

BURNS TOWNSHIP, SHIAWASSEE COUNTY

AMBULANCE SERVICES SPECIAL ASSESSMENT | NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO: ALL RECORD OWNERS OF OR PARTIES IN INTEREST IN LAND IN THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT DESCRIBED BELOW:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Township Board of Burns Township, Shiawassee County, Michigan (“Township”), will hold a public hearing on September 9, 2024 at 7:00 p.m., located at the Burns Township Hall (10355 Bath Rd, Byron, MI 48418) to hear objections and public comments related to increasing ongoing existing annual special assessments for ambulance services within the Township. Such increases are due to the request of the Township’s emergency service provider the Southwest Shiawassee Emergency Services Alliance (“SSESA”). The proposed cost increase will generally impose annual assessments on each unit (as defined by SSESA; e.g., a single-family home) in the amount of \$120.00 per unit per year (increased from the previous amount of \$110.00 per unit per year). Assessment cost information and documents (i.e., assessment roll) are available upon request to the Township Clerk during ordinary business hours.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE Burns Township has an existing special assessment district for ambulance service within the Township under Act 33 of 1951 (“Act 33”). MCL 41.801 *et seq.* The district’s boundaries are:

ALL NON-VACANT PARCELS WITHIN BURNS TOWNSHIP.

Additionally, this assessment is charged according to each “unit.” A “unit” is contractually defined by SSESA as follows: (1) a single-family residence; (2) a mobile home being used as a dwelling; (3) a residential apartment in a multi-family structure; (4) a commercial business property with 0 to 5 full-time employees (with an additional “unit” being placed on the property for each multiple of five full-time employees); and (5) two camping sites within a campground shall constitute a “unit” (e.g. one campsite is ½ of a “unit”).

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the owner or any person having an interest in property within the special assessment district may file a written appeal with the Michigan Tax Tribunal within thirty (30) days after confirmation of the special assessment roll. Appearance and protest at the public hearing on the special assessment roll are required in order to appeal the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. An owner or other party of interest or his or her agent may (1) appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment, or (2) file his or her appearance or protest by letter before the close of the hearing using the address below.

The Township Board shall maintain a record of parties who appear to protest at the hearing. If the hearing is terminated or adjourned for the day before a party is provided the opportunity to be heard, a party whose appearance was recorded shall be considered to have protested the special assessment in person. Burns Township will make accommodations for individuals with disabilities. Persons needing accommodation should contact the Township not less than four (4) days before the public hearing using the number below. Annual redeterminations of the assessments above will occur annually with mailing notice being provided for increases over 10%.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWNSHIP BOARD

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