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A clear educational campaign to inform voters of the issues would be good and I would assume that it would be part of a plan that includes this survey. It may be necessary to do a house to house visit because it seems that people do not always read!

Again, sounds like a threat rather than any survey

Are these "no" voters serious? No fire protection? Let's go back to living in caves! Dumb! Dumb! Dumb!

As I have said my Tyrone Property has nothing to be stolen and nothing to burn.

Because the 911 calls get rerouted, increased times are not an issue. Our experience has been the response times will still be slow for fire and police services. But with no fire coverage, that is not acceptable. Police response with the added protection is not a factor. The State Police have always been the first to arrive at our location. That fact hasn't changes in 40 years.

Check the response times of all three fire departments and make sure that the three nearest fire stations are adequately staffed.

Continue public service announcements explaining benefits

Continued funding really improves our ISO rating and dramatically reduced our homeowners insurance cost.

Definitely Support

Discontinue the police protection portion of the assessment. Change the public safety assessment name to Fire Services Assessment.

Do not put the issue on a ballot with any other tax increase such as library improvement or school millage. Pay for a special election with only fire protection on the ballot. Reduce the assessment to cover fire. Consider Public Act 33 that lets the board take action and create a special assessment district.

Do whatever is the most expedient measure to get coverage for fire and police assistance in our township as soon as possible.

Eliminate extra police coverage. Bill individual for fire runs as we did prior to the assessment.

Eliminate road patrol too expensive

Emphasize the tax is a RENEWAL, not a new tax. Let people know how much their home owners insurance will increase.

Establish a contract with surrounding fire departments for pay as you need their services. Use current State Police services and County police services in the township without paying any fees.

Find a forum to better educate our voters!

Fire and police protection is necessary, you need to come up with a fair and balanced plan for all residents to share equally in funding.

Fire and police protection 'quickly' can make a difference to many in need. It is with a quick response time that lives can be saved. I am in full support of the services and feel that the costs together as a group are much better than paying for high amounts when used individually. This is a great insurance policy for what is best.

Fire and Police services have an impact on property values. The increase to pay for these services is not unreasonable.

Fire service is the most important. Most insurance will only cover \$500 toward the dept. response fee unless the homeowner adds extra insurance coverage. Bottom line homeowner pays more in homeowners insurance yearly because no fire service or the yearly township assessment which in most cases is less than the homeowners insurance cost. I do not care about a faster police response as the township deputy was often called away from Tyrone Twp.

First, before any vote. Invite the voting public to a public forum with insurance agents, Fire & police officers present. Also for additional attraction to the forum offer refreshments for adults, and children. Daytime Friday evening, Saturday or Sunday. Ask in the paper for time and ask for public interest . Remember you work for the residents, ask not tell. Thank you for asking Ask first inform

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Get back in to the Fire Authority

Go back to the fire protection our area had prior to the special assessment. There was no problem with that protection.

Good fire and police protection are important to keeping Tyrone Township as a desirable place to live.

Having no fire services is insane. Make it happen.

Hope it passes next time - we should have it.

How can one not support Public Safety; I'm embarrassed to live in a community that would turn them down. And based on prior elections over the past decades, we seem to be the only township in Livingston County that turns these down. Makes absolutely no sense to me....I'm embarrassed and frustrated; public safety should also be the township's number one priority.

I am a Fenton City Fire Firefighter and I never heard anything about this being on the Nov 4th ballot until I showed up to vote. I was pretty surprised to see it on the ballot. When I did see it, it was very vague as to what it was for. I voted "NO" because I didn't understand it, didn't know what it was for, and I didn't know that it expired. I will definitely vote "YES" for it in the future.

I am already paying for Fire service - yet my ISO rating is a 9....can't get much worse than this....So I have to question if the Fire service is really worth the money for my situation. If it would lower my ISO rating - I would be willing to pay just about anything. My homeowners insurance should be half of what it is due to the ISO rating.

I am new to this area, but feel it is important to try and have our own Fire and Police services.

I am not a resident of Tyrone but of Hartland (Parshallville) .We're at disadvantage being in Hartland, unable to vote in Tyrone's election. The fire station/ambulance service is near us and we have used it several times in the past. I hope we can get it approved.

I am not sure why it was voted down in the first place. Either people truly did not understand the language (which I though was explicit), or they don't care about the safety of their property. Was the majority population of voters such that they do not have a large stake in the assessment, such as vacant property owners? In my opinion, we should have two choices: have dedicated township fire and police protection which would be expensive, or contract the services as we do now. This should be mandated either/or, not neither/nor.

I am surprised this did not pass. I am very scared for this community if it dose not. I do not know of any one that did not vote for this proposition.

I am tired of seeing fellow residents trip over dollars to pick up dimes. We are all going to pay in higher insurance rates, and if folks suffer from fires on their property, their carriers could choose to drop their coverage after paying out - leaving residents to choose from "B" rate carriers after suffering that loss, which will cost more and cover less. People think they are going to shoot criminals themselves and put out fires with their garden hoses, I guess, but the reality is that we need those services in our community and I can't fathom how it's regarded as unnecessary.

I attended one of the information sessions which was poorly attended, as I think both were. I do not think voters were well-informed as to the consequences of not approving the assessment and I think many thought it was a new assessment, not a replacement of the assessment we are already paying. I am not sure how to get people better informed. Perhaps having presentations at HOA meetings or other means of getting the seriousness of this issue out to the residents of the township.

I can not believe I live amongst people that are that dumb to vote this down. Makes me want to move.

I checked with my insurance. My insurance will increase \$513/year without this renewal. \$175 is a bargain. It would take 13 years of continuous 10% increases to exceed \$513. Defeat of this proposal was/would be

I don't think people understood the reason for the assessment increase. They just saw an increase and said no!

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I feel that as with every gov't. agency there are places where pork/wasteful spending could be directed here so as not to raise the assessment rate and leave it where it is. You say costs went up live within the \$\$ we already give you. I didn't get a raise in the last years because of the economy and had to re-adjust spending you people do the same ! please

I have supported this since its inception because the township needs these vital services.

I own two vacant parcels and 1 dwelling in the Township so I pay \$300 per year for a service I do not need. My neighbor owns one dwelling with a taxable value of twice my three properties and they pay only \$150!! Why should I subsidize the wealthy? Please explain. My email address is gzn5dp@gmail.com. Also, any new tax proposals should exempt vacant parcels and the tax should be based on the dwelling value. Thanks.

I support it just don't waste our money. Thank you!

I support paying my fair share for police and fire services.

I support the original ps assessment and voted for it. I only answered the two against questions because you asked me to.

I think not having these services will reduce property values.

I think that better communication of the impact of not having this assessment before the last election could have avoided this. In line with that I would suggest to do a quick investigation with a couple of insurance providers to determine a range of percentages that premiums might go up, if these services are no longer available, and then communicating this to all.

I think voters need more information to be able to make decisions regarding this special assessment. For example, if there were no special assessment would there be police coverage of the township? By what police agency? Would there be fire protection or would calls for fire assistance go unanswered? Where would the fire protection come from? Could the fire protection for the township be separated so Fenton covers northern Tyrone twp. and Hartland covers southern Tyrone twp.? I can tell you that Fenton's fire coverage/response time for southern Tyrone twp. is poor! Why couldn't the Parshallville/Old US-23 fire station cover the southern township? I think the township is spread apart such that more consideration to the services for the different township regions would help unit voters towards support of services if they helped their area.

I thought that is was a law in Michigan that any cities, townships, etc. shall provide fire protection of some sort for their residents, but doesn't include police protection as that was optional. I would give the examples of the different insurance examples for a 1,500 square foot ranch house located in each ISO rating of the township and see what the insurance difference is. I support the fire and police protection both and want both. If this doesn't pass, the township and its leadership will be in trouble. We have to have this protection for our families and if we don't, I will have to look at moving out of the township. I think there are lots of ways to educate and sell this. Newspapers are one thing, but direct mail to each township resident 2 or 3 times will be the only way to communicate it properly. The paper alone is not good enough anymore and you can't reply on the web sites. Anyway, this has to pass and at minimum fire protection, but hopefully police as well.

I voted for it, you did not do a good job of marketing the points in #2 above

I voted for the assessment and continue to be for it. I think it is criminal that we would go back to no protection or a pay-as-you-go system. People do object to the township government and I, would eliminate the township entirely and break the territory up along the school district lines. It is difficult to agree to government decisions that cost a person money yet do nothing for us. I assume people have taken this to the extreme of fire and police coverage. I realize one has to pay to have a service, but I'd be hard pressed to identify anything that Tyrone Township actually does for its residents.

I voted FOR the renewal at the last election, so I'm really not much help to you. I can't believe it failed.

I voted FOR the renewal in the last election and I will vote for it again if I have the opportunity.

I voted in support of the public safety assessment and will continue to support it.

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I voted to pass the assessment and believe a revote this year is required for clarification on the amount (\$25.00) that was going to be increased.

I voted yes on the renewal and will do so again if it is put up for vote.

I want to continue this service and am very regretful that I did not vote to support it. I think if it goes for another vote, there may need to be more signage / flyers (even though I don't typically support these marketing methods) in order to increase awareness to push the vote forward.

I want to know the cost. I understand removing the monetary amount may increase votes for support but create hard feelings in the future.

I was President of the Lake Shannon Homeowners Association prior to the current public safety assessment being approved and we voted to approve funding a Fire Protection Assessment for the portion of Lake Shannon that was not covered by Deerfield TWP. One of the successful arguments we used was the lower Fire Insurance costs we could enjoy by having the first responding Fire Station being Hartland.

I was surprised it did not pass.

I would be fine with putting the original proposal back up for a re-vote (choice #1 in question 4) or dropping the provision for 10% increase. I believe the only reason it failed last vote was a lack of understanding amongst voters that this was a renewal and maybe some objecting to the possibility of a 10% increase (perceived tax increase). With better communication and understanding, I think voters would approve next time.

I would definitely vote in favor of the assessment if it was on the ballot. I already have a discount on my home insurance that is more than the cost of the assessment.

I would like the township to do their due diligence and let the residents know their options. Just renewing the same public safety services without exploring other possibilities is unfair to the residents. The Township has to have fire services. The past "sharing" of a "dedicated?" police officer with Hartland appears that the officer would spend more time in Hartland. Hartland has the retail district which would require more of the officers time compared to rural Tyrone Township.

I would like to see a re-vote and would plan to vote and approve the assessment

I would like to see contracts remain in place with Fenton, Fenton Twp and Hartland Deerfield for fire coverage and the individual needing the service should be billed directly just like any other service that we want. In most cases homeowners insurance will help pay for the fire run. We already pay for Livingston County Sheriff and MI State Police through our taxes. We should not have to pay extra for better coverage.

I would vote to renew fire and police services period.

If the Township Board decides to place this proposal on the May 2015 ballot, they need to heavily promote (sell) it by having one or two members speak to the 3 Lake Associations, Homeowners Associations, Tyrone Historical Society; articles need to be posted in the newspaper of general circulation (Tri-County Times); evidently public forums/hearings had poor attendance last fall. As a result, the Board needs to consider going to the residents and having the issue in their face on a weekly basis leading up to the election. Brighton Area Schools passed an \$88 million bond issue in 2012, and the Superintendent's face and articles were in the newspaper every other

I'm glad you're looking out for us. Public services aren't free; we need to pay for them and these are very reasonable fees.

In my opinion the wording on ballot was mis-leading

In November, I stopped at a local store that had been robbed. The police(several of them)arrived in minutes. This quick response time is important to help our community remain safe, and not become a target area. The closeness of the expressway can provide a fast exit for would be criminals.

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Income/wage growth has been eliminated, decreased, or stagnant for a long time; therefore, we cannot support continuous increases in standard of living expenses. The trickle-down 'wealth effect' never happened for us, just the rich. Families have been spinning their wheels and hit a wall. Many are deep in debt, frustrated, and angry. U.S. economic/monetary policies are decreasing the standard of living for it's people and their communities. Plan accordingly. Thanks for asking.

It has to be renewed - it is silly to not renew and create the way we use to operate

It is important that we keep the best police and fire protection as possible for our safety and home values.

I've never seen a police officer in my neighborhood over the past 12 months.

Just keep current assessment, automatically renew it!

Look to make cuts elsewhere if the extra money is truly needed. Learn to budget better we all have during tougher economic times. Or we can find leaders that will !!!!

Make it clear to people that if the fire services expire they will not get help if needed. I did not know this, I'm sure a lot of other people don't know either. So generally if your house catches fire pull up a chair and watch it burn. A lot of people use the burn permits too, they don't realize that would end too. Sometimes things aren't clear when it comes to voting so if you don't understand it you don't want to vote in favor.

Must publicize (make residents aware) mail out special notice

My insurance covers fire services runs. I do not think it is fair that I have to pay for those who do not choose to have it covered under their home owners insurance.

My vote is no and still no

Owners must pay their own deductible for fire runs as part of owning a home.

Please do NOT assume the electorate is informed, the majority is NOT. The Township learned a valuable lesson (I hope)... I have seen more information about the public safety assessment after the election than before - that is backwards. Please be vigilant in communicating to the township residents before the election, especially in the timeframe just prior to the actual elections (week or so prior). The cost of this research would have been far better spent on communicating information about the assessment being a renewal and its impact if not passed versus trying to find out how the citizenry feels after the fact... I realize hindsight is 20/20, but like I said, I hope lesson learned.

Please look into having your own police department and let the voters know how much more or less they would be paying

Please make the public aware that if the fire services are cancelled that their homeowners insurance will increase. This will cost them much more then the assessment will. Also that the crime rates will increase as criminals learn that there are no police patrols in the township. If you can research what the surrounding areas pay in the taxes for these services then people will realize that everyone pays for these services in other locations. Police and fire services are not an option they are a necessity for pubic safety. Some people may actually move from the township if these services are not provided.

Please mount a massive campaign to get the public safety assessment passed!!

Please spread the word of needed services in mailed (electronic or letter) to residents of the continued services. State this is for continued services not a new Fire Hall in the Twp. The old saying, KISS ("Keep It Simple Stupid"). I think many times when "special assessments" are voted on, residents may not understand the true meaning of the assessment. I know I looked through the PPT on this discussion and noticed a highlight of Liquor License,

Police services are ineffective. Fire services should be shared between the service receiver and the Township general fund.

Present it as a separate millage for each instead of special assessments. This way they are tax deductible.

Public awareness is key to get this approved. Our township officials did not do enough to inform and educate the voters that the assessment was a renewal. I believe the voters saw this as a "new" tax.

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Public safety should come from general fund and not require a special assessment. I understand the original public safety funds were reallocated to fund community expansion / sewer project. Currently we pay a special assessment and have marginal police fire support - where is the benefit?

Put it on the ballot

Put the long term benefits/costs before short-term arguments

Remove the police presence here in the township. Rose twp. does just fine with the state police.

Re-word - it's renewal

Stop acting like we need a bigger township government

Stress to the public the consequences if the renewal does not pass - no police will arrive to save your family from injury or worse; no fire services will arrive to put out your burning house and/or save whoever is inside; what you will be charged if these services have to be paid for on an individual basis.

Taxes continue to go up, however, our wages do not (maybe they do for you, but not for us).

Taxes too damned high now

The \$150 yearly assessment is way too high. The costs charged by the serving fire departments way too high... we effectively fund their departments. Charge per run and needs to be less than \$1400... The Police protection in my area is non-existent - I never see Liv Co Sheriffs in the Northeast section of the Township so why should I pay

The present fire agreement is a ripoff to the township 90 plus percent of the runs are for accidents on the highway. Most of the fire runs are for arson or outdoor burning

There seems to be confusion regarding the boundaries for services and even school districts. A guide to clarify township, city, county responsibilities and their borders would be very useful and help residents be better informed when these issues come up.

There should be no reason that a rational person would want to vote this assessment down.

These survey questions are misleading and clearly slanted into scaring uninformed citizens into voting "for the special assessment"... unbelievable that you would do this. How about an unbiased questionnaire???

This attitude that the me generation will take care of itself will only drag the rest of the residents into chaos. We need to stand together or we will see the liberaterians go down one by one.

This is not an option, it is a necessity. Please get the word out CLEARLY what people will be losing. I will help go door to door if needed! We are not going back in time to where our properties were not developed....

Township needs to quit wasteful spending in other areas in order to cover these "Core" services of Fire protection. Residents who call for fire services and there is no fire ought to pay that bill themselves.

Township officials need to fund "legitimate" fire services with existing general funds and cut elsewhere to balance the budget... no surplus necessary.

Township wide fire service and police service are necessary to maintain order and security for our residences

Try additional education of township residents

Wanted to vote for - but didn't notice it was on the ballot

We (our household of 2) totally support the public safety assessment. Perhaps the double-digit potential increase is off-putting, but even at 10% down the road, this would only be \$17.50, and frankly, the inhabitants of this township can afford this. They are being cheap and foolish not to protect the investment in their homes.

We do not want to be without fire and police protection!

We must have police and fire services in this township. Not to have these services is absolutely idiotic. To pay an additional \$25 per year or lose your entire household in a fire, which will cost hundreds of thousands of dollars to rebuild? It's a no-brainer.

We must pass this! Or we need new leadership!

We need fire and police safety. This is the responsibility of our government to provide this. My insurance rate increased because of this lack of safety.

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We need more public awareness on the issue. I think if everyone understood it, they would vote for the

We need to have these services

We need to look at how other Townships "sell" the public on understanding these proposals before they get in the voter booth.

We should not have to pay more for police and fire, we pay enough taxes already. Its is insane that you must pay more for police and fire.

We voted for fire and police 24 hours. Now it is 8 hours and I never have seen a sheriff. I see state police. The township gov is useless. We do not receive any services. No code enforcement, no fire, no police. All we have are useless twp. employees and hours at the office that working people can not get there. I would rather just live in the county. Our roads are terrible. Just what does the twp. do for us? I VOTED YES BUT I didn't want to except for the fire.

When a vote occurs, that is the vote, asking for a revote means that you support a vote ONLY if it is in your favor. Otherwise keep voting until you get what you want.???

When items such as this come up for a vote, it is extremely important to fully explain the subject matter. Many explanations are filled with political rhetoric which causes polarization of the voters. The benefits/drawbacks of a referendum should be fully explained in its most simple form. Also...YES, you are for the proposition and NO, you are against the proposition not YES, you do not want the proposition and NO, you want the proposition. Many referendums are just too confusing to the uninformed voter.

When my husband and I lived in Plymouth, we had a major house fire. Thankfully, the fire department was only a few blocks from our home, so they were there in just minutes, but it took 7 months to get back in our house. I can't imagine going thru that again - especially since we are so far away from any fire department in the area! And police services are so gravely important when you live where we are -- at the end of a private dirt road, in the dark cul-de-sac. What fool would vote to eliminate both of these protections?!?

Why do we even need the special assessment? Services use to be included in our taxes and now we have to have a special assessment. This seems to me to be another ploy to take more money from the citizens of Tyrone township. Then with your automatic 10% raise or lower we know taxes never go lower!

Why this was voted down is just crazy. I just moved into Tyrone township. I would have voted in favor of

Without the protection, home insurance rates will increase, twp. bond interest rates might well increase, ratings of the twp. as a good place to live will decline. And those having to pay a \$1400 bill for fire dept. service will complain that they shouldn't have to pay it. If you want a good place to live, that means fire and police service. This notion that you can have all the things you want to make a good place to live and not have to pay taxes to get it is simply unrealistic by those who seem to believe it should come to them without any kind of cost, be it roads, police and fire services, schools, and other government services.

Work to bring the ISO ratings for the entire township to acceptable and even levels. Currently the area where I live (Old Oaks) remain at the worst level (9 or 10) due to the distance to a fire station. We all pay equal tax's & fees with very different results. Our actual response time to our area would be far shorter than a response time to some Tipsico lake road addresses but, based solely on the distance they rate much better. Actual travel times would be far worse as that area is down a narrow unimproved road and we are directly on a paved easy access road. No easy solution.

You need clarity that this assessment is replacing an expiring one, increasing the the tax burden by \$25

You need to clearly communicate to residents and businesses what this assessment is for, what the consequences are of not having an assessment, and that this is an extension or continuation of the current assessment, not an increase over and above the current assessment.

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You need to do a better job of alerting residents what this is about. I have spoken with many neighbors, they thought this was a tax increase (vs. renewal). I know you cannot support one choice over another, but you can create signs/posters that provide both sides of the argument to stay neutral. You also can send mailings via postcards, emails to subscribers, and other activities. Without this additional action, I fear this renewal will fail again. That said, it might be good to have a separate off cycle vote so people are not distracted with political