

Fire Protection Information

March 9, 2021

Lansing Township Annual Meeting

A large portion of the Townships budget goes for Fire Protection in 2021 the cost will be \$74,311.

Austin Fire Association was able to work with the City of Austin and the Fire Department to lower our cost with a new contract for 2019 and 2020 but with the unexpected Austin City Fire Budget increasing by 10 % sending our cost much higher than we anticipated for 2021, this increase also affected Austin Township.

History of Lansing Township's Cost Per Year

2018	\$73,791.00	
2019	\$69,437.83	5.9% less then 2018
2020	\$63,668.07	8.3% less then 2019
2021	\$74,311.56	16.7% more because of the City Fire Budget Increase of \$176,413 Dollars.

Austin Rural Fire Association, members include Austin Township and Lansing Township together we negotiate with the City of Austin to provide fire protection service at the best cost. Duane Mortensen and Gary Braaten are members of the Austin Rural Fire Association. Austin Rural Fire Association is working in 2021 to agree on a NEW CONTRACT hopefully we can include a limit on any increase allowed within a one (1) year period.

In 2020 Lansing Township had 17 Fire calls.

One (1) Building Fire, One (1) Crop Fire, One (1) Outside Trash Fire, Two (2) Vehicle Fires, Two (2) Motor Vehicle Accidents, Three (3) Emergency Medical Assist calls, Seven (7) Miscellaneous calls.

To help offset a portion of these cost the Township will charge;

- Residential fire call \$ 750 dollars
- Commercial fire call \$ 1,000 dollars
- Vehicle fire call \$ 500 dollars

As a general rule homeowners / auto insurance should cover these costs, talk with your agent to make sure what your coverage covers.

We have been very satisfied with the service that the Austin Fire Department provides; James McCoy, Austin's Fire Chief does a great job managing the Fire Station, they have excellent equipment and well-trained fire fighters.

SMOKE DETECTOR'S

(EACH HOME SHOULD HAVE WORKING SMOKE DETECTOR'S FOR YOUR SAFETY)

If you own your home, take advantage of a free smoke detector to be installed by the Austin Fire Department for Lansing Township residents. Additional smoke detectors are available for purchase and could be installed. Please contact Austin Fire Department directly at 507- 433-3405

