

NORTHEAST INGHAM EMERGENCY SERVICE AUTHORITY



OPERATIONAL MILLAGE VOTE NOVEMBER 7, 2016

WHO/WHAT IS NIESA?

Eighteen years ago, the citizens agreed to fund the Northeast Ingham Emergency Service Authority (NIESA) through their property taxes, to provide Fire and EMS services to; City of Williamston; Leroy Township; Locke Township; Wheatfield Township; Williamstown Township; and Village of Webberville.

NIESA has a Board of Directors, which consists of representatives from each unit of government, and a member-at-large from within the NIESA district. Each unit of government having an equal vote on NIESA's operations.

WHAT DOES THE OPERATIONAL MIL-LAGE COVER?

It covers the day to day operational costs such as; salaries for fire, emergency service and administrative staff; training for fire and EMS personnel; insurance expenses; building operational expenses; medical supplies; repairs and maintenance to the buildings, grounds, equipment, and vehicles; all the expenses associated with the daily operations of a Fire/ EMS Department.

Website: www.niesa.org

WHAT IS IT GOING TO COST?

This proposal will assess 1.25 mills per year against the "taxable value" of your home over the next 15 years.

Currently the owner of a \$200,000 home, with a taxable value of \$100,000 is paying approximately \$118.00 per year for operational expenses.

By approving the renewal of the Operational millage and allowing NIESA to return to 1.25 mills a \$200,000 home with a taxable value of \$100,000 would pay \$125 or an additional \$7 per year for the operations cost of NIESA.



WHAT IF THE MILLAGE DOESN'T PASS?

NIESA will be unable to continue to provide Fire and EMS services to the residence of it's response district.

WHAT IS NIESA DOING TO STRETCH IT'S MILLAGE FUNDING?

NIESA is constantly looking for and pursuing Grants to assist with the funding of various needs for the organization such as:

SAFER Grants, which provides funding to help pay the costs associated with hiring personnel to maintain safe staffing levels.

SAFER Fire Grants, which allows fire departments to purchase equipment and receiving training that they may not be able to otherwise afford.

DNR Grants, which provide funding for wildland fire equipment and training

FEMA Grants, which provide matching fund grants wide range of purposes, such as fire vehicles, Self Contained Breath Apparatus, Air Bottles to name a few.

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