

## MOOSIC BOROUGH BUDGET MESSAGE 2021

I believe this budget is fiscally conservative, with no tax or fee increases to our residents. In recent months our borough has not been immune to the global economic impacts of the COVID-19 health pandemic. The pandemic brought everyday life, as we knew it to a halt.

Recognizing the financial strain that the pandemic put on our residents, the borough waived the penalty fees for the property tax if they are paid in full by the close of the business day December 31, 2020.

There may not be drastic changes this coming year, but the real effects will surface in the 2021/2022 fiscal year, as we see the consequences of foreclosures and reduced revenues from the State. Some budget items may be put on hold or significantly streamlined, depending on long-term priorities.

The COVID-19 virus has upended everything that we had all taken for granted as normal, leaving us in uncharted territory. Due to continued pressure from shrinking Federal and State Funding, collectively bargained wage and benefit increases we must put our heads together and come up with ideas to implement, where possible, to help cut expenses further, generate additional revenue and move forward in the coming months.

The 2021 General fund budget totals 4,524,525. The Liquid fuels budget totals \$259,908. The 2021 fund budget totals \$4,784,433.00.

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