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Tyrone Township Newsletter

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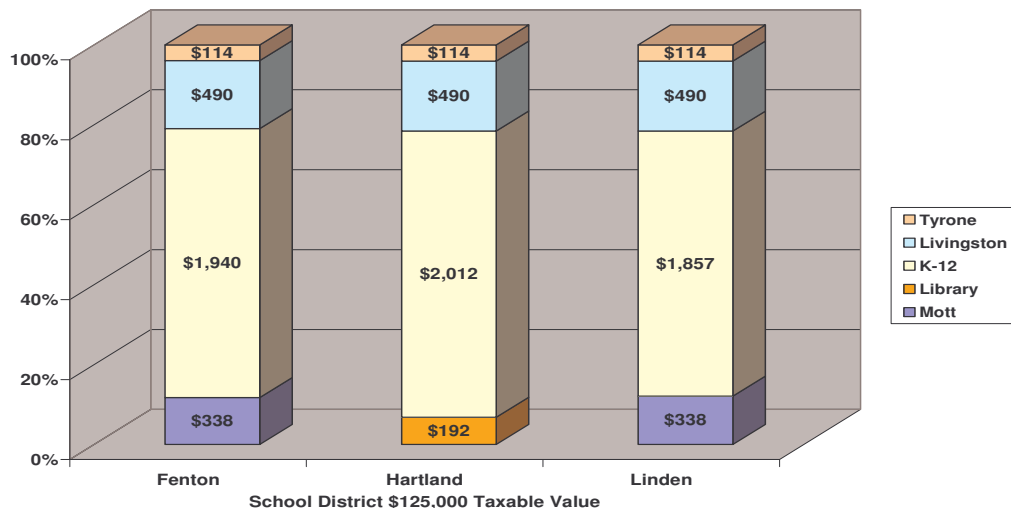
Township Financial Status

Revenue Source

Tyrone Township receives its income from Property Taxes, State Revenue Sharing, Franchise Fees, and other fees which include passport processing, administrative fees, dog licensing, permits, and other minor sources.

If you own a house with a taxable value of \$125,000 the township receives \$114.00. If your property has a lower taxable value, you pay less. Review the chart to see where the rest your property tax dollars go. Total revenue for the current fiscal year is expected to be \$60,000 less than last year.

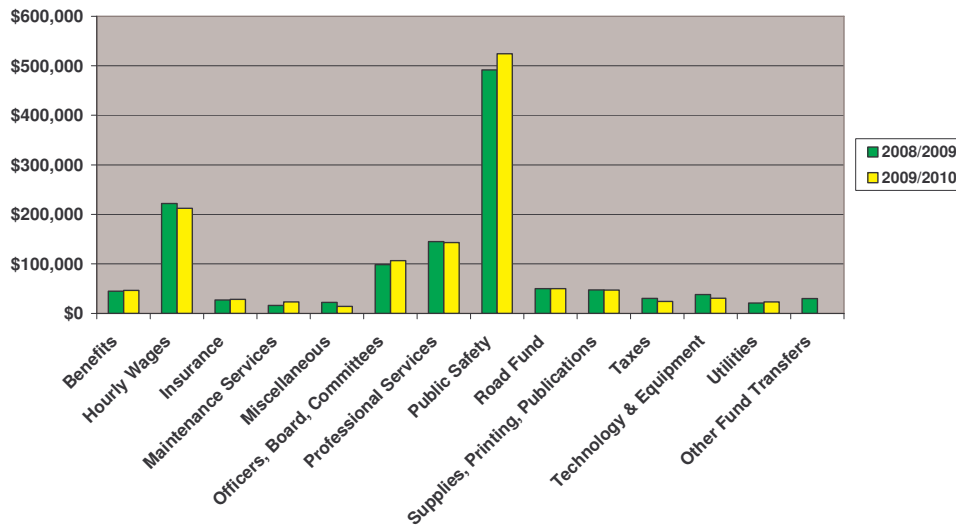
Where Your Tax Dollars Go



Expenses

Public Safety is rapidly eating up the budget. Today it is nearing 50% and will eclipse it in a few years. The large deficit in income from the sewer fund also threatens the budget. Beyond what the township is legally required to do, there is little room in the budget to eliminate more expenses. Any reduction in staff would almost certainly lose more in fees than the reduction in personnel would save. The chart below provides a picture of where the township spends its funds. Our budget calls for spending less in this year than last.

Expenses By Category



2008/09 Actual vs 2009/10 Budget

Outlook

According to most forecasts we can expect to see a decrease in taxable value of about 20% over the next three years which amount to about \$80,000 less in property taxes alone.

In addition, if the state cannot solve its budget problems, we could see an additional reduction in our state revenue sharing. We have already taken a \$28,000 decrease for this year and more may be coming.

Burning Update

Watch for a revised burning ordinance in the coming weeks. It will be published on the township web site www.tyronetownship.us. You may complete a burn permit application at Tyrone Township or print and complete one from the Township website. The completed burn permit application MUST be received by the Township to be in effect. The burn permit application may be faxed, but you MUST have confirmation the fax was received by the Township.

Planning a project or business

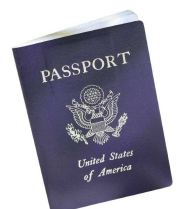
All construction and remodeling projects, home businesses, commercial endeavors, property splits, zoning changes, or other zoning issues require a permit from Tyrone Township. Contact George Van Hecke at 810-629-8631 for details about the required permits regarding your project.

Emergency 911 Address Signs

Can Emergency Services find your home quickly? When responding to emergencies the sheriff, fire departments, and EMS depend on your address being visible. This helps response time. Reflective address signs are available to be purchased at the Township Hall for only \$25.00. **Takes LESS than 15 Minutes to Make!**

One Stop for your Passport

- Application Processing
- High Quality Pictures only \$10.00!
- NO Appointment Necessary
- Friendly Staff
- No Waiting Line



Citizen Communications

Do you want to know what is happening in the township without having to look for it?

Did you know that you could get automatic updates on a regular basis?

Tyrone Township has implemented an **email alert** system where you select the information you want to know about and we send emails to you based on the topics you select.

All you need to do is go to the township web site at: www.tyronetownship.us

- **Click** on the email alert icon
- **CHECK** the topics of choice
- **Enter** your email address
- **Submit** your selections.



We do the rest of the work!

Topics include: Township News, Election News, Board Activities, Public Hearing Announcements, Service and Volunteer Opportunities, Planning Commission Activities, Ordinance Updates.

Meeting agendas are also posted on the township door and in the Tri-County Times.

Dog Licensing

All dogs must be licensed in Livingston County. You can purchase a license at the Township Hall or Livingston County. Proof of rabies vaccination and spraying/neutering (if applicable) must be shown every year as required by state statute. Make checks payable to Tyrone Township if paying at the Township Hall. **The Cost for a new spayed or neutered dog is \$7.00. Puppies are \$7.00. A new dog that is not spayed/neutered is \$25.00. Dog licenses that are renewed late (after 3/2/09) are \$30.00.**

Notary Service

Tyrone Township has a notary public on staff. This service is **free** for residents of Tyrone Township. There is a charge of \$2.50 per document for non-residents.

Senior Activities

Tyrone Township Citizens may use the facilities at the Loose Senior Center in Linden or may become members of the Hartland Senior Center. Activities include:

- Trips
- Activities
- Crafts
- Healthy Living
- Sports
- Events
- Support Services



Visit www.tyronetownship.us and select Services. We have links to both Senior Center Web Sites. Click on them to see details of each service and event offered by them, as well as their latest newsletters.

NEED A BOOK?

Residents of Linden and Fenton Schools District can get library cards at the Genesee County District Library System.

Residents living in Hartland School District can get their library card at the Cromaine Library.

Don't forget to get a Michicard for your card from your library. This allows library privileges to any participating library in the state.

Summer Tax Deferrals

A taxpayer who is a senior citizen, paraplegic, quadriplegic, eligible service person or veteran, eligible widow/widower, or who is totally and permanently disabled or blind may be able to delay paying the summer taxes on his or her homestead until February 28, 2010. Deferral forms may be obtained at the Township or on the Township website.

If eligible: Taxpayers may file their intent to defer until September 15, 2009.

To report sewer emergencies please call Livingston County Drain Commission at (517) 546-0040
(24 hour phone number)

Taxes

The summer tax bill will be sent out July 1st, due September 14, 2009. If paid after September 14, 2009, a 1% interest is added on each month. If you do not receive your tax bill or you have a new mailing address, please call 810-629-8631. **Failure to receive your tax bill does not waive interest.**

Public Safety Services

All public safety services are provided through contracts. Livingston County provides police protection and the Fenton Township, City of Fenton and in some instances Hartland/Deerfield Fire Authority (H DFA) provides fire protection and EMS support.

In addition to the normal service provided by the Livingston County Sheriff's Department through your county taxes, Tyrone and Hartland Township share a contract for a deputy sheriff to improve our coverage, quality of service and response times. To request police services all you need to do is call 911!

Any 911 call for fire protection is provided by the City of Fenton, Fenton Township or H DFA fire departments. In addition, when you call for emergency services for medical or auto accidents, the 911 operator may dispatch the fire department to provide support for the ambulance team. Each time the fire department is dispatched (with the exception of runs to LSA), Tyrone Township is billed by the fire department.

Tyrone Township's Emergency Recovery Ordinance requires us to bill the recipient for fire calls and EMS support services. Fire calls are billed to the recipient at the current rate in effect which is \$1300-\$1400 per event. The only exception is that Lake Shannon homeowners pay Hartland H DFA a flat contracted fee of \$120 per year.

More Services

- **Burn Permits**
- **Cemetery Lots**
- **Share a Ride via the Internet**
- **Emergency Phone Numbers**
- **Web Links to Useful Information**



Tree Trimming

Kappen Tree Service, LLC will be trimming trees around Consumer's Energy's power lines that run through sections 22, 27, 28, and 33 in Tyrone Township. This is scheduled to be completed by August 1st, 2009. The Power lines start between Center Road and Mabley Hill (Northeast corner of section 22), and go Southwest to Parshall Road into Hartland Township. If you have any concerns please call Tyrone Township at 810-629-8631.

Special Citizens Committees

Tyrone Township's Board of Trustees has formed two special citizens committees.

The first is the **Sewer Bond Repayment Committee**. Due to poor economy and lack of new construction in Michigan for the last 8 years, the sewer bond repayment fund will have a shortfall in the next 18 months. The committee was formed to explore alternative ways to meet the obligations of repaying the bond. The board feels that finding a solution on our own is more palatable than some solution forced on us by an outside source. The members of the committee are chairman Dave Kurtz , Ruth Beecherl, John Leibold, Mark Meisel, and Susan Spellicy.

The second committee is the **Public Safety Funding Committee**. The committee is charged with reviewing the current methods we use to fund public safety and their long term impact on the township's ability to provide these services. The committee members are chairman Brian Miles, Betty Carlson, Marv Frankel, Craig Hering, Jim Kolhoff, Keith Kremer, Mark McCaffery, Steve Nagy, and Ronald Stokes.

VG's Receipts

Livingston County Animal Control is collecting VG receipts for a fund raiser at the shelter. VG's will pay 1% of each receipt excluding alcohol and tobacco. They will spend the money on toys, bones, food and fun stuff for the animals.

Send your VG receipts to:

Livingston County Animal Control
418 S. Highlander Way | Howell, MI 48843
517.546.2154 | Fax 517.546.0232

