



# TOIRMA Update

Repeat performance – still exciting

**T**HIS IS ONE OF THE MONTHS I really look forward to writing an article for the *Township Perspective*. The reason for that exuberance is an action taken by the TOIRMA Board of Trustees at their last meeting. TOIRMA will again be distributing a dividend to our members who have been in the program for the past five consecutive years.

This dividend will continue the precedence of the previous 17 consecutive years of returning funds to our members. Since the first year the dividend was issued in 1991, TOIRMA has returned \$22,003,883 to our members. This return has occurred while providing the necessary coverage to protect the membership. The return has also occurred in spite of the increasing cost associated with that protection.

Reflecting back on those consecutive years of dividends, it confirms the actions of those involved in 1985 that were instrumental in TOIRMA's inception on June 1, 1986 with two members. Although we currently have 1347 townships and 312 MTAD's in TOIRMA, we do not take for granted those townships that have placed their trust in this program. TOIRMA has, does, and always will continue to search for better ways to serve those members while not losing sight of what we do, who we do it for, and why we have that responsibility.

One of my habits while sitting in traffic, as I often do, is to read license plates and bumper stickers. Yesterday, on my way home, I read one which sent a message: SPENDING MONEY IS EASY—RECEIVING VALUE IS DIFFICULT.

In these times of economic downturn, it is still easy to spend money. The critical part is getting full value for the spending. As we continuously evaluate TOIRMA, I believe the past 17 years of dividends confirm our members receive full value for the money spent.

At TOIRMA, we appreciate the faith our members place in us to preserve and protect township government and the assets of the township. We are approaching the completion of our 23rd year and the beginning of our 24th with anticipation of renewing all current members while attracting additional new ones.

Thank you for your commitment to TOIRMA and please know we are just as committed to our members.

ONE LAST THING, THIS DIVIDEND WILL BE MAILED TO ALL ELIGIBLE TOWNSHIPS ON MARCH 13, 2009. PLEASE GET IT DEPOSITED IN THE CORRECT ACCOUNT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE CHECK WILL BE MARKED **"VOID AFTER 60 DAYS"** TO ENCOURAGE COMPLIANCE.

As always, please call if I can be of assistance.

— Rod



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