The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Golinski. The Salute to the Flag was recited, followed by the reading of the Open Public Meetings Act Statement by Deputy Township Clerk Kathy Costello. Mrs. Costello noted that this is a non-smoking facility and asked that all cell phones be silenced at this time.

ROLL CALL: GABEL, KUSER, SMITH, FITZPATRICK, SCOLLANS, GOLINSKI.
Councilwoman Lyden was not present at Roll Call but arrived at 7:25 p.m.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: MAYOR ANDES, ADMINISTRATOR WARD AND CFO GUARINO.

OPEN PUBLIC PORTION: No one wished to be heard.

CLOSE PUBLIC PORTION.

President Golinski turned the meeting over to the Mayor and Administrator for the budget presentation.

Mayor Andes thanked Administrator Ward and CFO Guarino for the hard work that went into drafting this budget. He said that the budget has been reviewed with our Auditor, Ray Sarinelli, and it is a prudent budget.

Administrator Ward thanked CFO Guarino for his work on the budget. Mr. Ward also thanked his assistant, Kara DeLoreto, for putting the budget books together, and the Department Heads for presenting responsible O & E proposals.

Mr. Ward then gave a brief overview of what went into drafting this budget. He noted that the tax impact on the average home valued at $307,900 will be an increase of $38.09 per year.

President Golinski opened the floor to questions from the Council.

The Council members asked about various sections of the budget and Mr. Ward responded to each inquiry.

It was noted that a vast amount of data regarding the possibility of transferring the Township’s dispatch services to the County is being collected. The Mayor assured the Council that, once all of the information is collected and trips are arranged to the County as well as to other municipalities that have transferred their dispatch services, the Mayor and Administrator will present their recommendation to the Council.

A few of the items discussed were: the increase in ratables, liquor licenses, prescription plan costs, the clock tower repair and a decrease in revenue in the Municipal Court.

President Golinski suggested that the Council members spend some time going over their budget books and be prepared with additional questions at tomorrow night’s meeting.
R-15-56 Resolution Authorizing Executive Session to discuss Pending Litigation – Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority (R.V.R.S.A.).

MOTION TO APPROVE R-15-56: MOVED BY MEMBER FITZPATRICK, SECONDED BY MEMBER LYDEN
AYES: FITZPATRICK, LYDEN, GABEL, KUSER, SMITH, SCOLLANS, GOLINSKI
The Council went into Executive Session at 8:33 p.m.

The Executive Session ended at 8:58 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: MOVED BY MEMBER SCOLLANS, SECONDED BY MEMBER SMITH.
AYES: UNANIMOUS.

Meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kathleen A. Costello
Deputy Township Clerk