

Citizen Input from Mr. Bourke submitted for the September 9, 2020 TOA Council meeting discusses the injustice of real property owners bearing an inordinate share of the costs for the Fire & EMS. This is merely the latest manifestation of the TOA taxing all and serving some. Numerous property owners who will be taxed will not receive fire protection from either the TOA or UFSA. I concur with Mr. Bourke that this circumstance is unjust and the TOA can do better. Infrastructure required to serve parties taxed by the TOA but not served by the TOA for decades needs to be remedied. The TOA municipality has the legal authority and capacity to serve those they have taxed but not previously served. A review of various parties tax assessments would disclose that identically situated property owners have disparate assessments with no credible explanation. My subdivision properties are assessed at \$30K, while neighbors in the same subdivision have their dirt valued at \$600K. The TOA should advocate for the Utah State Tax Commission to relinquish assessment of patented mining claims and have those properties be assessed by the Salt Lake County Assessor. Rather than have the assessed value be transmitted to the State of Utah, additional property tax revenue would flow from Salt Lake County to the TOA. It is hard to explain why this path has not been pursued previously by TOA municipal leaders. Pursuit of a competent explanation should be made by the elected officials in the TOA. The lack of construction of improvements on private properties & capital reinvestment in private properties in that portion of the TOA situated outside of SA#3 has resulted said properties being undervalued/under-assessed compared to like properties. This circumstance will continue until the TOA competently evaluates the extent of the municipal authority.