



Citizens Budget Advisory Committee (*CBAO*) RECOMMENDATIONS

Mayor's Recommended 2018 Budget
City of Orange Township
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Committee Concerns/Questions

- ▶ Committee was not informed on:
 - Entire budget process & timeline
 - All budget-related meeting dates/calendar
 - When the budget initially presented to Council
 - Budget approval/implementation date



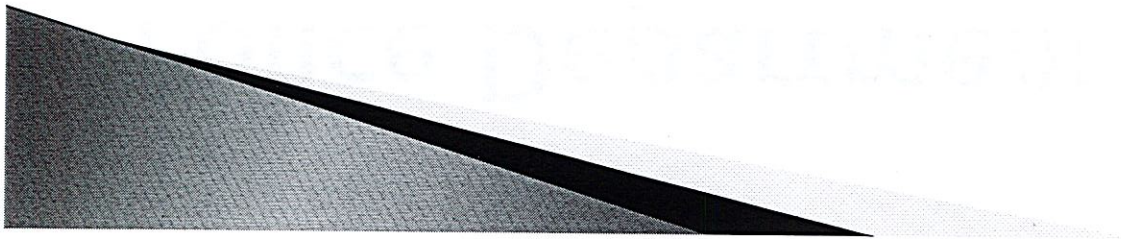
Committee Concerns/Questions

- ▶ Budget process appears time-consuming
 - Calendar vs. fiscal year?
 - Budget implementation 6 months behind schedule
- ▶ Why was Committee brought in so late?



Fire Department

- ▶ Services should be consolidated into one Suburban Fire Department (with *East Orange, West Orange, Irvington*)
 - Upon ratification of FMBA contract
- ▶ Costs could be reduced by 40%
- ▶ Implement during forthcoming retirement of key personnel is optimal time



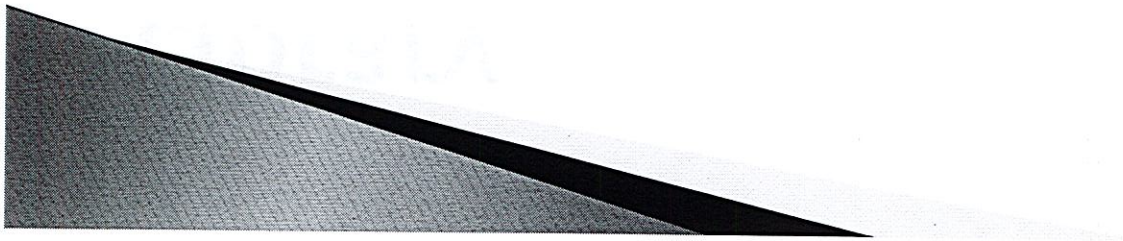
Police Department

- ▶ Resources are too emphasized on Recreation events/programs



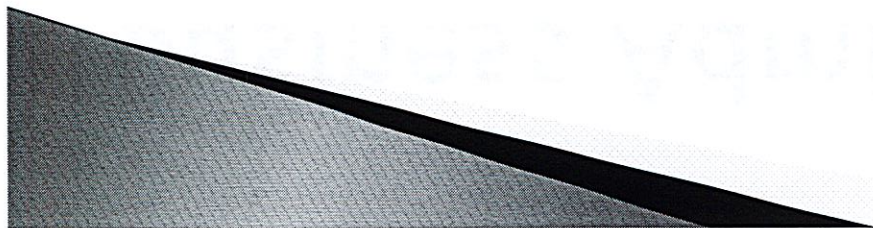
Business Administration

- ▶ Seek alternate resources to delineate contracting out services
- ▶ All contracts should be carefully and properly reviewed in detail (by Council) before vote



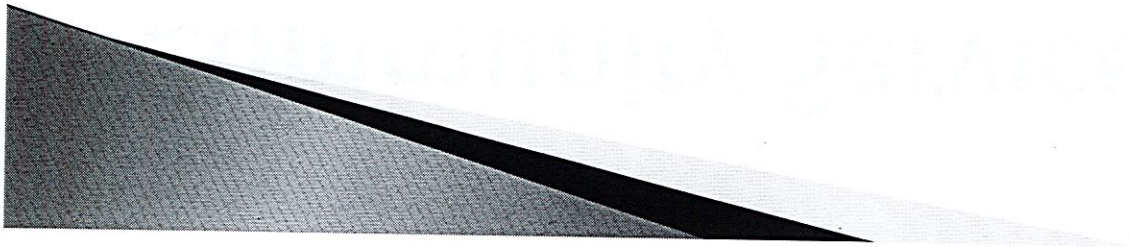
Library

- ▶ The Board should actively enlist help from Council and City for resources
 - Grants/Information
 - But should facilitate action plan on its own accord
- ▶ The Board should not focus its attention and energies to operations and day-to-day administration
 - ▶ Stay to its primary purpose of guidance and governance



Library

- ▶ Total re-organization of Board of Trustees
- ▶ The Board needs to be more proactive in resolving the library's various issues
- ▶ The Board should not have to wait until City Council and/or the City intervenes to assist
- ▶ **Library should close:** explore shared services with East/West Orange



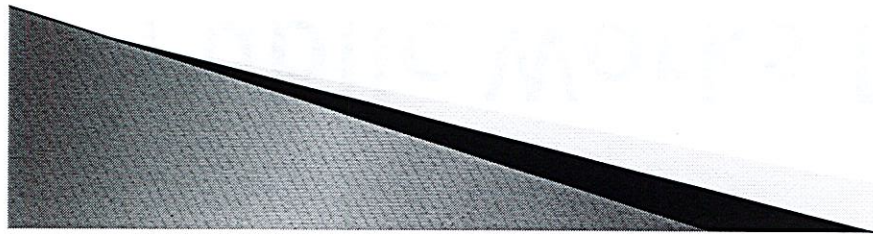
Community Services

- ▶ Departments under this division should be separated and re-organized
 - Recreation
 - Better outreach to solicit volunteer coaches
 - Cultural Affairs
 - Enlist other resources and cost-effective measures to publicize events
 - Reinforce to outside organizations they must facilitate their own fundraising



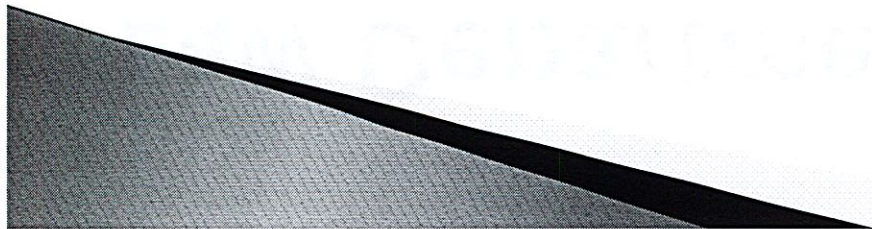
Law Department

- ▶ Department should recruit attorneys knowledgeable in various areas
 - Preventative outsourcing



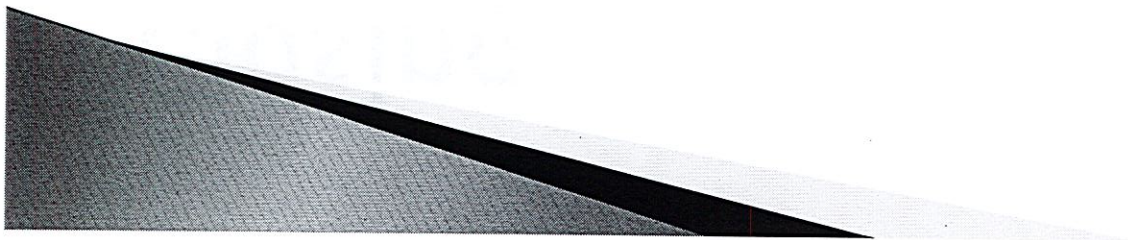
Public Works Department

- ▶ Accountability of departments' responsibility
- ▶ Property Maintenance ordinance has not been updated
 - Law Department has not moved ordinance approval forward
- ▶ New ordinance could have been revenue-producing for the past 2 years
- ▶ Ordinance approval/implementation process needs to be reviewed



Planning & Development

- ▶ No more tax abatements to potential developers
- ▶ All developments should plan for adequate parking
- ▶ Churches should be removed from tax exempt status



Closing

- ▶ Retain and maintain this same Committee for next budget year
 - Cohesion and consistency

