



Watermelon Township

Population: 23,056

Budget: 699,500 yearly income

Fixed Costs:

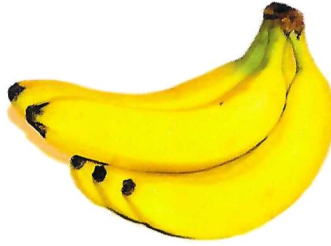
Administrative Salaries	80,34
Townhall upkeep	2, 222
Roads repair	604,309
Lighting	6,354
Cemeteries	2,450

Issue:

Trustees used one-time American Rescue Plan funds as their share of a contract with County commissioners to ensure that at least one deputy would be patrolling Watermelon Township nearly around the clock.

“Police reports from the first two months (of the program) reflect the need for policing in the township,” Dawson said.

However, the grant program established by commissioners require the township trustees to identify a continuing funding source to keep the deputies patrolling beyond two years. What are some suggestions you would deliver to the board?



Banana Township

Population: 980

Budget: 12,087 yearly income

Fixed Costs:

Administrative Salaries	6,000
Townhall upkeep	1,666
Roads repair	5, 679
Lighting	0
Cemeteries	850

Issue:

Your small township is the wealthiest in your small county. It consists primarily of single-family dwellings. One citizen has petitioned the trustees to allow the zoning laws to be changed to allow a small credit union to be built in the township. Allowing this could open the zone to other commercial uses; however, the property taxes could make a difference in the budget, especially the road repair and the salaries of trustees. What will your commission do?



Pear Township

Population: 7,300

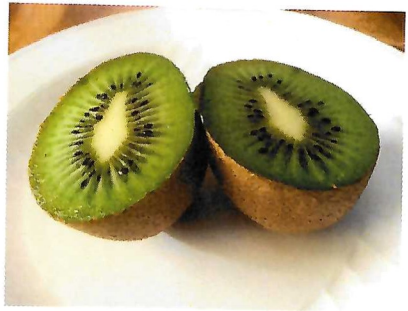
Budget: 134,087 yearly income

Fixed Costs:

Administrative Salaries	24,908
Townhall upkeep	8,230
Roads repair	5,679
Lighting	1,653
Cemeteries	1,289

Issue:

You have announced that you will lower the individual citizens costs of trash pick up by contracting with an out-of-town company. For over 80 years, citizens have contracted individually with trash pick up companies. If people would sign up for the standard plan, they could save at least 50 dollars a month. At a recent meeting, tempers flared over individual rights. A fight broke out. It seems more people oppose this idea than support it. How will your committee proceed?



Kiwi Township

Population: 7,300

Budget: 134,087 yearly income

Fixed Costs:

Administrative Salaries	24,908
Townhall upkeep	8,230
Roads repair	5,679
Lighting	1,653
Cemeteries	1,289

Issue:

As township trustees, you have an obligation to maintain professionalism and unbiased decisions. One trustee has been accused of a conflict of interest. He is a lawyer and one citizen has been cited for violation of a housing code. At the hearing, the lawyer admitted that he had worked for the citizen, but that it did not affect his decision to grant the permit after the fact. As other members of the township trustees, what is your next step?



Strawberry Township

Population: 7,300

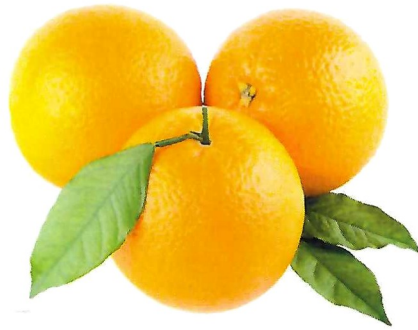
Budget: 134,087 yearly income

Fixed Costs:

Administrative Salaries	24,908
Townhall upkeep	8,230
Roads repair	5,679
Lighting	1,653
Cemeteries	1,289

Issue:

Some residents in Strawberry Township plan to air their grievances over a neighborhood logging issue during a trustee meeting Monday evening. Residents of Sampson Road and Academy Drive are watching the woods in their backyards change due to the logging, and debris now clutters yards. Academy Drive resident Susanne Miller says the lack of clean up is concerning residents, and that debris from the logging is left 40 feet from her house. When residents brought the logging issue to the attention of Township Trustees, they were told that not much could be done since residential logging is legal in the state of Ohio. "My husband is worried about brush fires, we were just in a drought and now with fireworks season coming up, it could be dangerous," said Miller. Monday night, residents plan to ask Strawberry Township Trustee's why they won't hold the logging companies accountable during their monthly meeting at the township administration building at 6 p.m. How do you prepare?



Orange Township

Population: 57,980

Budget: 1,306,986 yearly income

Fixed Costs:

Administrative Salaries	366,008
Townhall upkeep	92, 222
Roads repair	629,999
Lighting	20,354
Cemeteries	35,450

Issue:

Your fire service which has been voluntary, is not working. The expense is too costly for donations and the volunteer firefighters are dwindling. You need to do something before disaster strikes. Research the cost of supporting fire and emergency services and see if your township can afford it.



Grape Township

Population: 44,980

Budget: 692,087 yearly income

Fixed Costs:

Administrative Salaries	96,220
Townhall upkeep	612,222
Roads repair	829,999
Lighting	20,354
Cemeteries	22,450

Issue:

Your cost exceed your income. A fracking company wants to build and infusion well in your township. The property taxes alone could save the budget. Your citizens are evenly divided on whether to accept this plant. What will your commission do?

Videos and questions:

Type in search: Living Democracy: Engaging Citizens: **County Commissioner James Booth**

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County Commissioner:

1. Who is this county commissioner?
2. Why did this commissioner decide to run?
3. What do you think this commissioner believes his main job as commissioner is?
4. Based on this interview, would you vote for this candidate?
5. Would you ever consider running for this position? Why or Why not?

County Trustee:

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1. Who is this Township Trustee?
2. Which township does she serve?
3. How does a trustee differ from a county commissioner?
4. Based on this interview would you vote for this candidate?
5. Would you ever consider running for this position? Why or Why not?