

Tiny's budget UP 11 per cent

only 21.79% of it will be used by township

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Tiny Township council has set the 1982 municipal budget at \$3,603,283. This represents an 11 per cent increase over last year's budget.

"Only 21.78 percent of this total levy will be used for township general purposes, including roads, and are the only funds that Council have direct control over," according to treasurer Sue Gignac.

The vast majority of taxes (68.43 percent) is collected by the municipality on behalf of the various school boards. However, the municipality has no control over education costs or spending.

Although school board levies increased modestly (public 13 percent, Secondary nine percent and Separate twelve percent), the Simcoe County levy was up a whopping 28 percent over last year.

Building picture not that pretty...

Twenty building permits were issued in Midland last month for construction valued at \$129,300.

In May 1981 there were 18 issued for a total of \$289,400.

To date a total of 48 permits have been issued this year in Midland for construction valued at \$602,600. During the same period in '81, 59 were issued for a value of \$796,500.

The County levy of \$355,256 represents 9.86 percent yiny's total levy for 1982, and is used for general county purposes, including roads.

Tiny Finance Chairman John Butler commented "Year to year we're covering up for increases in levies over which we have no control," in making his budget report to council.

Tiny Reeve Morris Darby agreed: "We're subsidizing the county and school boards with our budget."

Earlier last month, Tiny endorsed a resolution by Midland council calling for direct taxation by school boards and otehr bodies.

Midland's resolution said "the inclusion of these outside requirements in municipal tax bills tends to undermine the principle of political accountability by confusing in a single

bill, three different taxes for three different purposes, by three different taxing authorities."

Garbage collection rates in Tiny have been set at \$22.50 per unit for 1982.

Mill rates in Tiny will be as follows:
Residential public

school supporters 186.98, residential separate school supporters 186.61, commercial separate school 219.54.

The province of Ontario will contribute \$1.67 for every dollar of realty and business taxes imposed by Tiny in 1982.

This contribution, as well as revenue from other municipal and school board sources will cover the total of \$9,631,760 needed to pay for the cost of tax-supported services in the township of Tiny in

1982. Total assessment in Tiny will be \$18,471,991, with \$16,842,937 coming from farm and residential assessment and commercial and professional assessment contributing \$1,629,054.

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