

1. Call to Order: A Budget Session was held at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, November 18, 2015, at the Township Administration Building, 599 Eisenhower Blvd., Swatara, PA 17111. All Commissioners were present. President Troxell called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Budget Session: The Board reviewed the proposed budget with changes shown since the last meeting.  
Finance Director Fosselman and Brenden Orth answered questions about Building Maintenance categories. Clarification was given on items in Material & Supplies, Cleaning & Sanitation Supplies, Maintenance & Replacement, and Minor Equipment Purchase.  
  
Commissioner Moyer noted that the projection is to bring in less money, but increase expenses by 3%. The Police Budget is the lion's share of the deficit; next year that budget will increase again. Commissioner Moyer has big concerns about using the savings to fund the budget; next year we will be back in the same position.  
  
Finance Director Fosselman also answered questions about Highway Wages and said this year's estimates are more accurate which accounts for the decrease. Commissioner Moyer also had questions about scheduling any paving projects and the capital outlay for a boom mower and two highway vehicles.  
  
Commissioner Moyer thanked the Committee for keeping the Recreation Team Leader position, but is disappointed that the Recreation Director and Summer Parks Program were again cut.  
  
Commissioner Spandler said he is very concerned about this budget and urged the Board in the coming year to figure out how to fix the infrastructure. The streets are terrible and something needs to be done before total rebuilding is needed. Look into what others are doing--borrowing money, floating bonds? President Troxell spoke about looking to working with a Municipal Advisor. There will be further discussion of this at the Regular Meeting tonight.
3. Visitors Requests & Comments Regarding General Matters:  
Joe Donato, Tax Collector--asked about the final status of his budget. He would like to see a vote on his request. President Troxell said the numbers will stay as shown on the proposed budget. Mr. Donato presented the Board with copies of a press release outlining the changes in his office.
4. Adjournment: President Troxell adjourned the Budget Meeting at 6:36 PM.



Dolores M. Rubinic, Township Secretary