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## December 14, 1977 **Mount Joy Boro Council meeting**

Mount Joy Borough Council last Monday approved the new budget. Tax millage will not go up.

Bruce Brown was appointed to the position on Borough Authority vacated by the retirement of Frank Zink. Mr. Brown works at Sears, where he has been a manager for the last 20 years (he has worked for Sears for 30 years). Mr. Brown lives on Richland Lane.

The engineering study of the So. Barbara Street rail bridge is finished at a cost of \$2700. The study says that the only problem with the bridge is in the roadway. It needs resurfacing. Estimated cost of repair is \$25,000.

The study results will now be sent to the P.U.C., which will make a decision about what to do with the bridge, and who will pay for whatever action strikes their fancy. The borough, at this point, has little idea what they will do. The situation is complex because the bridge goes over AMTRACK rails.

Borough Manager Joe Bateman reported that the water plant will be operational by June 1978. He also said that Charles spring is producing adequate water now, probably due to the recent rains. Bateman asked the public last summer to conserve water because of Charles spring's low level.

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It was reported that Rapho Township has signed the sewer agreement with the borough [see **Borough Authority meeting** article -ed.].

On December 21st at 7:00 PM, the Borough Council will meet again. At that time they hope to adopt Ordinance 392, which will hold taxes at 13 mils and impose a per capita tax of \$5 for those over 18 years of age. Tax payments made before May 1st would be discounted 2%. Payments coming in later than June 30th will have an additional 10% penalty added. The 10% penalty is aimed at local businesses that used to hold their tax money till the end of the year, making 71/2% on it in a bank, and paying only a 5% tax penalty. A group of teenagers asked the Council to change the curfew hours for people under 18 to 11:00 PM on weekdays and 12:00 PM on weekends, one hour later than it stands now. The group expressed the opinion that they were mature enough to be outside that late.

Simeon Horton retired after 24 years on the Borough Council.

The subdivision of Hess -Ulrich was approved, and Warren Rutt got the go ahead to relocate Rutt's Appliances in Hess-Ulrich's old garage building.