10/26/26 Merger Website Questions with Responses

Comments and questions are in **blue** and responses are in ***red italics***.

1.) Is it true that the township has 20 million dollars set aside for a library? Has anyone considered seeking matching funds for the library? Is the township considering the building of a community center? What happens to the lost tax dollars that Mars pays due to the higher millage rate? What if Mars residents end up paying more taxes due to reassessment and those go up after the merger? What is the actual benefit to the residents of Adams? The proposed name is awkward, just rename it Mars.

The Township has $5.5 million dollars set aside already. Yes, with Mars seeking grant funding through space organizations such as NASA. Not in the immediate future. Please review this linked financial presentation that demonstrates that more expenses are cut that outweigh the reduced revenue. Link: 5th-Meeting-Presentation-10.1.26-FINAL.pdf For benefits, please see Slide 14 of the following linked presentation. Link: Third-Public-Meeting-Presentation-FINAL-6.2.26.pdf Mars, PA is the mailing address and would continue to be. Mars Borough is the name of the local government currently. The form of the local government must be attached to the formal name thus Mars Township is the proposed formal name.

2.) Having lived in Adams for over 35 years I appreciate the taxes being held low. I will likely support the merger and hope taxes hold. I do have a concern about resident's high out of pocket cost of EMS going forward. Will Mars Township consider using tax funding to support EMS? The financials for the merger show $30k savings from Mars Boro and perhaps that and maybe more could go to EMS? It will help many who hesitate to call 911 because of costs, even when being subscribers.

We value our partnership with Quality EMS and discuss the long-term picture of EMS with them frequently. Currently, the Township contributes $150,000 annually to Quality EMS. The Board of Supervisors constantly reviews budget allocations and your recommendation has been passed along.