

FOREWORD

It has been decided to produce another Township Booklet because it is believed by members of Council that those elected to office in local government should be accountable to the people. Hence, contained in this book is a brief, informative story of the way your municipal affairs have been administered during 1977, along with projections for 1978 as well.

At the outset let's realize how important local government is. It is the most fundamental form of democratic government. A cultural heritage. An expression of independence, and a way of self-determination for the community as well as every individual in it. It is a way of interdependence for all involved which must be valued and upheld with the highest possible integrity on the part of both the electors and the elected! Elected office calls upon each of us to see that the most responsible people from our midst are given the privilege and opportunity of looking after the job to be done.

Let us also understand that the administration of this Township can no longer be considered a small and simple operation. We are a corporation which is fast approaching a business volume of \$500,000.00 annually. An increasing amount of business now requires professional legal counselling. We are tied in with larger and more sophisticated systems of administration. Everything is more complex -- tax collecting, planning, decision-making, public works, payroll preparation, health and welfare, and so on.

Sometimes it is difficult to see what "we get for our taxes". Well, someone has remarked that "taxes are what we pay for living in a civilized society", and that's a good point to remember and ponder. Be assured that we have made a lot of headway during the past few years, and that the future looks promising. From this small book may you all obtain a most positive outlook, and a truly hopeful frame of mind, for the days and years ahead.

We are indeed a privileged people to be living in this particular place!