2032?

# How many firefighters does it take to handle a medical emergency?

- 2-4 firefighters
  - Provide patient care
  - Incident reporting
  - Provide info to/assist ambulance personnel with equipment and patient handling
- 2-3 ambulance personnel
  - Provide advanced procedures
  - Transport to hospital
- Total: 4-7 people



# How many firefighters does it take to fight a car fire?

- 1 pump operator
  - 2 firefighters to manage the hose line
  - 1 incident commander
  - 2-3 more to open hood/doors and other assistance
  - Generally, we have enough water on our engine to fight a car fire
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- Total: 4-7



# How many people does it take to manage a car accident?

- 1 driver/pump operator
- 1 incident commander
- 2 to provide patient care
- 1-2 to control hazards/fluids
- 2-3 ambulance personnel (per injured person)



- Total:7-9

# How many people does it take to manage a vehicle extrication?

- 1 driver/pump operator
  - 1 incident commander
  - 1-2 to stabilize vehicle
  - 1-3 to operate tools
  - 1-2 to control hazards/fluids
  - 2 to provide patient care
  - 2-3 ambulance personnel
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- Total: 9-14



# How many firefighters does it take to fight a tractor-trailer fire?

- 1 pump operator
- 1 incident commander
- 2-4 to manage hose lines
- 2-4 to use tools to open trailer/expose burning materials
- If not within 900' of municipal water 1-2 water tankers (2-4 more people)
- Ordinary combustibles, not hazardous contents
- Total: 8-14



# How many firefighters does it take to fight a house fire?

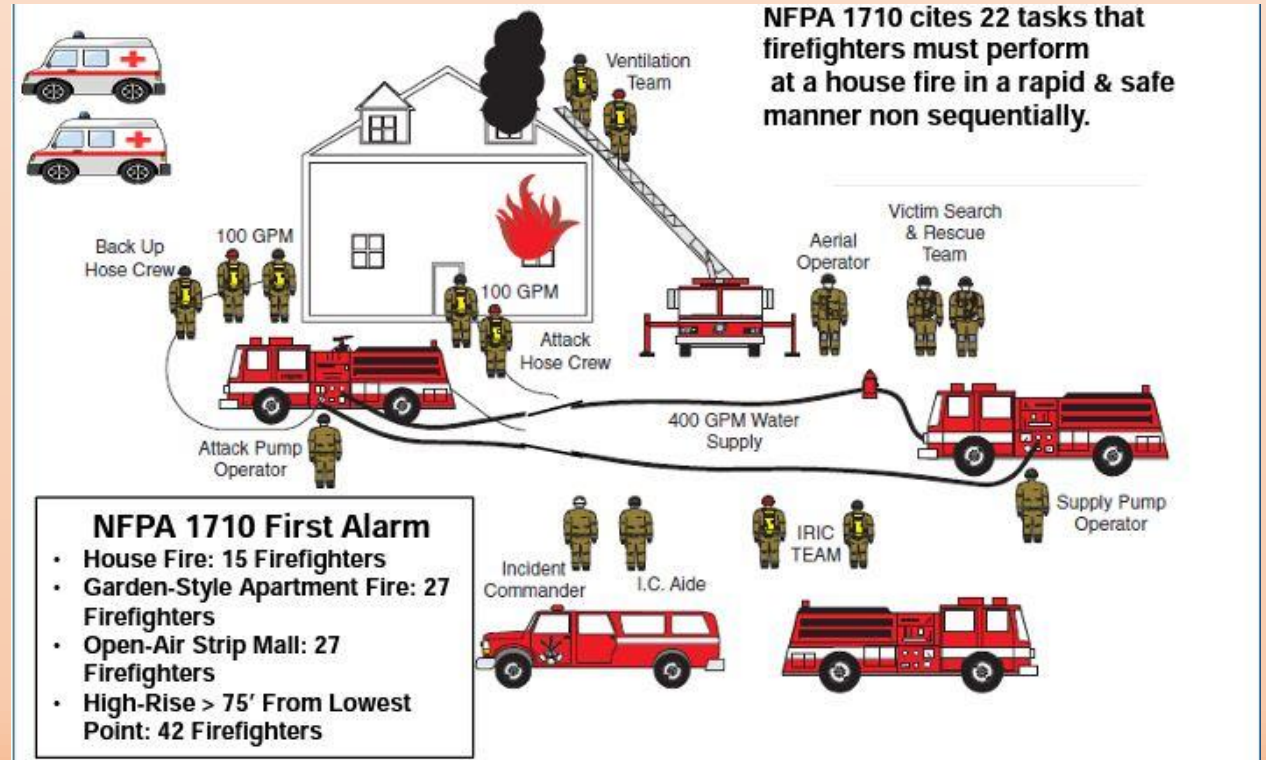
- 1 pump operator
- 1 incident commander
- 1 incident commander aid/accountability officer
- 2-4 to manage hose line (1-2 lines)
- 2 on backup line
- 2-3 to search for occupants
- 2-4 people for “RIT” crew\*



# How many firefighters does it take to fight a house fire?

- 2-3 to ventilate the building
- 2-3 to establish a water supply (6-8 if rural)

- Total 15-28 people





# Who made these recommendations?

- 2015 strategic plan
  - Chief Ferch and Carlyle Wartman
- 2018 staffing analysis
  - Emergency Services Consulting International
- 2022 Fire Services Guidance Committee
  - Community members, business owners, and others



# Timeline to implement

- 2024-add 3 firefighters, develop building plans, bid construction/vehicles
- 2025-build station
- 2026-add 6 firefighters
- 2027-add 3 firefighters
- 2028-add 3 firefighters
- 2029-add 3 firefighters
- 2030 through 2033-add 3 firefighters per year

# Where can I get more information?

- [www.sciotownship.org/fire](http://www.sciotownship.org/fire)
- [fire@sciotownship.org](mailto:fire@sciotownship.org)
- Printed materials at township hall and at the fire station

