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Executive Summary – Pocopson Township 2026 Budget

The 2026 Pocopson Township Budget reflects the Township’s continued commitment to fiscal responsibility, efficient service delivery, and the preservation of the community’s rural character. Following careful analysis and public review, the budget provides a financial framework that sustains essential municipal services, maintains infrastructure, and plans for long-term community needs—while avoiding an undue burden on taxpayers.

Revenues for 2026 are projected to support core government operations without requiring an increase in real estate and earned income tax rates as returns remain strong. The primary sources of revenue continue to be real estate taxes, earned income taxes, and state allocations, supplemented by grant funding and fee-based services.

Expenditure priorities for the coming year include the addition of a public works staff member, required stormwater management inspections and projects, continued investment in public safety through support of local fire and emergency services, and maintaining the Township facilities and technology systems. The Township also remains focused on historical preservation, open space preservation and maintenance, maintaining its recreational facilities, and maintaining compliance with state mandates related to environmental protection and land use planning.

In 2026, the Township will begin the 18-month long process of updating its Comprehensive Plan, that was last updated in 2014. The Township’s Comprehensive Plan provides the long-range vision of the Township and will focus on the natural and scenic resource preservation, managing and buffering growth to balance the suburban, rural, and agricultural landscapes, improving multimodal access to parks and trails, and environmental resource restoration. The Township has applied for a Vision Partnership Program Grant from the Chester County Planning Commission, that will cover 60% of the costs for the plan update.

Capital projects planned for 2026 include road maintenance projects including the resurfacing of Parkerville Road and Four Streams Drive, improvements to the Parkerville Road & Route 52 intersection, culvert repairs, and equipment replacement necessary to maintain service reliability including the purchase of a utility vehicle and skid steer. The Township will also install a back-up generator at the Township Administration Building to ensure the reliability of Township services, especially during times of adverse weather. The Township will continue to pursue grant opportunities and intergovernmental partnerships to leverage external funding for these initiatives.

The 2026 budget demonstrates prudent financial management and a forward-looking approach to community stewardship. By maintaining a healthy fund balance, the Township is well-positioned to address future challenges and ensure the continued quality of life for Pocopson residents.