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Subject: Budget considerations for 2023

Mayor Giguere and council

I decided to send some comments about the 2023 budget now being considered. I personally have told staff that budget format for this year is exactly what council and ratepayers having been requesting for a few years. I am unable to attend the budget meeting and lack technical skills as suggested to call over phone.

While the proposed budget tax levy increase of 2.94 sounds very attractive I have some concern how it was arrived at for this year as well as what the impact going forward will be. In order to achieve that rate money is being taken from previously levied tax dollars (reserve), as well one time savings and revenues are being applied.

Without the above action the operating budget expenditures are increased by over 10 percent for this year. Next year the tax levy could increase by over 7 percent even if expenditure dollars remain the same . Maybe council and staff need to look at reducing expenditures for 2023 rather than taking \$\$\$\$ for a reserve that will need to be replaced in future years.

The previous council was presented a report by staff on how special area rates might be changed. I would appreciate if council would request this report be updated and present back to council during the current budget deliberation. It seem that presently the township policy does not direct staff on when an expenditure should be paid by general levy vs special area rate. Example ---One area of township pays a portion of snow plowing on streets thru a separate special area rate while other parts of township are paid thru general township taxes.

Thanks

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