

Township Board of Trustees notes to the Residents:

- 1) The Township has a couple major projects that need attention and have been saving for them. The Board decided to lower the assessment and use those funds to offset the burden on the residents.
- 2) The assessment appears once a year for five years (on the winter tax bill) by Resolution of the Board and cannot go beyond five years.
- 3) Trustee Daly will give a powerpoint presentation at 5:30 pm at Hope Community Church prior to the Public Hearing at 6 pm
- 4) Trustees and/or firefighters will be at the fire station on Tuesday, July 11 from 6-8 pm and on Monday, July 17 from noon to 2 pm to answer questions and give tours of the station
- 5) Township website is www.howardtwp.org
- 6) Building repairs are extensive and we have been told it would just be band-aid on an old building and we would be in the same position in a short amount of time
- 7) Cannot deplete Township funds on one project, other projects in the works (fire equipment, community hall, and roads)
- 8) The \$772,000.00 price does not cover all the things required within the building to house all the equipment (turnout gear compartments, SCBA tanks, etc)
- 9) In 2016, the township collected \$5,031,459.27, and the Township received \$191,790.36 of those tax dollars, breakdown available on website
- 10) Revenues are not keeping up with expenses.
- 11) A local fire department keeps homeowners insurance lower
- 12) Grants have been looked into, none available at this time
- 13) Township Board meets the 3rd Tuesday at 7 pm of each month
- 14) Township hours are Tuesday through Friday 9 am – 5 pm. Other arrangements can be made when necessary to assist residents. The Township offices are not included in the project and will remain at 1345 Barron Lake Road.