

**TOWNSHIP OF MOTTVILLE
ST. JOSEPH COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CREATION OF A
TOWNSHIP-WIDE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FOR
FIRE PROTECTION AND AMBULANCE SERVICES**

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOTTVILLE, ST. JOSEPH COUNTY, MICHIGAN AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Mottville Township Board will conduct a public hearing at the Mottville Township Hall, 68596 Thomas Street, White Pigeon, Michigan on Thursday, June 9, 2022 at 6:30 p.m., to consider the creation of a special assessment district for purposes of specially assessing benefited properties to defray the cost of Fire Protection and Ambulance Services in the proposed special assessment district in the Township; to consider the amount to be levied in such special assessment district in the first year and to hear comments or objections thereto. The Township Board has passed a resolution tentatively declaring its intent to establish the foregoing special assessment district (Mottville Township Fire and Ambulance Services Special Assessment District) and has further tentatively found the Township's ability to provide fire protection services and/or to contract for the provision of fire services and ambulance services to be financed by special assessment to be in compliance with the statutory requirements.



PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the district within which the cost of Fire Protection and Ambulance Services is proposed to be assessed includes the portion of Mottville Township more specifically described as “all properties in the Township of Mottville, St. Joseph County, Michigan” as depicted on the map below:

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board has the proposed cost estimate for the fire and ambulance services in the amount of \$75,000 for fiscal year 2022-23. The proposed budget is on file with the Township Clerk at Mottville Township Hall 68596 Thomas Street, White Pigeon, MI. Persons interested in reviewing the budget may review the documents at the Office of the Township Clerk during regular business hours of regular business days.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a PA 33 of 1951 special assessment is millage-based and billed on the December tax bills. The Township proposes to levy .75 mills (75 cents per \$1,000 in taxable value) in December 2022 by special assessment.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the question of raising money for Fire Protection and Ambulance Services by special assessment can be submitted to the electors of the Township for a vote if the owners of 10% of the land to be made into the special assessment district petition for a referendum.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that at said public hearing, the Township Board will consider any written objections to any of the foregoing matters, which objections may be filed with the Board at any time prior to the public hearing and may also be filed with the Board at the public hearing, as well as any revisions, amendments or changes.

If the Township Board determines to create the Special Assessment District, a public hearing will be set by resolution to consider the amount of the special assessment to be levied against benefitted properties. Appearance and protest at that public hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the State Tax Tribunal. An owner or party in interest or his or her agent may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment, or shall be permitted to file his or her appearance or protest by letter received at or before that public hearing. If such letter of protest is filed, personal appearance of the property owner is not required.

Any owner or person having an interest in the real property being assessed, who has appeared at the aforesaid public hearing, may file a written appeal of his/her special assessment with the Michigan Tax Tribunal within 30 days after the confirmation of the special assessment roll by the Township Board.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that in future years, the Township Board proposes to redetermine the amount to be levied for Fire Protection and Ambulance services in the district for the next fiscal year at its regular September Board meeting each year with notice of same published in the paper annually, in accordance with PA 33 of 1951. All interested persons are invited to be present at the aforesaid time and place to submit comments concerning any of the foregoing.

The Township will provide necessary and reasonable auxiliary aids and services, to individuals with disabilities at the hearing upon reasonable notice to the Township Clerk of the need for the same. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Township Clerk by writing or calling the undersigned Clerk at least five days prior to the hearing.

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