

**TOWNSHIP OF MULLICA
COMMITTEE AGENDA
BUDGET WORKSHOP
FEBRUARY 17, 2026
7:00 PM**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

This meeting has been properly advertised according to Public Law 1975, Chapter 231 in The Press of Atlantic City on February 7, 2026, and the Hammonton Gazette on February 11, 2026.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

BUDGET DISCUSSION

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

ADJOURNMENT

The next Township Meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday February 24, 2026, at 7:00pm, 500 Elwood Road, Elwood, NJ 08217, Mullica Township School

The items listed on this tentative Committee Agenda are subject to change any time after printing or during the Committee Meeting. Since this Agenda is tentative, items may be added and/or deleted prior to the commencement of the meeting. Formal action may or may not be taken regarding each item listed on the final Agenda or those matters added and discussed by the Mayor and Committee. Please contact the Township Hall or visit our website to obtain updates at www.mullicatownship.org.

TOWNSHIP OF MULLICA CY 2026 Preliminary Budget Discussion
February 17, 2026

General Overview

- Local Examination
- Introduction by 3/31; adoption 4/30
- Appropriation CAP
 - Appropriation CAP: COLA for 2026 is 2.0% [statutory 2.5% unless adopt CAP waiver ordinance to raise to 3.5%]
 - Budget under appropriations CAP
- Levy CAP (2% CAP)
 - \$35,965 Over CAP
 - \$86,747 in banked CAP (\$39,389 bank available for CY 2027)
- Tax increase of 6.09 cents

Revenues

- \$714,000 less in available surplus; utilizing almost all available surplus
- State Aid – Flat
- Tax Collection percentage ---97.13%, up .81% from 2025
- Local revenues anticipated to maximum

Appropriations

- Salaries
 - Non- Aligned Salaries (2%)
 - Construction Dept – 2 months funding
- Police Department
 - Salaries – include Sgt & Lt promotion and replacement patrolman
 - Safe/Secure Grant – (\$23,138)
 - Vehicle Leases: \$88,014.94 in CY 2026 Budget

2023	Lease (2) vehicles	\$ 38,202.51	Last payment 2026 Budget
2024	Lease (1) vehicle	\$ 23,151.39	Last payment 2027 Budget
2025	Lease (1) vehicle	\$ 26,661.04	Last payment 2027 Budget

- Fire Companies
 - \$69,000 contribution (\$17,250 each)
 - \$15,000 vehicle maintenance budget
- Historical Society – Cut 50%; reduced to \$2,500
- Senior Citizen Advisory – Cut 50%; reduced to \$500
- Pension Funding Increase total:
 - PERS Funding: \$78,804 (down \$22,700)
 - PFRS Funding: \$453,758 (down \$1,379)
- Health Insurance – 13% increase (\$172,000)
 - \$186,000 savings over SHB (36% medical/64% prescription)
 - 7 employees waiving (6 in 2025; only 3 with waiver payment)
- JIF Insurance:
 - Entire JIF Budget 2.32% increase
 - Dividend \$13,279 applied to premium
 - JIF Assessment increase \$6,500 (2.4%)

- Debt Service/Deferred Charges
 - Increase ACIA interest \$2,393.33 (\$178,103.89) (4%)
 - Outstanding debt:
 - \$474,000 for 2019 BAN – paid off in 2029 (4.125% down .442%)
 - \$415,000 for 2023 BAN – paid off in 2031
- **Unfunded Appropriations**
 - Salaries
 - Deputy Clerk to Full-time (+\$30,000)
 - Finance Dept Staffing? (Salaries/Benefits)
 - Police Department
 - Lease 2 additional vehicle (+\$55,000)
 - Recreation Contribution \$5,000