

**Empire Township  
Continuation of the Annual Meeting  
August 27, 2019**

The Empire Township Continuation of the Annual Meeting was called to order at 8:32PM.

Present were: Duane Alley, Chris Williamson, Denise Williamson, Duane Snesrud, Jamie Elvestad, Terry Holmes, Charles Seipel, Brian Hilgardner and two residents from Hampton Township.

Charles Seipel presented the proposed 2019 Empire Township Tax Levy, collectable in 2020. It was reported that there are two items that are contributing to a proposed levy increase. These items include: the need to increase the debt service levy in order to budget for 105% of the required debt payments for the coming year in association with the new 2019 Street Reconstruction GO Bond; and the proposed allocation of enterprise fund profit to water and sewer savings instead of towards operating expenses in the General Fund. In addition to a proposed levy increase, the proposed amount of funds allocated toward depreciation (Capital Improvements Savings) has been reduced from previous years.

The proposed budget accounts for reductions in expenses related to property and liability insurance as well as reductions in expenses for solid waste, since there is no budgeted spring cleanup.

The total proposed 2019 tax levy is proposed to be set at \$1,302,260, which is a 7.48% increase from the previous year's levy. However, when the increase in the Township's tax capacity is factored in, the total proposed levy increase amounts to approximately 4%.

Chris Williamson made a motion to approve the proposed 2019 tax levy, collectable in 2020. Duane Alley seconded. All were in favor.

Terry Holmes made a motion to increase the stipend for the Park & Rec Committee from \$30 to \$40 per meeting, beginning September 1st, in order to match the stipend rate from the Planning Commission. Duane Snesrud seconded. All were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

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Terry Holmes, Chairman Town Board

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Charles Seipel, Clerk - Treasurer