

## Gloucester Township budget has no tax increase

**GLOUCESTER TWP.** — The township is awaiting state approval to formally adopt a 2012 budget that calls for no tax increases and no cuts to municipal services.

It's the third year in a row that the budget comes without an increase on the tax levy.

With this spending plan, township officials propose a \$5 million capital improvement program. Work would include upgrades to street lights, recreational repairs and drainage systems.

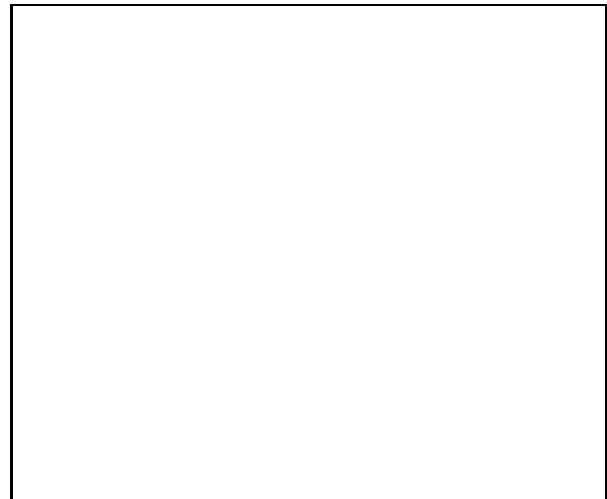
Additionally, more police officers are expected to be hired along with upgrading of existing police equipment.

Mayor David Mayer said that despite a reduction in ratable properties, the township has been able to maintain services while cutting costs.

"We have reduced staff through attrition and consolidated the Recreation Department with the Public Works Department," Mayer said.

The introduction of a single-stream recycling program should come with a \$140,000-to-\$150,000 decrease in trash fees and increased recycling revenue for the township.

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