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## Greenville to Hold Public Meeting on Township Fire Contract

**GREENVILLE-** City of Greenville Officials invite all residents of Greenville Township and the City of Greenville to a public information meeting on Monday, July 16, 2007, 7:00 p.m. at the Greenville Elks Lodge located at 214 W. Third Street to discuss the on going negotiation between the City of Greenville and Greenville Township for fire protection services.

“City Officials are glad to respond to the request of Township residents seeking information from the City on our proposal to the Township Trustees regarding fire protection,” stated Greenville Mayor Greg Fraley. “But it is just as important for City residents to attend the meeting to understand the negotiation and how it impacts their fire protection service,” he added.

On June 18<sup>th</sup>, Greenville Township Trustees held a Town Hall Meeting for Township residents to discuss the City’s proposal for future fire protection services in the Township. Currently, Greenville Township contracts with the City of Greenville for all of its fire protection and is fully served by the Greenville Fire Department. The Township and City have had such agreements since the 1946.

“This meeting will give us a chance to share with residents the reasoning for our negotiation proposal to the Township,” stated Mayor Fraley. “We believe it is in everyone’s best interest to negotiate a deal that takes the guess work out of future contracts and gives both entities a guide how to plan long term for fire protection services,” he concluded.

City Auditor Nancy Myers expressed how important it is to understand the costs associated with fire protection. “We will be able to help residents of the City and Township understand the costs in the Fire Department’s budget. Handouts will be available for the public showing expenses of the Fire Department and revenues received from the Township,” said Myers.

Greenville Fire Chief Mark Wolf will present a power point presentation at the meeting explaining the City’s proposal. All residents will be given the opportunity to ask questions of City Officials regarding the City’s proposal.

The current fire protection contract between the City and the Township expires December 31, 2007.