Rio Grande teen charged with drug possession

The 2015-16 budget totals $32.5 million, an increase of 2 percent over last year. The budget, crafted over a four-month process, marks the second year in a row that Lower Township has increased expenditures over the previous year, Mayor Michael Beck said.

Beck said the budget includes funding for maintenance and improvements to roads, storm drainage and water works. Other budget topics include a $2.8 million energy savings improvement project that the township has been crafting for the past three years. The energy savings initiative is expected to save the township $32.5 million, an increase of 2 percent over last year, or 1/2 percent.

The district began in 2012, the district began pur- chasing 60 percent of its electricity from the neighbor- ing solar energy farm along with using the Alliance of Lower's Community Renew- able Source for a saving of $50,000 per year.

As the township moves forward with its financial goals, it will also explore a number of maintenance improvements.

The study was not well maintained, Beck said. He said that the budget continues to fund improvements to the township's infrastructure.

Beck said he was not 100 percent sure the township could solve all of Roseann Avenue's flooding problems. O'Connor said the township does not maintain storm water drains, but leaves they on the street and all that stuff turns to go up.

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