

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 844-224-3338 FORM NO. June 25, 2026, at 11:45 AM

Held _____ 20 _____

Chairman Wayman opened the Trustees' Tax Budget Public Hearing at 11:46 A.M. in the Trustees Meeting Room at the Administration Building and welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

Mr. Wayman called for a roll call: Mr. Sill, Mr. Wayman, Ms. Hamercheck, Mr. Cook, Chief Gosnik, and Mr. Pasqualone were in attendance. Mr. White was absent with a prior commitment.

Mr. Wayman stated the purpose of the Special Budget Hearing is to discuss the Madison Township proposed 2027 Tax Budget. Mr. Wayman turned the hearing over to Madison Township Fiscal Officer, Ms. Hamercheck.

Ms. Hamercheck stated she gave each of the trustees a filled out brand new pamphlet from the Auditor's Office for the budget. The most important numbers are in Schedule A on the second page of the packet regarding property tax amounts. The rest of the numbers are the new things that the County is requesting which goes a bit more in depth so that when the budget hearings occur at the end of July or beginning of August, the Township can say that it needs Township levies.

Mr. Sill stated he read that the County is giving residents a little longer to pay their taxes. They can pay in August. Mr. Sill wanted to know if there was any concern with that or if everything seems fine. Ms. Hamercheck said the way the County staggers the way they pay out, it really does not change much. In addition to the two (2) main property tax pay outs, the Township also gets roll-back money. Mr. Sill asked if there was any concern with some of the cuts and changes made by the County. Ms. Hamercheck said "not really." Mr. Sill asked if the Township can still run things pretty smoothly. Ms. Hamercheck stated the Township is running the ship as tight as she can make it run properly. Mr. Sill asked if there is anything that the Township is running short on and we should keep an eye out for. Ms. Hamercheck said the Township is definitely spending more than we are bringing in, some accounts more than others. The Township has a balance in every account, but things like salaries and insurance cost more even though the Township is functioning with the lowest number of employees that we can. Mr. Wayman stated fuel is costing more. Ms. Hamercheck said surprisingly the Township over-budgets for fuel so that has not been an issue. Mr. Sill asked when Ms. Hamercheck thinks the deficient spending will become an issue, two years, three years down the road. Ms. Hamercheck said she thinks the Township should consider a new police levy next year. She will have a better picture after the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds are worked out. Mr. Cook stated these funds were originally going to be spent for the Route 20 Sewer Project which was cancelled. These funds are going to be reallocated into the General Account for things like Road & Bridge and the Police Department. The funds are a reimbursement for money the Township already spent. Funds will be reimbursed to the Road & Bridge Department for two (2) new vehicles. The Police Department will also be reimbursed for items purchased. Mr. Pasqualone stated that one of the other entities that he represents has their insurance going up forty percent (40%). Mr. Cook said the average insurance increase this year is thirty-six/thirty-seven percent (36%-37%), with the highest at sixty-one percent (61%). Mr. Sill asked if there were any complaints from residents. Mr. Cook said there are always complaints, but the Township can only do so much. The Township used to spend seven hundred thousand to eight hundred thousand dollars (\$700,000.00 - \$800,000.00) a year on the roads. Now that figure is half that amount. Mr. Sill said the Township will have to keep an eye on the budget, and he knows the Township needs more police officers.

Chief Gosnik stated the Police Department has been shifting things around with more reassignments. The department used to have two (2) full-time detectives. Lieutenant Kirk has taken over one of the positions, so she is doing two things at once. Chief Gosnik stated the department was also able to get more help from the schools for the School Resource Officers (SRO's) expense for next year. These things will not solve the problem, but it helps a little. Mr. Sill stated at least we are trying to adjust, and not putting our heads in the sand regarding the issue.

Mr. Wayman said the Township will probably have to make some changes in the future but will tackle issues as they come up. Mr. Wayman asked Ms. Hamercheck if she had anything else to report.

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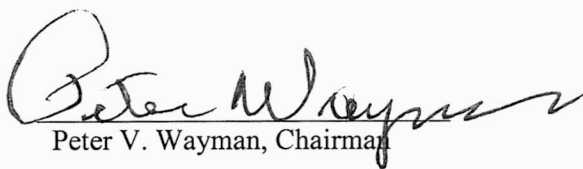
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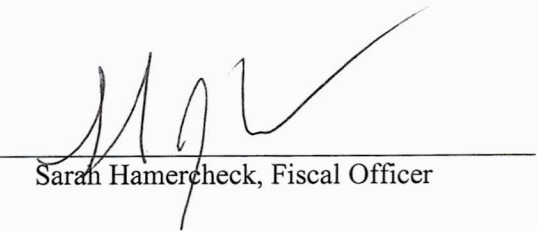
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As Ms. Hamercheck had nothing further to discuss, Mr. Wayman requested a motion to adjourn the hearing.

Mr. Sill presented a motion to adjourn the hearing, seconded by Mr. Wayman. Roll Call:
Mr. Sill: Yes Mr. Wayman: Yes

Chairman Wayman adjourned the 2025 Tax Budget Hearing at 11:58 A.M.


Peter V. Wayman, Chairman


Sarah Hamercheck, Fiscal Officer