



**10408 Center Road
Fenton, MI 48430**

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Tyrone Township Newsletter

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PUBLIC SAFETY

Last June, the township board appointed a citizens committee to review how the township provided public safety. The charter of the committee was to look at the quality of service and method of payment for services. The committee met with the 911 services director, the Sheriff's department, the City of Fenton Fire Chief, the Fenton Township Fire Chief and the Hartland/Deerfield Fire Authority to determine what all the options were for providing the best public safety services we could get with our budget limitations.

EXPANDED POLICE

Last September, Tyrone Township, in conjunction with Hartland Township, increased the amount of hours of dedicated police coverage. In the past, Tyrone and Hartland Townships shared an officer provided by the Livingston County Sheriff's Department. Eight (8) hours per day are spent in each township seven days a week. Now we have 12 hours per day in each township seven days a week. The extended service is being provided at no additional cost to the township under our current contract.

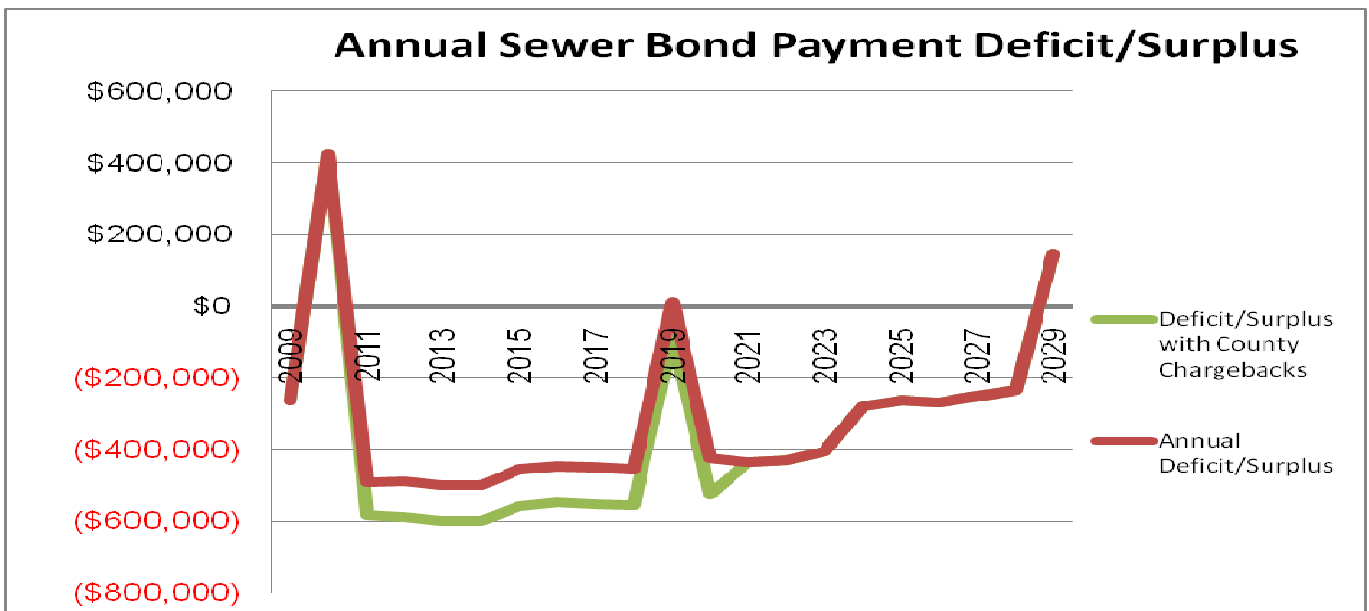
EXPANDED FIRE COVERAGE

After numerous meetings with the various fire departments, the committee recommended that the township consider using Hartland as another source of fire protection. This was accomplished on April 1, 2010 by signing an additional contract with Hartland/Deerfield to cover areas of the township that are closest to the Hartland fire stations. Now our township has three sources of fire protection services and almost every home has one or two fire stations within five miles. Your fire service will be based on the best anticipated response times for your home.

PUBLIC SAFETY FUNDING

Today, Tyrone Township pays for all its public safety from the general fund. Because public safety fees are significantly more than \$500,000 per year and increasing every year, about 50% of the total township budget goes to fund the fire and police services. Upon further review, the citizens committee found that Tyrone Township is the only township in Livingston County that does not have funds dedicated solely for public safety. This creates a problem because of the uncertainty of the funds that will be available to pay for these services.

The statutory duties of the township is to hold elections, collect taxes, and maintain the township records. Revenues must be allocated to provide these services. What is left over can go for other things such as public safety, dust control, and other services. Unfortunately, the sewer bond fund is rapidly becoming underfunded because the revenue to repay the bonds was based on growth within the township. As you know, in the past 4-6 years there has been NO GROWTH plus there have been many foreclosures and tax delinquencies. Today the amount of tax delinquencies in the next 18 months will exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000). Tyrone Township must repay these delinquencies to the county. Below the chart shows how much money the township will have to fund each year to meet the requirements of the bond and pay back the county.



The red line shows the annual sewer bond fund status with known tax delinquencies, unpaid taxes owed, and lost revenue from these properties. The green line shows the impact to pay back the current tax charge backs that are owed to the county. If the township only receives about \$1.2 million in revenues, in many years there is little left over to provide any services.

Because the full faith of the township was pledged to pay the bonds, the bonds must be paid first before any other items can be funded. In the near future, without dedicated funding, the township will be not be able to pay the contracts for fire and police services. This will negatively impact your safety and increase the cost of your homeowners insurance.

Public Safety Informational Meetings

Information meetings will be held at 7:00 PM on May 19, June 21 and July 28 at Tyrone Covenant Presbyterian Church, 10235 White Lake Road. The purpose of the meetings will be to review the proposed special assessment for public safety and provide the opportunity for township residents to ask questions regarding the proposal. Please attend one of these sessions so that you can make an informed decision. Or, if you would like us to come and present it to your neighborhood, call us.

Internet Service

Many areas of the township cannot get high speed Internet services. As new solutions become available, most companies want to know the potential size of the market before investing in the township. Companies have asked us how many residents would be interested in a high speed Internet solution for about \$50.00 per month. If you would consider purchasing services under these conditions, let us know by sending your name and address by email clerk@tyronetownship.us or call the township with your information to help us entice a company to invest in Tyrone Township.

Hazard Waste Collections

Livingston County Department of Public Works has announced the dates of their 2010 Household Hazardous Waste Collections. The dates are:

- Saturday, May 22, 2010 9 a.m. to noon
- Saturday, August 7, 2010 9 a.m. to noon
- Saturday, October 2, 2010 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The collections are held in Howell and are by appointment only. Please call **517-545-9609** to make an appointment. This is a free service to all Livingston County residents. Household hazardous waste such as motor oil, herbicides, gasoline, compact fluorescent bulbs, mercury, etc. is accepted. Visit the township web site www.tyronetownship.us and follow the links on the front page for detailed information.

Services Available for Township Residents

Services at the township hall:

- Burn Permits \$5.00
- Passports & Passport Photos (*PLEASE NOTE - passport fees are going up soon*)
- Dog Licenses
- Land Use Permits
- Special Use Permits
- Changes to property descriptions (*splits, combines, realignment*)

Other Township Relationships

Seniors:

- Hartland Senior Center Activities
- Loose Senior Center Activities

Libraries:

- Cormaine Library for Hartland School District Residents
- Genesse County Libraries for Linden and Fenton School District Residences
- Mott Community College for Linden and Fenton School District Residences

The public is invited!

Please join your neighbors for dinner, Tyrone Township history and much more at the Tyrone Township Historical Society meetings! The meetings are held the third Monday every other month at Township Hall. Gary Edwards will speak at the next meeting on May 18th, 2010 at 6:30. He will be speaking about the Murphy Farm in Tyrone, sharing diaries & papers saved from the farm. A potluck and a short meeting will precede the talk.

Please fill out a membership application located at the Township Hall, and **mail the application and dues to: Tyrone Township Historical Society, 10408 Center Road, Fenton MI 48430**

Membership Fees

Individual \$5.00

Family \$10.00

Family Lifetime Membership \$100.00

Regular Scheduled Meeting Dates & Elections

All meetings for the board, Planning Commission, and Zoning Board of Appeals are held at the Tyrone Township Hall located at 10408 Center Road, Fenton, MI 48430.

Elections

The primary election is scheduled for August 3, 2010 and the general election for November 2, 2010.

Tyrone Township Board Of Trustees

The Tyrone Township Board meets on the first and third Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. except when there is an election scheduled. In August 2010 and November 2010, the first regular board meeting will be held on the first Thursday instead of the first Tuesday.

Tyrone Township Planning Commission

The Tyrone Township Planning Commission meeting dates are on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Tyrone Township Zoning Board of Appeals

Tyrone Township Zoning Board of Appeals meetings are scheduled for the first Monday evening of each month upon request beginning at 7:30 p.m. In August and November, the meeting will be on the second Monday.