

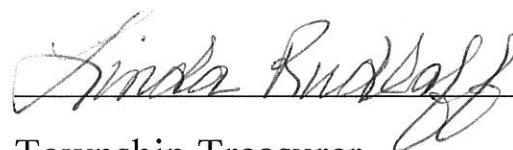
We would like to make a statement to all our neighbors. We have been given the opportunity to serve our community and take this privilege serious. We began the assessment process, because it is good for the Township. We need the fire department and a new station to serve the community. We truly believe that. We also believe we have support from the residents. We know not everyone supports this assessment, but we have the unique duty to serve the community as a whole. The initial 3.2 million dollar project was voted down in 2016. But, 38% of the people who voted supported that project. After the election, several people stopped in the office and stated they supported a new station, not an office, but a station. They just didn't believe it needed to be so elaborate. So, we reviewed the project and visited a new station in Cassopolis; they are very pleased with the new station. This construction style brought our costs down by 78%. The current station is old, dilapidated and too small. Too many problems to address and from what we've been told, it would continue to be a financial drain to the Township. As far as putting it on a ballot, we would have to wait until 2018 or hold a special election, which again would be costly. The information we have collected supports the consideration of a special assessment district.

Thank you



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Township Clerk



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Township Treasurer