

The Brown Township Board of Supervisors would like to make you aware of an important change regarding your real estate taxes. Even though this information has been publicized as required, we know that many of you may have missed it. We decided to take this extra step in the interest of good communication and transparency.

Real estate taxes for Brown Township for 2019 will increase by 0.95 mills, going from the current 3.55 mills to 4.50 mills, effective January 1, 2019. There are two components to this increase. One has to do with our Fire Company. That tax is going to go from the 1.55 mills that it is today to 2.0 mills with the increase. This increase will allow us to pay for the new firehouse and for the 2015 E-One Engine. Fire protection is an essential service for our residents.

The other component is the township tax. It will go from 2.0 mills to 2.5 mills and will help us meet the ever rising costs for supplies, extraordinary expenses for sinkhole repairs, utilities and insurance much like you have experienced in your businesses and your homes. It will also help us with the recruitment and retention of competent staff.

Please note that, even with this increase, Brown Township has the sixth (6th) lowest millage of the sixteen (16) townships and boroughs in Mifflin County.

While we would much rather not have this increase in taxes, we believe that we owe it to you to continue to support growth in business and residents in Brown Township and that takes planning and money.

To help you better understand what this means to you personally, we have listed below some examples of what this increase means in terms of dollars:

EXAMPLE - if your home is assessed at \$100,000, your tax amount is currently approximately \$177.50 while the new tax amount will be approximately \$225.00, a difference of \$47.50.

EXAMPLE - if your home is assessed at \$200,000, your tax amount is currently approximately \$355.00 while the new tax amount will be approximately \$450.00, a difference of \$95.00.

Calculations are based on the assessed value of your property divided by 2 and multiplied by the number of mills: example = $\$100,000 \div 2 = \$50,000 \times \text{the number of mills (4.50)} = \225.00 .

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the office at (717) 667-2531.

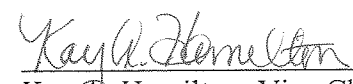
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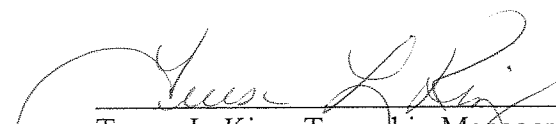
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