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**Doylestown Township  
Ways and Means Committee – Meeting Minutes  
October 9, 2014**

<b>Resident Members</b>	<b>IN</b>	<b>Township Participants</b>	<b>IN</b>
Lee Schwarz – Chairman	X	Ryan Manion - Board of Supervisors	X
Ed Ebenbach – Vice Chairman	X	Rick Collelo - Board of Supervisors	
Emad Abdelnaby – Secretary		Ken Snyder - Board of Supervisors	X
Brenda Bray	X	Stephanie Mason – Township Manager	X
Ed Denton	X	Ken Wallace – Township Finance Director	X
		Richard John – Township Operations	X
		Karen Sweeney – Parks & Recreation	X

Mr. Schwarz called the meeting to order at 7:08pm. A quorum was present and the following matters were discussed.

1. 2015 Budget Discussion:

- Mr. Ebenbach opened the discussion by noting that there had been minimal changes to the 2014 Forecast and 2015 Budget since the prior meeting.
- Mr. Schwartz then asked the meeting participants to share their thoughts on the current status of the budget and potential action steps that the Township should consider.
- Mr. Ebenbach commented that he thought the Township was well managed and that the services currently being provided are what the citizens want. He also noted that there would be limited opportunity on the revenue side as more and more citizens retire.
- Ms. Mason commented that we need a long term plan to address the tight budget situation in 2015 and beyond. She also noted the Township should not push too hard on fees.
- Ms. Manion suggested that the Committee should try to identify areas where the budget could be tightened.
- Mr. Denton agreed with others that the Township is very well run and noted that healthcare costs and capital are 2 areas that represent a growing proportion of the budget and that we need to stay in front of.
- Mr. Snyder asked if there was something the Township could do to bring in new businesses.
- Mr. Mason noted that the biggest opportunities for new businesses were in the corridor areas of the Township.
- Ms. Bray suggested that we should proactively look into increasing the Township's Bond rating to lower the cost of future debt should that be required to fund any large capital items.

2. Mr. Ebenbach motioned that the meeting be adjourned, Mr. Denton seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Denton