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## BOROUGH

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council sat in special session to adopt the budget officially, and to take its full 1/2 percent, citizens objected. They were heard but council \* defensive was and unanimously approved.

Thus, the 1975 budget will be financed principally by a 14-mill real estate tax, which is the same as 1974; a \$5 per capita tax, and the wage tax. Citizens claimed that

taking the added 1/4 per cent of the wage tax will ultimately deprive the schools of \$120,000. Because the schools must levy a uniform tax rate on all municipalities, the 1/4 percent also will be lost in Marietta borough and in Mount Joy and East Donegal townships.

To make up that deficit, it was argued, it will be necessary to raise school taxes in all municipalities approximately eight mills. At the same time, Mount Joy's needs could be met with an increase of only 4 percent plus increase, it was asserted.

Thus, the logic was, Mount Joy citizens could have a total tax (school and borough) of four mills less if the 1/4 wage tax is left with the school and a four mill tax added by the borough.

The somewhat involved mathematics was not accepted by councilmen, who were urged to raise garbage collection taxes rather than to claim the  $\frac{1}{4}$  percent.

Council argued, however, that upping the garbage fees adds to the homeowners' total cost in about the same way that tax millage increases the costs.

Carl Richard Hallgren had prepared for reading, an 800word statement detailing opposition which a number of citizens expressed. The

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protection (6.7 percent of the nickels or a nickel and a total) stating that a heavy percent of fire calls an- cents in any combination of swered from Mount Joy are to locations outside the borough and said that 50 percent of the costs of fire control can be charged to those responses. "We are making a big contribution for our neighbors," he said. Borough Manager Joseph

Bateman, in defending the budget, said that as the budget for 1976 is envisioned, he sees a two-mill tax reduction in that year.

budget for 1976.

In other business Tuesday night, council amended its recent parking meter rate increase ordinance to provide 30 minutes of parking time for 5 cents instead of only 12 minutes for the same amount.

Meters now will give no time for a penny, but will accept and not return the coin; 12 minutes for a nickel; 60 minutes for two nickels or a dime; 90 minutes for three

dime, and 120 minutes for 20 nickels or dimes.

To change the inside meter mechanism, to alter the ordinance and to reprint instruction stickers is extimated will cost \$860. A spokesman for the Mount Joy merchants - Don Yingst - said that a \$200 contribution toward that cost will be made.

## Inflation

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