

**MAPLE SHADE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL  
BUDGET MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 5, 2025 –7:00 P.M.**

**PUBLIC NOTICE** of this meeting, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, has been given by the Township Council in the following Manner:

1. Notifying the Township Clerk February 27, 2025.
2. Mailing Notice to the Courier Post, The Central Record and Burlington County Times on February 27, 2025.
3. Posting Notice on the Official Municipal Bulletin Board on February 27, 2025.

**ROLL CALL:**

COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	RECUSE	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Kauffman			x				
Nunes			x				
Simonsick			x				
Zahradnick			x				
Talarico			x				

**OPEN REGULAR MEETING**

**BUDGET DISCUSSION**

1. Budget Summary – CFO McKendry and Manager Danson explained the budget process and where the finances are to date. The Council discussed revenues and budget requests. The future cannabis revenues will benefit the revenues if they begin this year. Council agreed to use levy cap – defer school levy, \$800,000? Yes.
2. Council agreed to a 3 cent increase which will result in a \$50. Increase per year to an average home valued at \$162, 000 and \$75 increase per year to a home valued at \$250,000.
3. A special meeting will be scheduled to discuss the capital budget on Thursday at 6:00 pm

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Mr. Newman, 511 Alexander Avenue, feels the township shouldn't need to increase every year.

**STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS** – Mr. Simonsick asked if taxes were increased in past years? Yes- 1.3% in 2024 and 1.9% in 2023. A slight increase every year is necessary to offset the budget.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN TO NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 13, 2025**

Motion: Kauffman

Second: Simonsick

Comments: none

All in Favor: yes