


1. Budget Session: A Budget Session was held at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, November 4, 2015, at the Township Administration Building, 599 Eisenhower Blvd., Swatara, PA 17111. All nine Commissioners were present.
2. Codes: Director Everett reviewed several items as requested. In 416.054 a figure of \$6,400 was added. Contract Services was changed to 0.00. Animal Control was changed to \$12,000, and a PetCo grant is being looked into. Legal Services was reduced to \$14,000; and she has requested better details on the billings. There were questions about the Health Care percentage increase--Jim will check coding on this. Also asked where the Humane Society payments show up and where are outside inspection services paid from. Look at Contract Services. Commissioner Moyer had questions about revenues, especially the increase in zoning and building permits. This is due to changes in billing for commercial construction.
3. Police: Chief Umberger noted that only 6.3% of his budget is discretionary spending that he has any control over; he had to reduce discretionary spending by 24% to achieve a reduction of an additional 2.75%. By making the following cuts he reached a 4.9% increase over last year's budget:
 - Clerical Part-time - reduced to \$22,000
 - Contract Services - cut \$9,000 by removing Victim Advocate
 - Data Services - cut \$6,600 by removing Advanced Crime Mapping
 - Crime Prevention - eliminated \$4,000 which covers handouts for outreach programs
 - Major Equipment - cut by \$4,000 slated for personal computer replacement
 - Capital Outlay-Vehicles - cut \$104,000 by eliminating all vehicle purchase.Commissioner Connolly had questions about applying for gaming grants for police vehicles. He also asked about applying for a portion of the Hotel Tax. Administrator Cornell will look into this, especially for police handouts. Several Commissioners had great concern about cutting the Victim Advocate Program and Police vehicles. The Board agreed to reinstate \$4,000 for National Night out and the \$9,000 earmarked for the Victim Advocate program. There was discussion about the number of vehicle replacements needed and how putting this off does not follow the directive for long-range planning. Commissioner Moyer discussed the revenue side of the Budget and asked if the figures on the benefits for the Paxtang officers could be separated out of 001.358.100.
4. Recess: President Troxell recessed the Budget Session at 6:55 PM.



Dolores M. Rubinic, Township Secretary