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Shocked by the increases proposed in this draft budget.

I realize that this is a draft and not a final so I would like to note the following

You cannot expect the taxpayers new and old to correct in one shot the economic ineptitude of former councillors and staff.

The low and zero tax increases of the past ,were very short sided of the Township Management and former councils.

Wether this was to expedite re-election, or just poor understanding of the economics required to run a township and make it prosperous we may never know.

If this were a corporation ,in this dire financial situation ,some of the following steps would be taken to correct the fiscal disaster and hopefully the township will implement the same measures.

I think you need to take a look at the following,

- cancel all raises and bonus across the board,
- institute a hiring freeze,
- look for inefficiencies in all department and correct same
- review all capital works projects and prioritize only the most critical,
- make sure all employees are working to their best abilities and not fallen into the trap of doing the minimum ,
- cancel all grants to clubs and associations
- collect all developers fees,don't negotiate to get a deal

I know this sounds harsh but so does a 50% minimum property tax increase.This is on the average priced home, hate to see what it is for the above average.

We have not even heard from the Region or the School Board as to what they think their's should be, so your budget is that much more worrisome.

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