

WILMINGTON TWP., MERCER COUNTY, PA
2017 BUDGET MESSAGE

GENERAL FUND

INCOME:

There was a slight increase in assessment value.

A small amount was collected for Act 13 Impact Fees. Not much is expected for 2017.

EXPENSE: Insurance costs are expected to remain relatively close to this year's premium.

Taxes

Real Estate tax will remain the same at 4.67 mills. As in prior years, 1 mill will be transferred to Capital Preservation for the purchase of equipment.

Building/Grounds/Tools

\$30,000 was allotted for to enclose the old pavilion and raise the roof for equipment storage. Work is to be done by a contractor. Tires for loader and spade and shovels will be purchased. \$5,000 for a concrete floor in front of the salt shed is budgeted.

Road maintenance/repair

Culverts on Ferris Road (1), Means Road (1), Valley View Road (1), Willow Drive (1), Angel Road (2), Borowicz Road (2), Orchard Road (3) are being considered. Six will be replaced in 2016 and six in 2017. Quotes will be received for this work. \$5,000 was allotted for the culverts and \$24,000 for contracted services.

A roller will need rented for Brenneman Road three times per year, and White Chapel Road.

Sixteen loads of 2A (not including 2A needed for culvert replacements), one load of rip rap, and 25 tons of cold patch are expected to be used.

\$10,000 is budgeted for tree service (Ferris Road and Cowden Road from apartments to 146 Cowden Road).

\$19,000 was budgeted to finish the road work as explained under State Funds below.

Personnel

No raises are expected this year.

The budget allows for the secretary and one supervisor to attend state convention. Meals, hotel, registration, mileage, and four eight hour days at regular wages are included in the budget for convention as allowed by law.

Equipment

No equipment purchases expected.

Both trucks are to be scheduled for undercoating at Armor Linings, Inc.

CAPITAL PRESERVATION FUND

Equipment

A 2015 Terrstar was purchased at the end of 2014. Financing is for 5 years with payments set at \$772.37. This loan will be paid off in October 2019.

STATE FUND

Road maintenance/repair

Consideration of paving/sealcoating on a portions of Garrett and Indian Run Roads. Sealcoating is being considered on Ferris Road. Seal coating the road groove, then an addition coat of seal coating over the entire road is planned on Auction Road and Anderson Roads. \$84,000 was budgeted for these purposes.

FIRE PROTECTION FUND

The township's shared expenses will decrease in 2017 due to the fire department roof being paid off.

Fire Protection tax was increased from .55 to .80 mills beginning January 1, 2015.

SUSPENSE FUND

Black, Bashor, and Porsch advised transferring \$20,000 from the Suspense Fund to the General Fund in 2016, and then an additional \$5,000 each following year until the fund is exhausted, at which point any bill that may be received requesting these funds can be distributed from the General Fund.

SEWER FUND

Expenses

A new planning engineer was taken on in 2016 to complete the Act 537 Plan.

The \$20,000 Certificate of Deposit (2.08%) matured 9/26/2012 and was rolled over until 8/26/2015. It has now been placed into a new CD through Greenville Savings Bank 1.0% for 18 months. Maturity date is now 04/15/2017.

The general fund was reimbursed for legal expenses, administration costs and insurance costs for costs associated with the sewer.

2018 AND BEYOND

These items are not reflected in the current budget, but will need to be considered in the future.

Sewer construction to begin approximately Spring 2018.

Televising of the sewer lines will take place in 2021 for Phase II and III. Phase I will get televised in 2018.

Capacity fees will need to be negotiated with New Wilmington Borough for the future lines on Bethel, Cowden, Valley View, Willow, Auction, and Mercer-New Wilmington Roads (legal and capacity costs). Engineering costs for design and construction of these sewer lines will need to be considered in future budgets.

With the adoption of the Sewage Management Ordinance 2010-2 and the future installation of sewer lines on Cowden, Bethel, Auction, Valley View, Willow and Mercer-New Wilmington Roads, future budgets will need to reflect the necessary wages for meter reading, repair/servicing, billing, and recordkeeping.